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ON ONE CLASS OF PURITIES

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**Abstract:** Consider a purity  $\pi$  for the category  $\Lambda$ -mod of all the left  $\Lambda$ -modules, where  $\Lambda$  stands for an associative ring with unit. In this paper there is given a description of the least purity  $\epsilon_0$  with the property  $\mathcal{F}_{\epsilon_0} = \mathcal{F}_\pi$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_\pi$  denotes the class of all  $\pi$ -flat modules. The results are used for a characterization of rings having only projectively (injectively) closed purities. On the other hand, there are given some examples of purities that are not injectively (projectively) closed.

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1. Consider a purity  $\omega$  on  $\Lambda$ -mod and denote by  $\mathcal{F}_\omega$  the class of all  $\omega$ -flat modules (definitions see below). If  $\epsilon$  is a purity, then  $\epsilon \in \mathcal{U}(\omega)$  will mean  $\mathcal{F}_\epsilon = \mathcal{F}_\omega$ . We see immediately that there is a purity  $\epsilon_0$  such that  $\epsilon_0 \in \mathcal{U}(\omega)$  and  $\epsilon_0$  is the least with this property. The purpose of this paper is to determine a concrete form of  $\epsilon_0$ , provided  $\mathcal{F}_\omega$  is closed under submodules and give some applications of the case, when  $\mathcal{F}_\omega$  is a torsion-free class (in some torsion theory).

In what follows, by  $\Lambda$  we shall mean a ring with a unity and  $\Lambda\text{-mod}$  will be the category of left unitary modules over  $\Lambda$ . Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a class of short exact sequences from  $\Lambda\text{-mod}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{E}_m$  ( $\mathcal{E}_l$ ) the corresponding class of monomorphisms (epimorphisms). The class  $\mathcal{E}$  is called a purity if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) Every split short exact sequence belongs to  $\mathcal{E}$ .
- (2) If  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{E}_m$  and  $\beta \circ \alpha$  is defined then  $\beta \circ \alpha \in \mathcal{E}_m$ .
- (3) If  $\beta \circ \alpha \in \mathcal{E}_m$  and  $\beta$  is a monomorphism then  $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_m$ .
- (4) If  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{E}_l$  and  $\beta \circ \alpha$  is defined then  $\beta \circ \alpha \in \mathcal{E}_l$ .
- (5) If  $\beta \circ \alpha \in \mathcal{E}_l$  and  $\alpha$  is an epimorphism then  $\beta \in \mathcal{E}_l$ .

If  $\mathcal{M}$  is a class of monomorphisms (epimorphisms) then  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M})$  will be such a class of short exact sequences that  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M})_m = \mathcal{M}$  ( $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M})_l = \mathcal{M}$ ). Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a class of modules and let  $i(\mathcal{M})$  ( $p(\mathcal{M})$ ) denote the class of all the monomorphisms (epimorphisms)  $\varphi$  such that every module from  $\mathcal{M}$  is injective (projective) with respect to  $\varphi$ . As it is well known, the classes  $\mathcal{E}(i(\mathcal{M}))$  and  $\mathcal{E}(p(\mathcal{M}))$  are purities (see [1] or [2]). Further, if  $\mathcal{M}$  is a class of homomorphisms, then  $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{M})$  ( $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{M})$ ) will be the class of all the modules  $M$  such that  $M$  is injective (projective) with respect to every morphism from  $\mathcal{M}$ . If  $\pi$  is a purity, then instead of  $\mathcal{I}(\pi_m)$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(\pi_l)$

we shall write  $\mathcal{F}_\pi, \mathcal{P}_\pi$ . A module  $A$  is called  $\pi$ -flat ( $\pi$ -divisible) if every short exact sequence with  $A$  in the third (first) place belongs to  $\pi$ . The corresponding classes will be denoted by  $\mathcal{F}_\pi$  and  $\mathcal{D}_\pi$ .

2. Throughout this paragraph, let  $\mathcal{L}$  denote a non-empty class of modules closed under submodules, isomorphisms and extensions (i.e., if  $A, B \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  is exact then  $C \in \mathcal{L}$ ). Put  $\mathcal{h}(\mathcal{L}) = \{ \varphi / \varphi \mid \varphi \text{ is a monomorphism, } \varphi: A \rightarrow B \text{ and there is a submodule } S \subseteq B \text{ such that}$

$$\varphi(A) \cap S = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad B/(\varphi(A) + S) \in \mathcal{L} \}$$

and  $\pi = \pi(\mathcal{L}) = \varepsilon(\mathcal{h}(\mathcal{L}))$ . Then  $\pi_m = \mathcal{h}(\mathcal{L})$ .

Theorem 2.1. The class  $\pi$  is a purity.

Proof. (i) Let  $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$  be a monomorphism and  $B = \varphi(A) \oplus C$ . Then  $\varphi(A) \cap C = 0$  and  $B/(\varphi(A) + C) \in \mathcal{L}$  ( $B/(\varphi(A) + C) = 0$ ). Thus  $\varphi \in \mathcal{h}(\mathcal{L}) = \pi_m$ .

(ii) Let  $A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C$  be two monomorphisms. Without loss of generality we can assume that  $A \subseteq B \subseteq C$  and  $\varphi, \psi$  are the canonical monomorphisms.

( $\alpha$ ) Let  $\varphi, \psi \in \pi_m$ . Then there are  $S \subseteq B$  and  $T \subseteq C$  such that  $S \cap A = T \cap B = 0$  and  $B/(A + S),$

$C/(B + T) \in \mathcal{L}$ . Put  $X = S + T$ . Then  $A \cap X = A \cap$

$(S + T) = 0$ , as one may check easily. Further

$$B + T / A + X = B \oplus T / (A + S) \oplus T \cong B / A + S \in \mathcal{L} \quad \text{and} \quad C / B + T \in \mathcal{L}.$$

Hence the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow B+T/A+X \rightarrow C/A+X \rightarrow C/B+T \rightarrow 0$$

gives  $C/A+X \in \mathcal{L}$ . Thus  $\psi \circ \varphi \in \pi_m$ .

( $\beta$ ) Let  $\psi \circ \varphi \in \pi_m$ . There is  $T \subseteq C$  such that

$A \cap T = 0$  and  $C/A+T \in \mathcal{L}$ . Set  $S = B \cap T$ . We have

$A \cap S = A \cap B \cap T = 0$  and  $(A+T) \cap B = A+(T \cap B)$ .

Hence  $B/A+S = B/A+(B \cap T) =$

$$= B/(A+T) \cap B \cong B+A+T/A+T \in C/A+T \in \mathcal{L}.$$

Therefore  $B/A+S \in \mathcal{L}$  and consequently  $\varphi \in \pi_m$ .

(iii) Let  $A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C$  be two epimorphisms. Put

$$X = \text{Ker } \varphi, Y = \text{Ker } \psi, Y^{-1} = \{a \mid a \in A, \varphi(a) \in Y\}$$

(clearly  $Y^{-1} = \varphi^{-1}(Y) = \text{Ker}(\psi \circ \varphi)$ ).

( $\alpha$ ) Let  $\varphi, \psi \in \pi_2$ . Hence there are  $S \subseteq A$  and  $T \subseteq B$  such that  $X \cap S = 0 = Y \cap T$  and  $A/X+S, B/Y+T \in \mathcal{L}$ .

Since  $Y \cap T = 0, Y^{-1} \cap T^{-1} = X(T^{-1} = \varphi^{-1}(T))$ . If we

put  $Z = T^{-1} \cap S$ , we get  $Y^{-1} \cap Z = Y^{-1} \cap T^{-1} \cap S =$

$= X \cap S = 0$ . Consider the exact sequence

$$(*) \quad 0 \rightarrow Y^{-1}+T^{-1}/Y^{-1}+Z \rightarrow A/Y^{-1}+Z \rightarrow A/Y^{-1}+T^{-1} \rightarrow 0.$$

However

$$Y^{-1}+T^{-1}/Y^{-1}+Z = Y^{-1}+Z+T^{-1}/Y^{-1}+Z \cong T^{-1}/(Y^{-1}+Z) \cap T^{-1} =$$

$$= T^{-1}/X+Z = T^{-1}/(X+S) \cap T^{-1} \cong T^{-1}/X+S/X+S \subseteq A/X+S \in \mathfrak{L} ,$$

$$A/Y^{-1}+T^{-1} \cong A/X/Y^{-1}+T^{-1}/X \cong B/Y+T \in \mathfrak{L} .$$

Hence from (\*) we can conclude that  $A/Y^{-1}+Z \in \mathfrak{L}$  and therefore  $\psi \circ \varphi \in \pi_{\mathfrak{L}}$ .

(β) Let  $\psi \circ \varphi \in \pi_{\mathfrak{L}}$ . There is  $S \subseteq A$  such that  $S \cap Y^{-1} = 0$  and  $A/S+Y^{-1} \in \mathfrak{L}$ . From this,  $Y \cap \varphi(S) = 0$  and

$$B/Y + \varphi(S) \cong A/X/S+Y^{-1}/X \cong A/S+Y^{-1} \in \mathfrak{L} .$$

Thus  $\psi \in \pi_{\mathfrak{L}}$ .

Theorem 2.2. (i) Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}_{\pi}$ . Then there is a submodule  $S \subseteq F$  such that  $F/S \in \mathfrak{L}$  and  $S$  is subprojective (i.e.  $S$  is isomorphic to a submodule of a projective module).

(ii) Let  $\Lambda$  be left hereditary. Then  $P \in \mathcal{F}_{\pi}$  iff there is a submodule  $S \subseteq P$  such that  $P/S \in \mathfrak{L}$  and  $S$  is projective.

(iii)  $\mathfrak{L} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_{\pi}$ . The equality  $\mathfrak{L} = \mathcal{F}_{\pi}$  holds iff  $\mathfrak{L}$  contains all projective modules from  $\Lambda\text{-mod}$ .

(iv) Let  $D \in \Lambda\text{-mod}$  and  $\hat{D}$  be an injective hull of  $D$ . Then  $D \in \mathcal{D}_{\pi}$  iff  $\hat{D}/D \in \mathfrak{L}$ .

(v) Let  $P \in \Lambda\text{-mod}$ . Then  $P \in \mathcal{P}_{\pi}$  iff  $P$  is projective with respect to every epimorphism  $\psi$  with  $\text{Im } \psi \in \mathfrak{L}$ .

(vi) Put  $\mathcal{L}^+ = \{A \mid \text{Hom}_\Lambda(A, B) = 0 \forall B \in \mathcal{L}\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}^+ \subseteq \mathcal{P}_\pi$ .

(vii) Let  $I \in \Lambda\text{-mod}$ . Then  $I \in \mathcal{I}_\pi$  iff  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda(B, I) = 0$  for all  $B \in \mathcal{L}$ .

Proof. (i) Consider an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} P \xrightarrow{\beta} P \xrightarrow{\beta} P \rightarrow 0$ , where  $P$  is projective. Since  $P \in \mathcal{F}_\pi$ ,  $\alpha \in \pi_m$ . Hence there is  $T \subseteq P$  such that  $A \cap T = 0$  and  $P/A+T \in \mathcal{L}$ . Therefore  $S = \beta(T) \cong T$  and  $F/S \in \mathcal{L}$ .

(ii) By (i) and using the fact that every projective module lies in  $\mathcal{F}_\pi$  and  $\mathcal{F}_\pi$  is closed under extensions.

(iii) If  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \xrightarrow{\beta} C \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence with  $C \in \mathcal{L}$  then  $\alpha(A) \cap 0 = 0$  and  $B/\alpha(A) \in \mathcal{L}$ ; so  $\alpha \in \pi_m$ . On the other hand, if  $\mathcal{L}$  contains all projective modules then  $\mathcal{F}_\pi \subseteq \mathcal{L}$  by (i).

(iv) If  $D \in \mathcal{D}_\pi$  then  $\alpha \in \pi_m$ ;  $\alpha$  being the canonical monomorphism of  $D$  into  $\hat{D}$ . But  $D$  is essential in  $\hat{D}$  and hence  $\hat{D}/D \in \mathcal{L}$ . Conversely, if  $\hat{D}/D \in \mathcal{L}$  then  $\alpha \in \pi_m$  and consequently  $D \in \mathcal{D}_\pi$  (since  $\hat{D} \in \mathcal{D}_\pi$ ).

(v) Let  $P$  satisfy the hypothesis. Let  $\beta \in \pi_\ell$ ,  $\beta: B \rightarrow C$  and  $\gamma \in \text{Hom}_\Lambda(P, C)$  be arbitrary homomorphisms. There is  $S \subseteq B$  such that  $A \cap S = 0$  and  $B/A+S \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $A = \text{Ker } \beta$ . We can write the following commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & B & \xrightarrow{\beta} & C \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \parallel & & \downarrow \sigma \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A \oplus S & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & B & \xrightarrow{\psi} & E \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

By the hypothesis there is  $\mu : P \rightarrow B$  such that  $\psi \circ \mu = \sigma \circ \gamma$ . Hence  $\sigma \circ \beta \circ \mu = \psi \circ \mu = \sigma \circ \gamma$  and  $\text{Im } \tau \subseteq \text{Ker } \sigma$ , where  $\tau = (\beta \circ \mu) - \gamma$ . Further,  $\text{Ker } \sigma = \beta(S)$  and  $\sigma = \beta/S$  is an isomorphism of  $S$  onto  $\text{Ker } \sigma$ . Put  $\rho = \sigma^{-1} \circ \tau$ , then  $\rho : P \rightarrow B$  and  $\beta \circ \rho = \tau$ . Thus  $\gamma = \beta \circ (\mu - \rho)$ ,  $P$  is projective with respect to  $\beta$  and consequently  $P \in \mathcal{P}_\pi$ .

(vi) By (v).

(vii) Let  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda(B, I) = 0 \forall B \in \mathcal{L}$ . Consider an  $\pi$ -exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} C \xrightarrow{\beta} D \rightarrow 0$ . We show that  $I$  is injective with respect to  $\alpha$ . For let  $\tau : A \rightarrow I$  be arbitrary. We get the commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & C & \xrightarrow{\beta} & D \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \alpha_1 & & \parallel & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \alpha(A) \oplus S & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & C & \longrightarrow & E \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \rho & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & I & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & E \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

where  $\alpha_1, \rho, \gamma$  are defined by obvious manner,  $\rho \circ \alpha_1 = \tau$ . Since  $E \in \mathcal{L}$ , the nether row splits and there is  $\lambda : C \rightarrow I$  such that  $\lambda \circ \gamma = \rho$ . Hence  $\tau = \rho \circ \alpha_1 = \lambda \circ \gamma \circ \alpha_1 = \lambda \circ \alpha$ .

Theorem 2.3. Let  $\omega$  be such a purity that  $\mathcal{L} \in \mathcal{F}_\omega$ . Then  $\pi \in \omega$ .



Proof. Let  $\alpha \in \pi_m$ ,  $\alpha : A \rightarrow B$ . There is  $S \subseteq B$  such that  $S \cap \alpha(A) = 0$  and  $B/\alpha(A) + S \in \mathcal{L}$ .

Denote by  $\beta$  the canonical inclusion of  $A$  into  $\alpha(A) \oplus S$  and by  $\gamma$  that of  $\alpha(A) \oplus S$  into  $B$ . Then  $\alpha = \gamma \circ \beta$ . However,  $\gamma, \beta \in \omega_m$  and hence  $\alpha \in \omega_m$ .

Theorem 2.4. Let  $\Lambda$  be a left hereditary ring and  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of  $\Lambda$ -modules. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) There is a purity  $\sigma$  such that  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{F}_\sigma$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under submodules, isomorphisms, extensions and every projective module lies in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Proof. (i) implies (ii). This assertion is a well known fact. (ii) implies (i). By 2.2 (iii), taking  $\mathcal{C}$  for our class  $\mathcal{L}$ .

Theorem 2.5. Let  $\omega$  be a purity and  $\mathcal{F}_\omega$  be closed under submodules. Let  $\pi(\mathcal{F}_\omega)$  denote the purity corresponding to the class  $\mathcal{F}_\omega$  in the sense of 2.1. Then  $\pi(\mathcal{F}_\omega) \in \mathcal{M}(\omega)$  and  $\pi(\mathcal{F}_\omega)$  is the least purity with this property.

Proof. By 2.2 and 2.3.

Corollary 2.6. Let  $\Lambda$  be a left hereditary ring and  $\omega$  be a purity. Then  $\pi(\mathcal{F}_\omega) \in \mathcal{M}(\omega)$  and  $\pi(\mathcal{F}_\omega)$  is the least purity with this property.

Recall that a purity  $\sigma$  is called injectively closed (projectively closed) iff  $\sigma = \varepsilon(i(\mathcal{I}_\sigma))$  ( $\sigma = \varepsilon(\pi(\mathcal{P}_\sigma))$ ).

Example 2.7. Be  $\pi$  a prime. Consider  $\mathcal{M}$  the least

class of Abelian groups closed under subgroups, isomorphisms and extensions, containing all cocyclic  $p$ -primary groups. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the purity corresponding to  $\mathcal{M}$  in the sense of 2.1. Put  $C = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i$ ,  $C_i \cong C(p)$  for all  $i$ . According to 2.2 (ii),  $C_i \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $C \notin \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{C}}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{C}}$  is not closed under direct sums and consequently  $\mathcal{C}$  cannot be injectively closed (see [3]). Further put  $D = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i$ . By 2.2 (iv),  $C_i \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $D \notin \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{C}}$ .

Therefore  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{C}}$  is not closed under direct products and henceforth  $\mathcal{C}$  is not projectively closed.

Example 2.8. Let  $\Lambda$  be not an  $S$ -ring. Hence there is a simple  $\Lambda$ -module  $M$  such that  $\text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(M, \Lambda) = 0$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{M}$  the least class of  $\Lambda$ -modules which is closed under submodules, isomorphisms, extensions and which contains  $M$ . Then the corresponding purity is not injectively closed (for the same reason as in the example 2.6).

Theorem 2.9. For a ring  $\Lambda$  the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) Any purity on  $\Lambda$ -mod is injectively closed.
- (ii)  $\Lambda$  is semi-simple (artinian).

Proof. (i) implies (ii). Take  $\mathcal{N}$ , the least class of modules closed under extensions, isomorphisms, submodules and containing all cyclic modules. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the corresponding purity. If  $I \in \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{C}}$  then  $I$  is injective by 2.2 (vii) and consequently  $\mathcal{C}_m$  contains every monomorphism from  $\Lambda$ -mod (since  $\mathcal{C}$  is injectively closed). Hence every  $\Lambda$ -module is  $\mathcal{C}$ -divisible and so  $\hat{M}/M \in \mathcal{N} \forall M \in \Lambda$ -mod.

However there is a cardinal number  $\alpha$  such that  $\text{card } N \leq \alpha \forall N \in \mathcal{N}$ . Therefore  $\text{card } \hat{M}/M \leq \alpha \forall M \in \Lambda\text{-mod}$  and hence  $\Lambda$  is semi-simple.

(ii) implies (i). Obvious.

Theorem 2.10. Let  $\Lambda$  be a commutative ring. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i) Any purity on  $\Lambda\text{-mod}$  is projectively closed.

(ii) The class  $\mathcal{D}_\sigma$  is closed under direct products for every purity  $\sigma$  on  $\Lambda\text{-mod}$ .

(iii) The class  $\mathcal{D}_\sigma$  is closed under direct sums for every purity  $\sigma$  on  $\Lambda\text{-mod}$ .

(iv)  $\Lambda$  is semi-simple artinian.

Proof. (i) implies (ii). See [2].

(ii) implies (iv). First we show that any simple  $\Lambda$ -module is injective (i.e.  $\Lambda$  is a  $\vee$ -ring). For let  $M \in \Lambda\text{-mod}$  be simple. Suppose that  $M$  is not injective. Then  $\hat{M}/M \neq 0$  and  $\text{card } \hat{M}/M = \alpha \geq 2$ . Put  $\beta = \max(\alpha, \aleph_0)$

and denote by  $\mathcal{M}$  the least class of modules closed under submodules, isomorphisms, extensions and containing  $\hat{M}/M$ .

If  $N \in \mathcal{M}$  then obviously  $\beta \geq \text{card } N$ . Let  $\sigma$  be the corresponding purity and  $S$  be a set with  $\text{card } S > \beta$ .

Since  $M$  is simple, there is a maximal ideal  $I$  in  $\Lambda$  such that  $M \cong \Lambda/I$ . However  $\Lambda$  is commutative and so

$I \cdot M = 0$ . Hence  $I \cdot D = 0$ , where  $D = \prod_{\lambda \in S} M_\lambda, M_\lambda \cong M$   
 $\cong M \forall \lambda \in S$ . Therefore  $D \cong \sum_{t \in T} M_t, M_t \cong M \forall t \in T$ .

Obviously  $\text{card } T \geq \text{card } S$ . Since  $D$  is essential in  $X = \sum_{t \in T} \hat{M}_t$ , we have  $D \subseteq X \subseteq \hat{D}$ . Hence  $\text{card } \hat{D}/D \geq \text{card } X/D \geq \text{card } T \geq \text{card } S > \beta$  and consequently

$\hat{D}/D \notin \mathcal{M}$ . On the other hand,  $M \in \mathcal{D}_\sigma$  and hence  $\mathcal{D}_\sigma$  is not closed under direct products, a contradiction.

Let now  $\mathcal{C} = \{A \mid \text{Hom}_\Lambda(A, N) = 0 \text{ for every simple module } N\}$ . Since the simple modules are injective,  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under submodules and consequently  $\mathcal{C} = \{0\}$  (since no cyclic module lies in  $\mathcal{C}$ ). Hence every non-zero  $\Lambda$ -module has a proper maximal submodule. Assume that  $\Lambda$  is not semi-simple. Then there is a module  $A$  such that  $A \neq \hat{A}$  and  $\hat{A}/A = M$  is simple (non-zero). Consider  $\mathcal{N}$ , the least class of modules closed under isomorphisms, extensions, submodules and containing  $M$ . However, if  $X \in \mathcal{N}$  is non-zero then  $X$  is a finite direct sum of copies of  $M$  (since  $M$  is simple and injective). Let  $\tau$  be the purity corresponding to  $\mathcal{N}$  and  $B$  denote  $\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ ,  $A_i \cong A \forall i$ .

Since  $A \in \mathcal{D}_\tau$  and  $\mathcal{D}_\tau$  is closed under direct products,  $B \in \mathcal{D}_\tau$ . Hence  $\hat{B}/B \in \mathcal{N}$  and so  $\hat{B}/B \cong M_1 \oplus \dots \oplus M_m$ ,  $M_j \cong M$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$  (the case  $\hat{B} = B$  cannot arise, otherwise  $A$  should be injective). On the other hand,  $B \subseteq A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_{m+1} \oplus C$  and hence  $\hat{B} \cong \hat{A} \oplus \dots \oplus \hat{A}_{m+1} \oplus \hat{C}$ .

Therefore there is an epimorphism  $\psi: \hat{B}/B \rightarrow Y$ ,

$Y \cong N_1 \oplus \dots \oplus N_{m+1}$ ; each  $N_j$  is isomorphic to  $M$ . Since  $M$  is simple and  $\Lambda$  commutative, we can consider  $M$

to be a ring and consequently a field. In this case

$\dim_M \hat{B}/B = n$  and  $\dim_M Y = n + 1$ , a contradiction.

(iii) implies (iv). Let  $\Lambda$  not be semi-simple. Hence there is  $A \in \Lambda\text{-mod}$  such that  $\text{card } \hat{A}/A = \alpha \geq 2$ .

Denote by  $\mathcal{M}$  the least class of modules closed under isomorphisms, extensions, submodules and containing  $\hat{A}/A$ .

Then  $A \in \mathcal{D}_\rho$  and  $\sum_{i \in L} A_i \notin \mathcal{D}_\rho$  where  $\rho$  is the purity corresponding to  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $L$  is a set with  $\text{card } L > \max(\alpha, \kappa_\rho)$  and  $A_i \cong A \forall i \in L$ . Thus  $\mathcal{D}_\rho$  is not closed under direct sums, a contradiction.

(iv) implies (iii) and (ii). Obvious.

Theorem 2.11. Let  $\Lambda$  be a left semi-hereditary ring.

Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) The class  $\mathcal{F}_\sigma$  is closed under direct sums for every purity  $\sigma$  on  $\Lambda\text{-mod}$ .
- (ii)  $\Lambda$  is a semi-simple artinian ring.

Proof. By Example 2.8.

3. Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a class of modules closed under quotients, isomorphisms and extensions. Put  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{U}) = \{ \varphi \mid \varphi \text{ is a monomorphism, } \varphi: A \rightarrow B \text{ and there is } S \subseteq B \text{ such that } S + \varphi(A) = B \text{ and } S \cap \varphi(A) \in \mathcal{U} \}$  and  $\varphi = e(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{U}))$ .

Theorem 3.1. (i) The class  $\varphi$  is a purity.

- (ii) Let  $D \in \mathcal{D}_\varphi$ . Then there is a submodule  $A \subseteq D$  such

that  $A \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $D/A$  is a homomorphic image of an injective module.

(iii) Let  $\Lambda$  be left hereditary. Then  $D \in \mathcal{D}_\rho$  iff there is a submodule  $A \subseteq D$  such that  $A \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $D/A$  is injective.

(iv)  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{D}_\rho$ . The equality  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{D}_\rho$  holds iff  $\mathcal{U}$  contains all injective modules from  $\Lambda\text{-mod}$ .

(v) Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}_\rho$ . Then there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow S \rightarrow F \rightarrow 0$  such that  $A \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $S$  is subprojective.

(vi) Let  $\Lambda$  be left hereditary or left perfect. Then  $F \in \mathcal{F}_\rho$  iff there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow P \rightarrow F \rightarrow 0$  with  $P$  projective and  $A \in \mathcal{U}$ .

(vii) Let  $\mathcal{Q} \subseteq \Lambda\text{-mod}$ . Then  $\mathcal{Q} \in \mathcal{I}_\rho$  iff  $\mathcal{Q}$  is injective with respect to every monomorphism  $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$  with  $A \in \mathcal{U}$ .

(viii) Put  $\mathcal{U}^* = \{B \mid \text{Hom}_\Lambda(A, B) = 0 \forall A \in \mathcal{U}\}$ .

Then  $\mathcal{U}^* \in \mathcal{I}_\rho$ .

(ix) Let  $P \in \Lambda\text{-mod}$ . Then  $P \in \mathcal{P}_\rho$  iff  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda(P, A) = 0$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{U}$ .

Proof. Similarly as for 2.1, 2.2.

Theorem 3.2. Let  $\omega$  be such a purity that  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{D}_\omega$ . Then  $\rho \subseteq \omega$ .

Proof. The proof is dual to that of Theorem 2.3.

Theorem 3.3. Let  $\Lambda$  be a left hereditary ring and  $\mathcal{U}$  be

a class of  $\Lambda$ -modules. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

(i) There is a purity  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{C}} = \mathcal{E}$ .

(ii)  $\mathcal{E}$  is closed under quotients, isomorphisms, extensions and every injective module lies in  $\mathcal{E}$ .

Proof. By 3.1 (iv).

If  $\omega$  is a purity then  $\epsilon \in \mathcal{E}(\omega)$  will mean that  $\epsilon$  is a purity and  $\mathcal{D}_{\omega} = \mathcal{D}_{\epsilon}$ .

Theorem 3.4. Let  $\omega$  be a purity and  $\mathcal{D}_{\omega}$  be closed under quotients. Then  $\wp(\mathcal{D}_{\omega}) \in \mathcal{E}(\omega)$  and  $\wp(\mathcal{D}_{\omega})$  is the least purity with this property.

4. Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a class of modules closed under quotients and isomorphisms. In [4] there is introduced a special notion of purity, namely the  $\mathcal{N}$ -purity, in this way: An exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \xrightarrow{\beta} C \rightarrow 0$  belongs to the  $\mathcal{N}$ -purity iff  $\alpha(A)$  is a direct summand in every submodule  $S \subseteq B$  such that  $\alpha(A) \subseteq S \subseteq B$  and  $S/\alpha(A) \in \mathcal{N}$ . It is an easy exercise to show that the  $\mathcal{N}$ -purity is in fact the purity  $\epsilon(\rho(\mathcal{N}))$ .

Proposition 4.1. Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a class of modules. Put  $\tau = \epsilon(\rho(\mathcal{N}))$  and  $\mathcal{N}^* = \{A \mid \text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(N, A) = 0 \forall N \in \mathcal{N}\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{N}^* \subseteq \mathcal{F}_{\tau}$ . Moreover, if  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{N}^*$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  is closed under quotients and isomorphisms, then  $\mathcal{N}^* = \mathcal{F}_{\tau}$ .

Proof. (i) The inclusion  $\mathcal{N}^* \subseteq \mathcal{F}_{\tau}$  is obvious.

(ii) Let  $\mathcal{N}$  satisfy the additional hypotheses. Then every

projective module lies in  $\mathcal{N}^*$  and  $\tau$  is the  $\mathcal{N}$ -purity. For  $F \in \mathcal{F}_\tau$  we have an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow U \xrightarrow{\alpha} P \xrightarrow{\beta} F \rightarrow 0$  with  $\alpha \in \tau_m$  and  $P$  projective. Suppose that  $F \notin \mathcal{N}^*$ . Hence there is  $V \subseteq F$ ,  $V \neq 0$  and  $V \in \mathcal{N}$ . Since  $\alpha \in \tau_m$  and  $\beta^{-1}(V)/\alpha(V) \in \mathcal{N}$ ,  $\beta^{-1}(V) \cong \alpha(U) \oplus V$ , a contradiction.

Theorem 4.2. Let  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{L})$  be a torsion theory and let  $\sigma$  and  $\pi$  denote the  $\mathcal{M}$ -purity and the purity corresponding to  $\mathcal{L}$  in the sense of 2.1 respectively. Then  $\sigma = \pi$ . Moreover, if  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{L}$  then  $\mathcal{F}_\sigma = \mathcal{L}$  and  $\sigma$  is the least purity with this property.

Proof. By Proposition 4.1 and Theorem 2.3 we have  $\pi \subseteq \sigma$ . On the other hand, let  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \xrightarrow{\beta} C \rightarrow 0$  be a  $\sigma$ -exact sequence and  $\kappa$  be the idempotent radical corresponding to the given torsion theory. Then  $\alpha(A) \in T$  and  $T/\alpha(A) \cong \kappa(C) \in \mathcal{M}$ , where  $T = \beta^{-1}(\kappa(C))$ .

Hence  $T = \alpha(A) \oplus S$ . However

$$B/\alpha(A) \oplus S = B/T \cong B/\alpha(A)/T/\alpha(A) \cong C/\kappa(C) \in \mathcal{L}.$$

Thus  $\alpha \in \pi_m$  and consequently  $\sigma \subseteq \pi$ .

For the remaining statements of the theorem - see 4.1 and 2.5.

Theorem 4.3. Let  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{L})$  be a torsion theory and  $\sigma$  denote the  $\mathcal{M}$ -purity. Then

- (i)  $Q \in \mathcal{I}_\sigma$  iff  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda(B, Q) = 0 \forall B \in \mathcal{L}$ .
- (ii)  $P \in \mathcal{P}_\sigma$  iff  $P$  is a direct summand in a direct sum of a projective module and of a module from  $\mathcal{M}$ .



- (iii) Let  $\Lambda$  be left hereditary. Then  $P \in \mathcal{P}_\sigma$  iff  $P$  is a direct sum of a projective module and of a module from  $\mathcal{M}$ .
- (iv)  $D \in \mathcal{D}_\sigma$  iff  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda(M, D) = 0 \forall M \in \mathcal{M}$ .
- (v)  $D \in \mathcal{D}_\sigma$  iff  $\hat{D}/D \in \mathcal{L}$ .
- (vi) Let  $\hat{\Lambda} \in \mathcal{M}$ . Then every module from  $\mathcal{D}_\sigma$  is injective.
- (vii) If  $F \in \mathcal{F}_\sigma$  then  $\kappa(F)$  is subprojective.
- (viii) Let  $\Lambda$  be left hereditary. Then  $F \in \mathcal{F}_\sigma$  iff  $\kappa(F)$  is projective.
- (ix)  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_\sigma$ . The equality  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{F}_\sigma$  holds iff  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{L}$ .

Proof. The statements (i), (ii) and (iii) are proved in [4]. The statement (iv) is a consequence of the fact that  $\sigma$  is projectively closed. The rest by 2.2 and 4.1.

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