

On $(\Delta-, \nabla-, I-)$ semipotent and the total of rings and modules

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ABSTRACT

Let M and N be two modules over a ring R . The object of this paper is the study of substructures of $\text{hom}_R(M, N)$ such as, radical, the singular, and co-singular ideal and the total. The new obtained results include necessary and sufficient conditions the total of a ring R to equal some ideal of R . The main result states that:

- (a) $\text{Tot}[M, N] = \Delta[M, N]$ if and only if, $[M, N]$ is Δ -semipotent, for any $M, N \in \text{mod} - R$.
- (b) $\text{Tot}[M, N] = \nabla[M, N]$ if and only if, $[M, N]$ is ∇ -semipotent, for any $M, N \in \text{mod} - R$.
- (c) If for a module $M \in \text{mod} - R$, $\Gamma(M) = \{0\}$ then $\text{Tot}[M, N] = I[M, N]$ if and only if, $[M, N]$ is I -semipotent, for any $N \in \text{mod} - R$.
- (d) If for a module $N \in \text{mod} - R$, $\Gamma(N) = \{0\}$ then $\text{Tot}[M, N] = I[M, N]$ if and only if, $[M, N]$ is I -semipotent, for any $M \in \text{mod} - R$.

Also, we characterize the modules V and W for which :

- (a) $\text{Tot}[M, W] = \Delta[M, W]$ and $\text{Tot}[V, N] = \Delta[V, N]$ for all $M, N \in \text{mod} - R$.
- (b) $\text{Tot}[M, W] = \nabla[M, W]$ and $\text{Tot}[V, N] = \nabla[V, N]$ for all $M, N \in \text{mod} - R$.
- (c) $\text{Tot}[M, W] = I[M, W]$ and $\text{Tot}[V, N] = I[V, N]$ for all $M, N \in \text{mod} - R$.

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1- Introduction

In this paper rings R are associative with identity unless otherwise indicated. All modules over a ring R unitary right modules. A submodule N of a module M is said to be small in M if $N + K \neq M$ for any proper submodule K of M , [4]. A submodule N of a module M is said to be large (essential) in M if $N \cap K \neq 0$ for any nonzero submodule K of M , [4]. If M is an R -module, the radical of M , denoted by $J(M)$, is defined to be the intersection of all maximal submodules of M . Also, $J(M)$ coincides with the sum of all small submodules of M . It may happen that M has no maximal submodules in which case $J(M) = M$, [11]. Thus, for a ring R , $J(R)$ is the Jacobson radical of R . For a submodule N of a module M , we use $N \subseteq^{\oplus} M$ to mean that N is a direct summand of M , and we write $N \leq_e M$ and $N \ll M$ to indicate that N is a large, respectively small, submodule of M . If M_R is a module, we use the notation $E_M = \text{End}_R(M)$ and we write:

$\Delta E_M = \{\alpha : \alpha \in E_M; \text{Ker}(\alpha) \leq_e M\}$, $\nabla E_M = \{\alpha : \alpha \in E_M; \text{Im}(\alpha) \ll M\}$ and $I(E_M) = \{\alpha : \alpha \in E_M; \text{Im}(\alpha) \subseteq J(M)\}$. It is well known that ΔE_M , ∇E_M and $I(E_M)$ are ideals in E_M , [4]. It is easy to see that $\nabla E_M \subseteq I(E_M)$. If M_R and N_R are modules, we use $[M, N] = \text{hom}_R(M, N)$. Thus $[M, N]$ is an (E_N, E_M) -bimodule. Our main concern is about the substructures of $\text{hom}_R(M, N)$ and the $(\Delta-, \nabla-, I-)$ semipotent of $\text{hom}_R(M, N)$ (see [14]).

The total is a concept that was first introduced by F. Kasch 1982, 2002[5], and Y. Zhou [14] in 2009. In the study of the total, one of the interesting questions is when the total equals the Jacobson radical, the singular ideal and the co-singular ideal. In section, (2) it is proved that $\text{Tot}(R) = I$ if and only if, R is an I -semipotent ring and the ideal I contains no nonzero idempotents. In section (3), it is proved that a quasi-projective module P is a semipotent if and only if, E_P is an I -semipotent ring. Interesting corollaries are obtained in this section. In particular, $\text{Tot}[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta\alpha \in \text{Tot}(E_M) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

In section (5), it is proved that $[M, N]$ is Δ -semipotent if and only if, $\text{Tot}[M, N] = \Delta[M, N]$. Also, in this section we characterize the modules V and W for which $\text{Tot}[V, N] = \Delta[V, N]$ and $\text{Tot}[M, W] = \Delta[M, W]$ for all $N, M \in \text{mod} - R$. The main result states that E_V is Δ -semipotent if and only if, $\text{Tot}[V, N] = \Delta[V, N]$ for all $N \in \text{mod} - R$. Also, in this section it is proved that $[M, N]$ is ∇ -semipotent if and only if, $\text{Tot}[M, N] = \nabla[M, N]$. Also, in this section, we characterize the modules V and W for which $\text{Tot}[V, N] = \nabla[V, N]$ and $\text{Tot}[M, W] = \nabla[M, W]$ for all $M, N \in \text{mod} - R$. The main result states that E_V is ∇ -semipotent if and only if, $\text{Tot}[V, N] = \nabla[V, N]$ for all $N \in \text{mod} - R$ if and only if, $\text{Tot}[M, V] = \nabla[M, V]$ for all $M \in \text{mod} - R$.

2- (I -) Semipotent Rings

Recall that a ring R is a semipotent ring, also called I_0 -ring by Nicholson [6], Hamza [3], if every principal left (resp. right) ideal not contained in $J(R)$ contains a nonzero idempotent. Examples of these rings include: (a) Exchange ring (see [8, Proposition 1.9], a ring R is exchange if for each $a \in R$ there exists $e^2 = e \in R$ such that $a - e \in (a^2 - a)R$). (b) Endomorphism rings of injective modules (see [6, Proposition 1.4]). (c) Endomorphism ring of regular modules in the sense Zelmanowitz [15], (see [3, Corollary 3.6]). Let N and L are submodules of a module M_R . N is called a supplement of L in M if $N + L = M$ and $N \cap L$ is small in N . N is said to be a supplement submodule of M if N is a supplement of some submodule of M .

Theorem 2.1. For any ring R the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1) R is a semipotent ring.
- (2) For any $a \in R$ there exists $0 \neq x \in R$ such that R/axR has a projective cover (as a right R -module).
- (3) For any $a \in R$ there exists $0 \neq x \in R$ such that axR has a supplement in R_R (as a right R -module) which also has a supplement.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Let $a \in R$, if $a \in J(R)$ then for any $x \in R$ the natural epimorphism $R \rightarrow R/axR$ is a projective cover of R/axR . Suppose $a \notin J(R)$ then $x = xax$ for some $x \neq 0$. Let $e = ax$, then $e \neq 0$ is an idempotent in R and $axR = eR$. Since $(1-e)R \cong R/axR$ we have R/axR has a projective cover. (2) \Rightarrow (3) follows by [2, Proposition 1.4]. (3) \Rightarrow (1). Let $a \in R$, $a \notin J(R)$ then there exists $y \in R$ such that ayR has a supplement L which has also a supplement, by [2, Proposition 1.4], ayR has a supplement K which is a direct summand of R . Thus $R = ayR + K$ and by [2, Proposition 1.2] there exists a direct summand eR of R , $eR \subseteq ayR \subseteq aR$, where e is a non-zero idempotent of R . Thus, R is a semipotent ring.

If T is a left ideal or right ideal of R , we say that idempotents lift module T if, whenever $a^2 - a \in T$, $a \in R$ there exists $e^2 = e \in R$ such that $e - a \in T$. Nicholson in [9] gave an example of a commutative semipotent ring where idempotents do not lift modulo $J(R)$, (See [9, Example 25]). Therefore, we extend this notion as follows:

Lemma 2.2. *The following statements are equivalent for a right ideal T of R :*

- (1) *If $a^2 - a \in T$ there exists $e^2 = e \in aR$, $e \notin T$.*
- (2) *If $a^2 - a \in T$ there exists $e^2 = e \in Ra$, $e \notin T$.*

Proof. Suppose (1) holds. Then $e^2 = e = ax$ for some $x \in R$ and $e \notin T$. We put $y = xax$ then $f = ya$ is an idempotent of R and $f \in Ra$ and $f \notin T$. (2) \Rightarrow (1) is analogous.

We say that a right ideal T of a ring R is weakly lifting, or that idempotents lift weakly modulo T , if the conditions in lemma 2.2 are satisfied. The definition for left ideals is analogous.

Proposition 2.3. *For any ring R the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) *R is a semipotent ring.*
- (2) *$\bar{R} = R/J(R)$ is a semipotent ring and $J(R)$ is weakly lifting.*

Proof. Suppose (1) holds. It is clear that $R/J(R)$ is a semipotent ring. Let $a^2 - a \in J(R)$ then $a \in R$, $a \notin J(R)$ and $x = xax$ for some

$0 \neq x \in R$. Thus, $e = ax \in aR$ and $0 \neq e^2 = e \in R$. This shows that $J(R)$ is a weakly lifting. (2) \Rightarrow (1). Let $a \in R$, $a \notin J(R)$, since \bar{R} is semipotent there exists $0 \neq \bar{f}^2 = \bar{f} \in \bar{a}\bar{R}$ therefore $f = ar + x$ for some $r \in R$, $x \in J(R)$. By our hypothesis there exists $0 \neq e^2 = e \in fR$. Suppose $e = fy$ for some $y \in R$, then $e = ary + xy$. On the other hand, since $xy \in J(R)$ then $1 - xy$ has an inverse $b \in R$. Thus, $eb = aryb + xyb$, $ebe = arybe - (1 - b)e$ and $e = earybe$. Suppose $g = arybe$ then $0 \neq g^2 = g \in aR$, so R is semipotent.

The semipotent rings are generalized as following:

Lemma 2.4. [9, Lemma 19]. The following conditions are equivalent for an ideal I of a ring R :

- (1) If $T \not\subseteq I$ is a right (resp. left) ideal there exists $e^2 = e \in T \setminus I$.
- (2) If $a \notin I$ there exists $e^2 = e \in aR \setminus I$ (resp. $e^2 = e \in Ra \setminus I$).
- (3) If $a \notin I$ there exists $x \in R$ such that $x = xax \notin I$.

Let R be a ring and I is an ideal of R , recall R is an I -semipotent [9], if the conditions in lemma 2.4, are satisfied.

Corollary 2.5. Let I be an ideal of a ring R . If R is I -semipotent then $J(R) \subseteq I$.

Proof. Suppose $J(R) \not\subseteq I$ there exists $a \in J(R)$, $a \notin I$, so $x = xax \notin I$ for some $x \in R$. Since $x \neq 0$ then $0 \neq (ax)^2 = ax \in J(R)$ this is a contradiction.

Proposition 2.6. Let I be an ideal of a ring R . The following statements are equivalent:

- (1) R is an I -semipotent ring.
- (2) R/I is a semipotent ring with $J(R/I) = \bar{0}$ and I is weakly lifting.

Proof. Suppose (1) holds. First we prove that $J(R/I) = \bar{0}$. Assume $J(R/I) \neq \bar{0}$ then there exists $\bar{0} \neq \bar{a} \in J(R/I)$. So $a \in R$, $a \notin I$ therefore $x = xax \notin I$ for some $x \in R$. Thus, $\bar{0} \neq (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{x})^2 = \bar{a} \cdot \bar{x} \in J(R/I)$ a contradiction, so $J(R/I) = \bar{0}$. It is clear that R/I is semipotent. Finally, we prove that I is a weakly lifting. Let $a^2 - a \in I$ then $a \in R \setminus I$. Since R is I -semipotent there exists $y \in R$, $y = yay \notin I$, so

$0 \neq (ay)^2 = ay \in aR$, and $ay \notin I$. (2) \Rightarrow (1). Let $a \in R \setminus I$ then $\bar{0} \neq \bar{a} \in R/I$. Since R/I is semipotent and $J(R/I) = \bar{0}$ then $\bar{x} = \bar{x}.\bar{a}.\bar{x}$ for some $0 \neq \bar{x} \in R/I$. Since $(ax)^2 - ax \in I$ and I is a weakly lifting there exists $0 \neq e^2 = e \in axR \subseteq aR$ and $e \notin I$, so R is I -semipotent.

Following [14], the total of a ring R is

$$\text{Tot}(R) = \{a : a \in R; aR \text{ contains no nonzero idempotents}\}$$

$$\text{Tot}(R) = \{a : a \in R; Ra \text{ contains no nonzero idempotents}\}$$

Y. Zhou, proved that, for a ring R , $\text{Tot}(R) = J(R)$ if and only if R is a semipotent, [14, Theorem 2.2]. For an I -semipotent ring we have:

Theorem 2.7. Let I be an ideal of a ring R . The following statements are equivalent:

(1) $\text{Tot}(R) = I$.

(2) R is an I -semipotent ring and I contains no nonzero idempotents.

(3) R/I is a semipotent and $J(R/I) = \bar{0}$ with I contains no nonzero idempotents and I is weakly lifting.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). It is clear that I contains no nonzero idempotents. Let $a \in R \setminus I$ then $a \notin \text{Tot}(R)$. So aR contain a nonzero idempotent. This shows that R is an I -semipotent ring. (2) \Rightarrow (1). Suppose that $\text{Tot}(R) \neq I$, Since $I \subseteq \text{Tot}(R)$ there exists $a \in \text{Tot}(R)$ such that $a \notin I$. So, for some $x \in R$, $x = xax \notin I$ and $0 \neq (ax)^2 = ax \in aR$, a contradiction. (2) \Leftrightarrow (3). By proposition 2.6.

3- Semipotent Modules

Let M_R be a module and $K \subseteq^{\oplus} M$, then $K \subseteq J(M)$ if and only if $K \cap J(M) = J(K)$. Putting $\Gamma(M) = \{K : K \subseteq^{\oplus} M; J(K) = K\}$. Note that for any projective module P , $\Gamma(P) = \{0\}$. In addition to, if $J(M) \ll M$ (or M is finitely generated) for some $M \in \text{mod} - R$ then $\Gamma(M) = \{0\}$.

Let M_R be a module, letting $I = I(E_M) = \{\alpha : \alpha \in E_M; \text{Im}(\alpha) \subseteq J(M)\}$.

It is clear that $I = I(E_M)$ is an ideal in E_M and $I(E_M) = \{\alpha : \alpha \in E_M; \beta\alpha \in I(E_M) \text{ for all } \beta \in E_M\}$, $I(E_M) = \{\alpha : \alpha \in E_M; \alpha\beta \in I(E_M) \text{ for all } \beta \in E_M\}$

Recall a module M_R is a semipotent module also, called I_0 -module [3], weakly regular module [1] if, each submodule of M not contained in $J(M)$ contains a direct summand N of M , $N \notin \Gamma(M)$.

Lemma 3.1. Let M_R be a semipotent module. The following holds:

(1) Every submodule N of M such that $J(N) = N \cap J(M)$ is semipotent.

(2) Every direct summand of M is semipotent.

(3) Every supplement submodule of M is semipotent.

Proof. (1). Let N be a submodule of M with $J(N) = N \cap J(M)$ and A be a submodule of N , $A \not\subseteq J(N)$ then A is a submodule of M and $A \not\subseteq J(M)$. So there exists $K \subseteq^{\oplus} M$, $K \notin \Gamma(M)$ and $K \subseteq A$ therefore $M = K \oplus D$ for some submodule D of M . Since $K \subseteq A \subseteq N$ then $N = K \oplus (N \cap D)$. Thus, $K \subseteq^{\oplus} N$ and $K \notin \Gamma(N)$. So N is semipotent. (2). Since for any direct summand H of M $J(H) = H \cap J(M)$ then by (1), H is semipotent. (3). Let N be a supplement submodule of M , by [13, 41.1] we have $J(N) = N \cap J(M)$, by (1), N is semipotent.

A module P_R is called a quasi-projective module [12] if given an epimorphism $\beta \in [P, M]$ and any morphism $\alpha \in [P, M]$ there exists $\lambda \in E_p$ such that $\beta\lambda = \alpha$. For a quasi-projective module we have the following:

Theorem 3.2. For any quasi-projective module P_R the following statements are equivalent:

(1) P is a semipotent module.

(2) For any $\alpha \in E_p$, $\alpha \notin I(E_p)$, $Im(\alpha)$ contains a direct summand N of P such that $N \notin \Gamma(P)$.

(3) E_p is an I -semipotent ring.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). It is clear. (2) \Rightarrow (3). Let $\alpha \in E_p \setminus I(E_p)$ then $Im(\alpha) \not\subseteq J(P)$ and there exists $N \subseteq^{\oplus} P$, $N \subseteq Im(\alpha)$ and $N \notin \Gamma(P)$. Let γ be the projection of P on to N , then $Im(\gamma\alpha) = N$, so there exists $\beta \in E_p$ such that $\gamma\alpha\beta = \gamma$. We put $\mu = \beta\gamma$, then $\mu\alpha\mu = \mu \notin I(E_p)$. Because if $\mu \in I(E_p)$ then $\gamma = \gamma\mu = \gamma\alpha\beta\mu \in I(E_p)$ that is $N \in \Gamma(P)$ a contradiction. So, E_p is I -semipotent. (3) \Rightarrow (1). Let A be a submodule of P , $A \not\subseteq J(P)$ then $A \not\subseteq D$ for some maximal submodule D of P , and $A + D = P$. By [10, Lemma 1.1] there are $f, g \in E_p$ such that $1 = f + g$ and $Im(f) \subseteq A$, $Im(g) \subseteq D$. It is clear that $f \notin I(E_p)$. By assumption there exists $\varphi \in E_p$ such that $\varphi = \varphi f \varphi \notin I(E_p)$. Since $(f\varphi)^2 = f\varphi$ then $Im(f\varphi) \subseteq^{\oplus} P$, $Im(f\varphi) \subseteq^{\oplus} A$ and $Im(f\varphi) \notin \Gamma(P)$. So, P is semipotent.

Corollary 3.3. For any quasi-projective module P the following are equivalent:

- (1) P is a semipotent module and $\Gamma(P) = \{0\}$.
- (2) E_p is an I -semipotent ring and $\Gamma(P) = \{0\}$.
- (3) $Tot(E_p) = I(E_p)$.

Proof. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2). By Theorem 3.2. (2) \Leftrightarrow (3). By Theorem 2.7 because $\Gamma(P) = \{0\}$ if and only if $I(E_p)$ contains no nonzero idempotents.

Corollary 3.4. Let P be a quasi-projective module with $J(P) \ll P$. The following statements are equivalent:

- (1) P is a semipotent module.
- (2) For any $\alpha \in E_p$, $\alpha \notin J(E_p)$ there exists $0 \neq N \subseteq^{\oplus} P$, $N \subseteq Im(\alpha)$.
- (3) E_p is a semipotent ring.
- (4) $Tot(E_p) = J(E_p) = \nabla E_p = I(E_p)$.

Proof. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) \Leftrightarrow (3). As in Theorem 3.2, because for a quasi-projective module with $J(P) \ll P$, $J(E_p) = \nabla E_p = I(E_p)$ by [11, Lemma 2]. (3) \Leftrightarrow (4) By [14, Theorem 2.2].

A module P_R is called a direct-projective module [8] if, given any direct summand N of P with projection $\pi : P \rightarrow N$ and any epimorphism $\alpha : P \rightarrow N$ there exists $\beta \in E_P$ such that $\alpha \cdot \beta = \pi$. If P is a direct-projective module then $\nabla E_P \subseteq J(E_P)$ (see [8, Theorem 3.1]). For direct projective modules we have the following:

Proposition 3.5. Let P_R be a direct-projective module. If P is semipotent then:

- (1) E_P is an I - semipotent ring.
- (2) $J(E_P) \subseteq I(E_P)$.

Proof. (1). Let $\alpha \in E_P$, $\alpha \notin J(E_P)$ then there exists $N \subseteq^{\oplus} P$, $N \notin \Gamma(P)$ and $N \subseteq \text{Im}(\alpha)$. Let γ be the projection of P on to N , then $N = \text{Im}(\gamma) = \text{Im}(\gamma\alpha)$. Since P is a direct-projective there exists $\beta \in E_P$ such that $\gamma\alpha\beta = \gamma$. Putting $\mu = \beta\gamma$ then $0 \neq \mu \in E_P$, $\mu\alpha\mu = \mu$ and $\mu \notin I(E_P)$, because if, $\mu \in I(E_P)$ then $\gamma = \gamma\alpha\beta\gamma \in I(E_P)$, thus $N = \text{Im}(\gamma) \subseteq J(P)$ this means that $N \in \Gamma(P)$, a contradiction. This shows that E_P is I - semipotent. (2). By Corollary 2.5.

Corollary 3.6. Let P_R be a direct-projective module. If P is a semipotent and $J(P) \ll P$ then E_P is a semipotent ring.

Proof. We have by [8, Theorem 3.1], $\nabla E_P \subseteq J(E_P)$ and by proposition 3.5, $J(E_P) \subseteq I(E_P)$. Since $J(P) \ll P$ then $I(E_P) = \nabla E_P$ thus $J(E_P) = \nabla E_P = I(E_P)$, so E_P is a semipotent ring.

A module P_R is called π - projective [10] if, for any two submodules U, V of P with $P = U + V$; $E_P = [P, U] + [P, V]$. For a π - projective modules we have the following:

Proposition 3.7. Let P_R be a π -projective module. The following statements are equivalent:

- (1) P is a semipotent module.

(2) For any $\alpha \in E_p$, $\alpha \notin I(E_p)$ there exists $N \subseteq^{\oplus} P$, $N \notin \Gamma(P)$ and $N \subseteq \text{Im}(\alpha)$. *Proof.* (1) \Rightarrow (2). It is clear. (2) \Rightarrow (1). Let A be a submodule of P , $A \not\subseteq J(P)$ then there exists a maximal submodule M of P , $A \not\subseteq M$ therefore $P = A + M$. Since P is a π -projective there are $\alpha, \beta \in E_p$ such that $1 = \alpha + \beta$ and $\text{Im}(\alpha) \subseteq A$, $\text{Im}(\beta) \subseteq M$. It is clear that $\text{Im}(\alpha) \not\subseteq J(P)$, because if $\text{Im}(\alpha) \subseteq J(P)$. we have $P = \text{Im}(\alpha) + \text{Im}(\beta) \subseteq J(P) + M \subseteq M \subseteq P$ thus $P = M$, a contradiction. By assumption $\text{Im}(\alpha) \subseteq A$ contains a direct summand N of P , $N \notin \Gamma(P)$. So P is a semipotent module.

Corollary 3.8. Let P_R be a π -projective module. If E_p is an I -semipotent ring the following hold:

(1) For any $\alpha \in E_p$, $\alpha \notin I(E_p)$ there exists $N \subseteq^{\oplus} P$, $N \notin \Gamma(P)$ and $N \subseteq \text{Im}(\alpha)$.

(2) P is a semipotent module.

Proof. (1). Let $\alpha \in E_p \setminus I(E_p)$ then there exists $\gamma \in E_p \setminus I(E_p)$ such that $\gamma = \gamma \alpha \gamma$. Since $0 \neq (\alpha \gamma)^2 = \alpha \gamma \in E_p$ then $\text{Im}(\alpha \gamma) \subseteq^{\oplus} P$, $\text{Im}(\alpha \gamma) \notin \Gamma(P)$ and $\text{Im}(\alpha \gamma) \subseteq \text{Im}(\alpha)$. (2). By (1) and proposition 3.7.

Proposition 3.9. For any projective module P_R the following statements are equivalent:

(1) P is a semipotent module and $J(P) \ll P$.

(2) E_p is a semipotent ring.

(3) For any $\alpha \in E_p$, $P/\text{Im}(\alpha \beta)$ has a projective cover for some $0 \neq \beta \in E_p$.

(4) For any $\alpha \in E_p$, $\text{Im}(\alpha \beta)$ has a supplement which also has a supplement for some $0 \neq \beta \in E_p$.

Proof. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2). By [3, Theorem 3.5]. (2) \Rightarrow (3). Suppose that E_p is a semipotent then by theorem 2.1 for any $\alpha \in E_p$ there exists $0 \neq \beta \in E_p$ such that $E_p/(\alpha \beta)E_p$ has a projective cover and by [2, Proposition 2.9] $P/\text{Im}(\alpha \beta)$ has a projective cover. (3) \Rightarrow (2)

follows immediately from [2, Proposition 2.9] and theorem 2.1.

(3) \Leftrightarrow (4). By [2, Proposition 1.4].

Lemma 3.10. *Let M_R be a module with E_M is a semipotent ring then:*

- (1) $\nabla E_M \subseteq J(E_M)$ and $\Delta E_M \subseteq J(E_M)$.
- (2) If $\Gamma(M) = \{0\}$ then $I(E_M) \subseteq J(E_M)$.
- (3) If $J(M) \ll M$ then $\nabla E_M = I(E_M) \subseteq J(E_M)$.

Proof. (1). Let $\alpha \in \nabla E_M$ then $Im(\alpha) \ll M$. Suppose that $\alpha \notin J(E_M)$ then $\beta = \beta \alpha \beta$ for some $0 \neq \beta \in E_M$. Let $\gamma = \alpha \beta$ then $0 \neq \gamma^2 = \gamma \in E_M$ and $Im(\gamma) \ll M$, hence $Im(\gamma) \subseteq Im(\alpha)$. Therefore $Im(\gamma) = Im(\gamma) \cap Im(1 - \gamma) = 0$, thus $\gamma = 0$ this is a contradiction, hence $\alpha \in J(E_M)$ and $\nabla E_M \subseteq J(E_M)$. Let $g \in \Delta E_M$ then $Ker(g)$ is large in M . Suppose that $g \notin J(E_M)$ then $\mu = \mu g \mu$ for some $0 \neq \mu \in E_M$. Let $v = \mu g$ then $0 \neq v^2 = v \in E_M$ and $Ker(g) \subseteq Ker(v)$, therefore $Ker(g) \cap Im(v) = 0$ thus $Im(v) = 0$, hence $Ker(g)$ is large in M and $v = 0$ this is a contradiction, hence $g \in J(E_M)$ and $\Delta E_M \subseteq J(E_M)$.

(2). Suppose that $\Gamma(M) = \{0\}$. Let $\alpha \in I(E_M)$ then $Im(\alpha) \subseteq J(M)$. Suppose that $\alpha \notin J(E_M)$ then $\gamma = \gamma \alpha \gamma$ for some $0 \neq \gamma \in E_M$. We put $g = \alpha \gamma$ then $0 \neq g^2 = g \in E_M$, $Im(g) \subseteq^{\oplus} M$ and $Im(g) \subseteq J(M)$ therefore $Im(g) \in \Gamma(M) = \{0\}$, so $Im(g) = 0$ and $g = 0$ this is a contradiction. Thus $\alpha \in J(E_M)$. (3). It is clear.

It is known that for any module M_R , $\nabla E_M \subseteq I(E_M)$. No, if E_M is an I -semipotent ring we have the following:

Lemma 3.11. *Let M_R be a module with E_M is an I -semipotent ring then: $J(E_M) \subseteq I(E_M)$ and $\Delta E_M \subseteq I(E_M)$.*

Proof. By Corollary 2.5 we have $J(E_M) \subseteq I(E_M)$. Let $\alpha \in \Delta E_M$ then $Ker(\alpha) \leq_e M$. Suppose $\alpha \notin I(E_M)$ then $\gamma = \gamma \alpha \gamma$ for some $0 \neq \gamma \in E_M$, $\gamma \notin I(E_M)$. Let $v = \gamma \alpha$ then $0 \neq v^2 = v \in E_M$ and

$Ker(\alpha) \subseteq Ker(v)$, therefore $Ker(g) \cap Im(v) = 0$ thus $Im(v) = 0$, so $v = 0$ this is a contradiction, hence $\alpha \in I(E_M)$ and $\Delta E_M \subseteq I(E_M)$.

4. Semipotent $[M, N]$.

Following [14], let M_R, N_R are modules and $[M, N] = hom_R(M, N)$, then $[M, N]$ is an (E_N, E_M) -bimodule.

- The Jacobson radical.

$$J[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta \alpha \in J(E_M) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$$

$$J[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha \beta \in J(E_N) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$$

Thus $J[M, M] = J(E_M)$. In particular $J[R, R] = J(R)$.

- The singular ideal.

$$\Delta[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; Ker(\alpha) \leq_e M\}$$

- The co-singular ideal.

$$\nabla[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; Im(\alpha) \ll M\}$$

- The total.

$Tot[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; [N, M]\alpha \text{ contains no nonzero idempotent}\}$

$Tot[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha[N, M] \text{ contains no nonzero idempotent}\}$

Lemma 4.1. Let M_R, N_R be modules then:

(1) $Tot[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta \alpha \in Tot(E_M) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

(2) $Tot[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha \beta \in Tot(E_M) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

Proof. (1). Let $\alpha \in Tot[M, N]$. suppose that $\beta \alpha \notin Tot(E_M)$ for some $\beta \in [N, M]$ then there exists $\gamma \in E_M$ such that $0 \neq \gamma(\beta \alpha) = [\gamma(\beta \alpha)]^2 \in E_M$. Since $\gamma \beta \in [N, M]$ then $0 \neq \gamma(\beta \alpha) = [(\gamma \beta) \alpha]^2 \in [N, M]\alpha$, a contradiction. Let $\alpha \in [M, N]$ such that $\beta \alpha \in Tot(E_M)$ for all $\beta \in [N, M]$. Suppose that $\alpha \notin Tot[M, N]$ then $[N, M]\alpha$ contains a nonzero idempotent. So

there exists $\gamma \in [N, M]$ such that $0 \neq \gamma \alpha = (\gamma \alpha)^2 \in E_M$ and $\gamma \alpha \in (\gamma \alpha)E_M$, so $\gamma \alpha \notin \text{Tot}(E_M)$, is a contradiction. Similarly (2) holds.

Lemma 4.2. [14, Lemma 2.1]. Let M_R, N_R be modules. The following statements are equivalent:

(1) If $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus J[M, N]$ there exists $\beta \in [N, M]$ such that $0 \neq \beta \alpha = (\beta \alpha)^2 \in E_M$.

(2) If $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus J[M, N]$ there exists $\beta \in [N, M]$ such that $0 \neq \alpha \beta = (\alpha \beta)^2 \in E_N$.

(3) If $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus J[M, N]$ there exists $\gamma \in [N, M]$ such that $\gamma \alpha \gamma = \gamma \notin J[N, M]$.

Following [14], recall that $[M, N]$ is a semipotent if, the conditions in lemma 4.2, are satisfied.

Lemma 4.3. Let M_R, N_R be modules and $[M, N]$ is semipotent then:

(1) $\Delta[M, N] \subseteq J[M, N]$ and $\nabla[M, N] \subseteq J[M, N]$.

(2) If $\Gamma(M) = \{0\}$ then $I[M, N] \subseteq J[M, N]$.

(3) If $\Gamma(N) = \{0\}$ then $I[M, N] \subseteq J[M, N]$.

Proof. Suppose that $[M, N]$ is semipotent.

(1). Let $\alpha \in \Delta[M, N]$ then $\text{Ker}(\alpha) \leq_e M$. Suppose that $\alpha \notin J[M, N]$ then there exists $\beta \in [N, M]$ such that $0 \neq \beta \alpha = (\beta \alpha)^2 \in E_M$. Since $\text{Ker}(\alpha) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\beta \alpha)$ then $\text{Ker}(\alpha) \cap \text{Im}(\beta \alpha) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\beta \alpha) \cap \text{Im}(\beta \alpha) = 0$. Thus, $\text{Im}(\beta \alpha) = 0$ and $\beta \alpha = 0$ this is a contradiction. Hence $\alpha \in J[M, N]$. (2). Suppose that $\Gamma(M) = \{0\}$. Let $\alpha \in I[M, N]$ then $\text{Im}(\alpha) \subseteq J(N)$. Assume that $\alpha \notin J[M, N]$ then there exists $\beta \in [N, M]$ such that $0 \neq \beta \alpha = (\beta \alpha)^2 \in E_M$. So $\text{Im}(\beta \alpha) \subseteq^{\oplus} M$ and $\text{Im}(\beta \alpha) \subseteq J(M)$ thus $\text{Im}(\beta \alpha) \in \Gamma(M) = \{0\}$, so $\beta \alpha = 0$ is a contradiction. Thus $\alpha \in J[M, N]$. Similarly, (3) holds.

Proposition 4.4. Let M_R, N_R be modules, the following hold:

- (1) If $\text{Tot}(E_M) = J(E_M)$ then $\text{Tot}[M, N] = J[M, N]$.
- (2) If $\text{Tot}(E_N) = J(E_N)$ then $\text{Tot}[M, N] = J[M, N]$.
- (3) If E_M is a semipotent ring then $[M, N]$ is a semipotent.
- (4) If E_N is a semipotent ring then $[M, N]$ is a semipotent.

Proof.(1). Suppose that $\text{Tot}(E_M) = J(E_M)$. It is clear that $J[M, N] \subseteq \text{Tot}[M, N]$. Let $\alpha \in \text{Tot}[M, N]$ then by lemma 4.1 for any $\beta \in [N, M]$, $\beta\alpha \in \text{Tot}(E_M) = J(E_M)$ so $\alpha \in J[M, N]$. The proof of (2) is analogous. (3) Suppose that E_M is a semipotent ring then by [14, Theorem 2.2], $\text{Tot}(E_M) = J(E_M)$ and by (1) $\text{Tot}[M, N] = J[M, N]$ a gain by [14, Theorem 2.2], $[M, N]$ is semipotent. The proof of (4) is analogous.

Remark. Y. Zhou [14], gave an example of two modules M_R, N_R such that $[M, N]$ is semipotent, but neither E_M , nor E_N is semipotent, (See [14, Example 4.9]). So in general, if $\text{Tot}[M, N] = J[M, N]$ then $\text{Tot}(E_M) \neq J(E_M)$ and $\text{Tot}(E_N) \neq J(E_N)$.

Following [14]. Let

$$\Phi(R) = \{M \in \text{mod} - R : \text{Tot}[M, N] = J[M, N] \quad \text{for all } N \in \text{mod} - R\}$$

$$\Gamma(R) = \{N \in \text{mod} - R : \text{Tot}[M, N] = J[M, N] \quad \text{for all } M \in \text{mod} - R\}$$

Corollary 4.5. [14, Theorem 4.5]. The following hold:

- (1) $\Phi(R) = \{M \in \text{mod} - R : E_M \text{ is a semipotent ring}\}$.
- (2) $\Gamma(R) = \{N \in \text{mod} - R : E_N \text{ is a semipotent ring}\}$.
- (3) $\Phi(R) = \Gamma(R)$.

Proof. (1)(\Rightarrow). If $M \in \Phi(R)$ then $\text{Tot}(E_M) = J(E_M)$, so E_M is semipotent by [14, Theorem 2.2]. (\Leftarrow). Let $M \in \text{mod} - R$ with E_M is a semipotent ring then for any $N \in \text{mod} - R$; $[M, N]$ is semipotent by proposition 4.4, so $M \in \Phi(R)$. Similarly (2) holds. (3) By (1) and (2).

5. $(\Delta-, \nabla-, I-)$ Semipotent $[M, N]$

Proposition 5.1. *Let M_R, N_R be modules.*

(a) *The following hold:*

(1) $\Delta[M, N] \subseteq \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta\alpha \in \Delta E_M \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

(2) $\Delta[M, N] \subseteq \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha\beta \in \Delta E_N \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

(b) *If $\text{Tot}[M, N] = \Delta[M, N]$ then*

(1) $\Delta[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta\alpha \in \Delta E_M \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

(2) $\Delta[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha\beta \in \Delta E_N \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

Proof. (a). (1) Let $\alpha \in \Delta[M, N]$ then $\text{Ker}(\alpha) \leq_e M$, since for any $\beta \in [N, M]$, $\text{Ker}(\alpha) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\beta\alpha)$ then $\text{Ker}(\beta\alpha) \leq_e M$ thus $\beta\alpha \in \Delta E_M$. (2) Let $\alpha \in \Delta[M, N]$ then $\text{Ker}(\alpha) \leq_e M$. Let $\beta \in [N, M]$ and K be a submodule of N such that $\text{Ker}(\alpha\beta) \cap K = 0$. Since $\text{Ker}(\beta) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\alpha\beta)$ then $\text{Ker}(\beta) \cap K = 0$. Let $y \in \text{Ker}(\alpha) \cap \beta(K)$ then $y \in \text{Ker}(\alpha)$, so $\alpha(y) = 0$ and $y \in \beta(K)$ therefore $y = \beta(x)$ for some $x \in K$. So $0 = \alpha(y) = \alpha\beta(x)$ thus $x \in \text{Ker}(\alpha\beta)$, $x \in K$, so $x \in \text{Ker}(\alpha\beta) \cap K = 0$ thus $x = 0$, so $y \in \beta(x) = 0$ thus, $\text{Ker}(\alpha) \cap \beta(K) = 0$. Since $\text{Ker}(\alpha) \leq_e M$ follows that $\beta(K) = 0$ so $K \subseteq \text{Ker}(\beta)$ thus $K = \text{Ker}(\beta) \cap K = 0$ so $\text{Ker}(\alpha\beta) \leq_e N$ thus $\alpha\beta \in \Delta E_N$.

(b). Suppose that $\text{Tot}[M, N] = \Delta[M, N]$. (1) We have by (a)

$\Delta[M, N] \subseteq \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta\alpha \in \Delta E_M \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$

Let $\alpha \in [M, N]$ such that $\beta\alpha \in \Delta E_M$ for all $\beta \in [N, M]$, suppose $\alpha \notin \Delta[M, N]$ then $\alpha \notin \text{Tot}[M, N]$ so there exists $\gamma \in [N, M]$ such that $0 \neq \gamma\alpha = (\gamma\alpha)^2 \in E_M$ therefore $M = \text{Im}(\gamma\alpha) \oplus \text{Ker}(\gamma\alpha)$. Since $\text{Ker}(\gamma\alpha) \cap \text{Im}(\gamma\alpha) = 0$ and $\text{Ker}(\gamma\alpha) \leq_e M$ follows $\text{Im}(\gamma\alpha) = 0$, so $\gamma\alpha = 0$ a contradiction. Thus, $\alpha \in \Delta[M, N]$. Similarly (2) holds.

Lemma 5.2. *Let M_R, N_R be modules. The following statements are equivalent:*

(1) If $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus \Delta[M, N]$ there exists $\beta \in [N, M]$ such that $0 \neq \beta\alpha = (\beta\alpha)^2 \in E_M$. (2) If $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus \Delta[M, N]$ there exists $\beta \in [N, M]$ such that $0 \neq \alpha\beta = (\alpha\beta)^2 \in E_N$.

(3) If $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus \Delta[M, N]$ there exists $\gamma \in [N, M]$ such that $\gamma\alpha\gamma = \gamma \notin \Delta[N, M]$. *Proof.* Suppose (1) holds. Then $0 \neq \beta\alpha = (\beta\alpha)^2 \in E_M$ for some $\beta \in [N, M]$. Let $\gamma = \beta\alpha \in [N, M]$ we have $\gamma\alpha\gamma = \gamma \neq 0$ and $\gamma \notin \Delta[N, M]$ because $0 \neq \alpha\gamma = (\alpha\gamma)^2$, giving (3). Suppose (3) holds, then $0 \neq \gamma\alpha = (\gamma\alpha)^2 \in E_M$ for some $\gamma \in [N, M] \setminus \Delta[N, M]$ gives (1). Similarly, the equivalence (2) \Leftrightarrow (3) holds.

We call that $[M, N]$ is Δ -semipotent if the conditions in lemma 5.2 are satisfied.

Theorem 5.3. Let M_R, N_R be modules. Then $[M, N]$ is Δ -semipotent if and only if, $\text{Tot}[M, N] = \Delta[M, N]$. In particular, E_M is a Δ -semipotent if and only if, $\text{Tot}(E_M) = \Delta E_M$.

Proof. (\Rightarrow). Suppose that $\text{Tot}[M, N] \neq \Delta[M, N]$. Since $\Delta[M, N] \subset \text{Tot}[M, N]$, there exists $\alpha \in \text{Tot}[M, N]$ such that $\alpha \notin \Delta[M, N]$. So, for any $\beta \in [N, M]$ either $\alpha\beta = 0$ or $\alpha\beta \neq (\alpha\beta)^2$. Hence $[M, N]$ is not Δ -semipotent. (\Leftarrow). If $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus \Delta[M, N]$ then $\alpha \notin \text{Tot}[M, N]$. So $0 \neq \alpha\beta = (\alpha\beta)^2 \in E_N$ for some $\beta \in [N, M]$. This shows that $[M, N]$ is Δ -semipotent.

Let

$$\Delta\Phi(R) = \{M \in \text{mod} - R : \text{Tot}[M, N] = \Delta[M, N] \text{ for all } N \in \text{mod} - R\}$$

$$\Delta\Gamma(R) = \{N \in \text{mod} - R : \text{Tot}[M, N] = \Delta[M, N] \text{ for all } M \in \text{mod} - R\}$$

We define the following two sets:

(a) $\Delta S\Phi(R)$ the set of all modules $M \in \text{mod} - R$ which satisfies the following two properties:

- (1) E_M is a Δ -semipotent ring.
- (2) For any $N \in \text{mod} - R$;

$\Delta[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta\alpha \in \Delta E_M \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

(b) $\Delta S\Gamma(R)$ the set of all modules $N \in \text{mod} - R$ which satisfies the following two properties:

(1) E_N is a $\Delta-$ semipotent ring.

(2) For any $M \in \text{mod} - R$;

$\Delta[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha\beta \in \Delta E_N \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

Theorem 5.4. The following hold:

(1) $\Delta\Phi(R) = \Delta S\Phi(R)$.

(2) $\Delta\Gamma(R) = \Delta S\Gamma(R)$.

(3) $\Delta\Phi(R) = \Delta\Gamma(R)$.

Proof. (1)(\Rightarrow). Let $M \in \Delta\Phi(R)$ then for any $N \in \text{mod} - R$; $\text{Tot}[M, N] = \Delta[M, N]$ by proposition 5.1(b). We have $\Delta[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta\alpha \in \Delta E_M \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$ and it is clear that E_M is a $\Delta-$ semipotent ring, so $M \in \Delta S\Phi(R)$.

(\Leftarrow). Let $M \in \Delta S\Phi(R)$. We have for any $N \in \text{mod} - R$, $\Delta[M, N] \subseteq \text{Tot}[M, N]$. Let $\alpha \in \text{Tot}[M, N]$ then by lemma 4.1 for any $\beta \in [N, M]; \beta\alpha \in \text{Tot}(E_M)$. Since E_M is $\Delta-$ semipotent then by theorem 5.3, $\text{Tot}(E_M) = \Delta E_M$, so $\beta\alpha \in \Delta E_M$ for all $\beta \in [N, M]$ thus, $M \in \Delta\Phi(R)$.

(2)(\Rightarrow). Let $N \in \Delta\Gamma(R)$ then for any $M \in \text{mod} - R$; $\text{Tot}[M, N] = \Delta[M, N]$ by proposition 5.1(b). we have $\Delta[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha\beta \in \Delta E_N \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$ and E_N is a $\Delta-$ semipotent ring, so $N \in \Delta S\Gamma(R)$.

(\Leftarrow). Let $N \in \Delta S\Gamma(R)$ then for any $M \in \text{mod} - R$ we have $\Delta[M, N] \subseteq \text{Tot}[M, N]$. Let $\alpha \in \text{Tot}[M, N]$ by lemma 4.1 for any $\beta \in [N, M]; \alpha\beta \in \text{Tot}(E_N)$. Since E_N is a $\Delta-$ semipotent ring then by theorem 5.3, $\text{Tot}(E_N) = \Delta E_N$ so $\alpha\beta \in \Delta E_N$ for all $\beta \in [N, M]$ by assumption $\alpha \in \Delta[M, N]$. Thus, $N \in \Delta\Phi(R)$. (3). By (1) and (2).

Proposition 5.5. Let M_R, N_R be modules.

(a) The following hold:

(1) $\nabla[M, N] \subseteq \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta \alpha \in \nabla E_M \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

(2) $\nabla[M, N] \subseteq \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha \beta \in \nabla E_N \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

(b) If $\text{Tot}[M, N] = \nabla[M, N]$ then

(1) $\nabla[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta \alpha \in \nabla E_M \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

(2) $\nabla[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha \beta \in \nabla E_N \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

Proof. (a). (1) Let $\alpha \in \nabla[M, N]$ then $\text{Im}(\alpha) \ll N$, so for any $\beta \in [N, M]$, $\text{Im}(\beta \alpha) \ll M$ thus $\beta \alpha \in \nabla E_M$.

(2) Let $\alpha \in \nabla[M, N]$ then $\text{Im}(\alpha) \ll N$, since for all $\beta \in [N, M]$ $\text{Im}(\alpha \beta) \subseteq \text{Im}(\alpha)$

then $\text{Im}(\alpha \beta) \ll N$ so $\alpha \beta \in \nabla E_N$.

(b). Suppose that $\text{Tot}[M, N] = \nabla[M, N]$. (1) We have by (a)

$\nabla[M, N] \subseteq \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta \alpha \in \nabla E_M \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

Let $\alpha \in [M, N]$ such that $\beta \alpha \in \nabla E_M$ for all $\beta \in [N, M]$, suppose $\alpha \notin \nabla[M, N]$ then $\alpha \notin \text{Tot}[M, N]$ so there exists $\gamma \in [N, M]$ such that $0 \neq \gamma \alpha = (\gamma \alpha)^2 \in E_M$ therefore $0 \neq \text{Im}(\gamma \alpha) \subseteq^{\oplus} M$. Since $\gamma \alpha \in \nabla E_M$; $\text{Im}(\gamma \alpha) \ll M$ so $\text{Im}(\gamma \alpha) = 0$ a contradiction. Thus, $\alpha \in \nabla[M, N]$. Similarly (2) holds.

Lemma 5.6. Let M_R, N_R be modules. The following are equivalent:

(1) If $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus \nabla[M, N]$ there exists $\beta \in [N, M]$ such that $0 \neq \beta \alpha = (\beta \alpha)^2 \in E_M$. (2) If $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus \nabla[M, N]$ there exists $\beta \in [N, M]$ such that $0 \neq \alpha \beta = (\alpha \beta)^2 \in E_N$. (3) If $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus \nabla[M, N]$ there exists $\gamma \in [N, M]$ such that $\gamma \alpha \gamma = \gamma \notin \nabla[N, M]$. *Proof.* (1) \Rightarrow (3). Let $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus \nabla[M, N]$, then $0 \neq \beta \alpha = (\beta \alpha)^2 \in E_M$ for some $\beta \in [N, M]$. Let $\gamma = \beta \alpha \beta$ then $\gamma \in [N, M]$ and $\gamma \alpha \gamma = \gamma \notin \nabla[N, M]$ because $\beta \alpha \notin \nabla E_M$. Suppose (3) holds, let $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus \nabla[M, N]$ then $\gamma = \gamma \alpha \gamma$ for some $\gamma \in [N, M] \setminus \nabla[N, M]$ so $0 \neq \gamma \alpha = (\gamma \alpha)^2 \in E_M$, gives (1). Similarly, the equivalence (2) \Leftrightarrow (3) holds.

We call that $[M, N]$ is ∇ -semipotent if the conditions in lemma 5.6 are satisfied.

Theorem 5.7. Let M_R, N_R be modules. $[M, N]$ is ∇ -semipotent if and only if, $\text{Tot}[M, N] = \nabla[M, N]$. In particular, E_M is a ∇ -semipotent if and only if, $\text{Tot}(E_M) = \nabla E_M$.

Proof. (\Rightarrow). Suppose that $\text{Tot}[M, N] \neq \nabla[M, N]$, Since $\nabla[M, N] \subset \text{Tot}[M, N]$, there exists $\alpha \in \text{Tot}[M, N]$ such that $\alpha \notin \nabla[M, N]$. So, for any $\beta \in [N, M]$ either $\alpha\beta \neq (\alpha\beta)^2$ or $\alpha\beta = 0$. Hence $[M, N]$ is not ∇ -semipotent. (\Leftarrow). If $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus \nabla[M, N]$ then $\alpha \notin \text{Tot}[M, N]$. So $0 \neq \alpha\beta = (\alpha\beta)^2 \in E_N$ for some $\beta \in [N, M]$. This shows that $[M, N]$ is ∇ -semipotent.

Let

$$\nabla\Phi(R) = \{M \in \text{mod} - R : \text{Tot}[M, N] = \nabla[M, N] \text{ for all } N \in \text{mod} - R\}$$

$$\nabla\Gamma(R) = \{N \in \text{mod} - R : \text{Tot}[M, N] = \nabla[M, N] \text{ for all } M \in \text{mod} - R\}$$

We define the following two sets:

(a) $\nabla S\Phi(R)$ the set of all modules $M \in \text{mod} - R$ which satisfies the following two properties:

(1) E_M is a ∇ -semipotent ring.

(2) For any $N \in \text{mod} - R$; $\nabla[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta\alpha \in \nabla E_M \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

(b) $\nabla S\Gamma(R)$ the set of all modules $N \in \text{mod} - R$ which satisfies the following two properties:

(1) E_N is a ∇ -semipotent ring.

(2) For any $M \in \text{mod} - R$;

$$\nabla[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha\beta \in \nabla E_N \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}.$$

Theorem 5.8. The following hold:

(1) $\nabla\Phi(R) = \nabla S\Phi(R)$.

(2) $\nabla\Gamma(R) = \nabla S\Gamma(R)$.

(3) $\nabla\Phi(R) = \nabla\Gamma(R)$.

Proof. (1)(\Rightarrow). Let $M \in \nabla \Phi(R)$ then for any $N \in \text{mod} - R$; $\text{Tot}[M, N] = \nabla[M, N]$ by proposition 5.5(b) we have $\nabla[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta\alpha \in \nabla E_M \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$. In addition to, E_M is a ∇ -semipotent ring, so $M \in \nabla S\Phi(R)$. (\Leftarrow). Let $M \in \nabla S\Phi(R)$. We have for any $N \in \text{mod} - R$, $\nabla[M, N] \subseteq \text{Tot}[M, N]$. Let $\alpha \in \text{Tot}[M, N]$ then by lemma 4.1 for any $\beta \in [N, M]; \beta\alpha \in \text{Tot}(E_M)$. Since E_M is ∇ -semipotent then by theorem 5.7 $\text{Tot}(E_M) = \nabla E_M$, so $\beta\alpha \in \nabla E_M$ for all $\beta \in [N, M]$ thus, $M \in \nabla \Phi(R)$.

(2)(\Rightarrow). Let $N \in \nabla \Gamma(R)$ then for any $M \in \text{mod} - R$; $\text{Tot}[M, N] = \nabla[M, N]$ by proposition 5.5(b) we have $\nabla[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta\alpha \in \nabla E_N \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$. In addition to, E_N is a ∇ -semipotent ring, so $N \in \nabla S\Gamma(R)$.

(\Leftarrow). Let $N \in \nabla S\Gamma(R)$ then for any $M \in \text{mod} - R$ we have $\nabla[M, N] \subseteq \text{Tot}[M, N]$. Let $\alpha \in \text{Tot}[M, N]$ by lemma 4.1 for any $\beta \in [N, M]; \alpha\beta \in \text{Tot}(E_N)$. Since E_N is a ∇ -semipotent ring then by theorem 5.7, $\text{Tot}(E_N) = \nabla E_N$ so $\alpha\beta \in \nabla E_N$ for all $\beta \in [N, M]$ by assumption $\alpha \in \nabla[M, N]$. Thus, $N \in \nabla \Phi(R)$. (3). By (1) and (2).

Let M_R, N_R be modules. We put $I[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \text{Im}(\alpha) \subseteq J(N)\}$. Since any small submodule of N contained in $J(N)$ then $\nabla[M, N] \subseteq I[M, N]$. If $J(N) \ll N$ then $I[M, N] = \nabla[M, N]$. Thus

$$I = I(E_M) = I[M, M] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in E_M; \text{Im}(\alpha) \subseteq J(M)\}.$$

In particular for a ring R , $I(R) = I[R, R] = J[R, R] = J(R)$. A gain for a module M_R we put $\Gamma(M) = \{K; K \subseteq^{\oplus} M \text{ and } K \subseteq J(M)\}$.

Proposition 5.9. Let M_R, N_R be modules.

(a) The following hold:

(1) $I[M, N] \subseteq \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta\alpha \in I(E_M) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

(2) $I[M, N] \subseteq \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha\beta \in I(E_N) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

(b) If $\text{Tot}[M, N] = I[M, N]$ and $\Gamma(M) = \{0\}$ then

$I[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta\alpha \in I(E_M) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

(c) If $\text{Tot}[M, N] = I[M, N]$ and $\Gamma(N) = \{0\}$ then

$I[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha\beta \in I(E_N) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$.

Proof.(a)(1). Let $\alpha \in I[M, N]$ then $\text{Im}(\alpha) \subseteq J(N)$, so for any $\beta \in [N, M]; \beta\alpha \in E_M$ and $\text{Im}(\beta\alpha) \subseteq J(M)$. Thus, $\beta\alpha \in I(E_M)$.

(2) Let $\alpha \in I[M, N]$ then $\text{Im}(\alpha) \subseteq J(N)$, so for any $\beta \in [N, M]; \alpha\beta \in E_N$ and $\text{Im}(\alpha\beta) \subseteq J(N)$. Thus, $\alpha\beta \in I(E_N)$.

(b). Suppose that $\text{Tot}[M, N] = I[M, N]$ and $\Gamma(M) = \{0\}$. Let $\alpha \in [M, N]$ such that $\beta\alpha \in I(E_M)$ for all $\beta \in [N, M]$. Suppose $\alpha \notin I[M, N]$ then $\alpha \notin \text{Tot}[M, N]$, so there exists $\beta \in [N, M]$ such that $0 \neq \beta\alpha = (\beta\alpha)^2 \in E_M$, since $\text{Im}(\beta\alpha) \subseteq J(M)$ and $\text{Im}(\beta\alpha) \subseteq^{\oplus} M$ then $\text{Im}(\beta\alpha) \in \Gamma(M) = \{0\}$, a contradiction.

(c). Suppose that $\text{Tot}[M, N] = I[M, N]$ and $\Gamma(N) = \{0\}$. Let $\alpha \in [M, N]$ such that $\alpha\beta \in I(E_N)$ for all $\beta \in [N, M]$. Suppose $\alpha \notin I[M, N]$ then $\alpha \notin \text{Tot}[M, N]$, so there exists $\gamma \in [N, M]$ such that $0 \neq \alpha\gamma = (\alpha\gamma)^2 \in E_N$. Since $\text{Im}(\alpha\gamma) \subseteq J(N)$ and $\text{Im}(\alpha\gamma) \subseteq^{\oplus} N$ then $\text{Im}(\alpha\gamma) \in \Gamma(N) = \{0\}$, a contradiction. Thus $\alpha \in I[M, N]$.

Lemma 5.10. Let M_R, N_R be modules. The following statements are equivalent:

(1) If $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus I[M, N]$, there exists $\beta \in [N, M]; 0 \neq \beta\alpha = (\beta\alpha)^2 \in E_M$ and $\beta\alpha \notin I(E_M)$.

(2) If $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus I[M, N]$, there exists $\beta \in [N, M]; 0 \neq \alpha\beta = (\alpha\beta)^2 \in E_N$ and $\alpha\beta \notin I(E_N)$.

(3) If $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus I[M, N]$, there exists $\gamma \in [N, M]; \gamma\alpha\gamma = \gamma \notin I[N, M]$.

Proof. Suppose (1) holds. Then $0 \neq \beta\alpha = (\beta\alpha)^2 \in E_M$ and $\beta\alpha \notin I(E_M)$ for some $\beta \in [N, M]$. By letting $\gamma = \beta\alpha\beta \in [N, M]$ we

have $\gamma\alpha\gamma = \gamma \neq 0$ and $\gamma \notin I[N, M]$ because $\beta\alpha \notin I(E_M)$, giving (3). Suppose (3) holds. Then $0 \neq \gamma\alpha = (\gamma\alpha)^2 \in E_M$ and $\gamma\alpha \notin I(E_M)$ because $\gamma \notin I[N, M]$ gives (1). Similarly, the equivalence (2) \Leftrightarrow (3) holds.

We call that $[M, N]$ is I -semipotent if the conditions in lemma 5.10 are satisfied.

Theorem 5.11. Let M_R, N_R be modules then the following hold:

(1) If $\Gamma(M) = \{0\}$ then $\text{Tot}[M, N] = I[M, N]$ if and only if, $[M, N]$ is I -semipotent.

(2) If $\Gamma(N) = \{0\}$ then $\text{Tot}[M, N] = I[M, N]$ if and only if, $[M, N]$ is I -semipotent.

In particular, if $\Gamma(M) = \{0\}$ then $\text{Tot}(E_M) = I(E_M)$ if and only if, E_M is an I -semipotent ring.

Proof. (1). Suppose that $\Gamma(M) = \{0\}$. (\Rightarrow) let $\alpha \in [M, N] \setminus I[M, N]$ then $\alpha \notin \text{Tot}[M, N]$, so $0 \neq \beta\alpha = (\beta\alpha)^2 \in E_M$ for some $\beta \in [N, M]$ and $\beta\alpha \notin I(E_M)$ because $\Gamma(M) = \{0\}$. This shows that $[M, N]$ is I -semipotent. (\Leftarrow) Since $\Gamma(M) = \{0\}$ it is easy to see that $I[M, N] \subseteq \text{Tot}[M, N]$. Let $\alpha \in \text{Tot}[M, N]$ and suppose $\alpha \notin I[M, N]$ so, for any $\beta \in [N, M]$, either $\alpha\beta = 0$ or $\alpha\beta = (\alpha\beta)^2$. Hence $[M, N]$ is not I -semipotent. Similarly (2) holds.

Let

$$I\Phi(R) = \{M \in \text{mod} - R : \Gamma(M) = \{0\} \text{ and}$$

$$\text{Tot}[M, N] = I[M, N]; \forall N \in \text{mod} - R\}$$

$$I\Gamma(R) = \{N \in \text{mod} - R : \Gamma(N) = \{0\} \text{ and } \text{Tot}[M, N] = I[M, N]; \forall M \in \text{mod} - R\}$$

We define the following two sets:

(a) $I\Phi(R)$ the set of all modules $M \in \text{mod} - R$ which satisfies the following properties:

(1) $\Gamma(M) = \{0\}$.

(2) E_M is an I -semipotent ring.

(3) For any $N \in \text{mod} - R$;

$$I[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta \alpha \in I(E_M) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}.$$

(b) $IS\Gamma(R)$ the set of all modules $N \in \text{mod} - R$ which satisfies the following properties:

(1) $\Gamma(N) = \{0\}$.

(2) E_N is an I -semipotent ring.

(3) For any $M \in \text{mod} - R$;

$$I[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha \beta \in I(E_N) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}.$$

Theorem 5.12. *The following hold:*

(1) $I\Phi(R) = IS\Phi(R)$.

(2) $I\Gamma(R) = IS\Gamma(R)$.

(3) $I\Phi(R) = I\Gamma(R)$.

Proof. (1) (\Rightarrow) . Let $M \in I\Phi(R)$ then $\Gamma(M) = \{0\}$ and $\text{Tot}[M, N] = I[M, N]$ for all $N \in \text{mod} - R$. So, $\text{Tot}(E_M) = I(E_M)$ and by theorem 5.11, E_M is an I -semipotent ring. On the other hand, by proposition 5.9(b) we have for any $N \in \text{mod} - R$; $I[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \beta \alpha \in I(E_M) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$. So, $M \in IS\Phi(R)$.

(\Leftarrow) . Let $M \in IS\Phi(R)$ then $\Gamma(M) = \{0\}$. Let $N \in \text{mod} - R$ and $\alpha \in I[M, N]$ then $Im(\alpha) \subseteq J(N)$. Suppose that $\alpha \notin \text{Tot}[M, N]$ then there exists $\beta \in [N, M]$ such that $0 \neq \beta \alpha = (\beta \alpha)^2 \in E_M$. So, $0 \neq Im(\beta \alpha) \subseteq^{\oplus} M$ and $Im(\beta \alpha) \in \Gamma(M) = \{0\}$, a contradiction. Thus, $I[M, N] \subseteq \text{Tot}[M, N]$. Let $\alpha \in \text{Tot}[M, N]$ and suppose that $\alpha \notin I[M, N]$, since $M \in IS\Phi(R)$ then there exists $\beta \in [N, M]$ such that $\beta \alpha \notin I(E_M)$. Since E_M is an I -semipotent ring there exists $\gamma \in E_M$ such that $\gamma(\beta \alpha)\gamma = \gamma \notin I(E_M)$ thus, $0 \neq (\gamma \beta)\alpha = [(\gamma \beta)\alpha]^2 \in E_M$ and $\gamma \beta \in [N, M]$, a contradiction, hence $\alpha \in \text{Tot}[M, N]$, therefore $\alpha \in I[M, N]$. Thus, $\text{Tot}[M, N] = I[M, N]$ for any $N \in \text{mod} - R$, so $M \in I\Phi(R)$.

(2)(\Rightarrow). Let $N \in I\Gamma(R)$ then $\Gamma(N) = \{0\}$ and $\text{Tot}[M, N] = I[M, N]$ for all $M \in \text{mod} - R$. So, $\text{Tot}(E_N) = I(E_N)$ and by theorem 5.11, E_N is an I -semipotent ring. On the other hand, by proposition 5.9(c) we have for any $M \in \text{mod} - R$; $I[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha\beta \in I(E_N) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$. So, $N \in IS\Gamma(R)$. Let $N \in IS\Gamma(R)$ then $\Gamma(N) = \{0\}$. Let $M \in \text{mod} - R$ and $\alpha \in I[M, N]$ then $\text{Im}(\alpha) \subseteq J(N)$. Suppose that $\alpha \notin \text{Tot}[M, N]$ then there exists $\beta \in [N, M]$ such that $0 \neq \alpha\beta = (\alpha\beta)^2 \in E_N$. So, $0 \neq \text{Im}(\alpha\beta) \subseteq^{\oplus} N$ and $\text{Im}(\alpha\beta) \in \Gamma(N) = \{0\}$, a contradiction. Thus, $I[M, N] \subseteq \text{Tot}[M, N]$. Let $\alpha \in \text{Tot}[M, N]$ and suppose that $\alpha \notin I[M, N]$, since $N \in IS\Gamma(R)$ then there exists $\beta \in [N, M]$ such that $\alpha\beta \notin I(E_N)$. Since E_N is an I -semipotent there exists $\gamma \in E_N$ such that $\gamma(\alpha\beta)\gamma = \gamma \notin I(E_N)$ thus, $0 \neq (\alpha\beta)\gamma = [(\alpha\beta)\gamma]^2 \in E_N$ and $\beta\gamma \in [N, M]$, a contradiction, hence $\alpha \in \text{Tot}[M, N]$, therefore $\alpha \in I[M, N]$. Thus, $\text{Tot}[M, N] = I[M, N]$ for any $M \in \text{mod} - R$, so $N \in I\Gamma(R)$. (3). By (1) and (2).

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