

Cyclic Purity and Cocyclic Copurity in Module Categories

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Abstract : We study relative projectivity and injectivity classes of exact sequences with respect to the classes of cyclic and cocyclic modules respectively. A characterization of cyclic pure exact sequences has been given in terms of exactness of a certain sequence of submodules of the modules appearing in the given sequence. The second half dualizes certain results of Warfield¹ and shows that for certain classes S of modules, every module A can be S -copurely embedded in a direct product of members of A , and from this we obtain other results about S -copure injectives and cocyclic copurity.

1. Introduction

Module-purity plays an important role in the study of R -module categories. The aim of the present paper is to study some aspects of purity relative to a fixed cyclic module R/I for a left ideal I . In the first section of this paper we give a proof of the proposition (2.2) which was stated in² without any proof on which our theorem (2.1) depends. In the second section of the paper we dualize certain results of R. B. Warfield¹, which generalizes some results in purity in abelian groups L. Fuchs³. In this paper R refers to a ring with identity, which need not be necessarily commutative. Also by an R -module we always mean a left R -module.

2. Cyclic Purity

Definition 2.1 : An exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \xrightarrow{\beta} C \longrightarrow 0$$

$\begin{array}{c} \nearrow \xi \\ \downarrow f \\ M \end{array}$

is said to be M -pure if given $f: M \rightarrow C$, $\exists \xi: M \rightarrow B$ such that $\beta \circ \xi = f$.

We shall start with the purity relative to fixed cyclic module R/I for a

left ideal I that is the condition that R/I be projective relative to the sequence $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$.

The following proposition is stated in D. P. Choudhury² without any proof. Since theorem (2.4) uses proposition (2.2), we give a proof of the proposition which does not seem to have appeared anywhere.

Proposition 2.2 : For a left ideal I , a submodule K of M is R/I -pure if and only if given $m \in M$ such that $Im \subseteq K$, $\exists m' \in M$ such that $Im' = 0$ and $(m - m') \in K$, where R/I is a fixed cyclic left module.

Proof : Given the lower sequence and $f: R/I \rightarrow M/K$ we construct the following diagram by projectivity of R .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & I & \xrightarrow{\alpha'} & R & \xrightarrow{\beta} & R/I \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & g \downarrow & & f \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & K & \xrightarrow{\alpha'} & M & \xrightarrow{\beta'} & M/K \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

(i)

Let $f(\bar{1}) = m + K$ ($\bar{1} \in R/I$). Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(\bar{1}) &= f(1 + I), \quad I(m + K) = If(\bar{1}) = I(f(1 + I)) = \{rf(1 + I) \mid r \in I\} \\
 &= \{f(1 + I) \mid r \in I\} = \{f(0)\} = \{0\}
 \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$Im \subseteq K \Rightarrow \exists m' \in M \text{ with } Im' = 0 \text{ and } (m - m') \in K.$$

We define $h(\bar{r}) = rm'$

Claim : It is well defined. If

$$\bar{r} = \bar{s} \Rightarrow r - s \in I \Rightarrow (r - s)m' = 0 \Rightarrow rm' = sm' \Rightarrow h(\bar{r}) = h(\bar{s})$$

Now

$$(\beta' \circ h)(\bar{r}) = \beta'(rm') = r\beta'(m') = r(m' + K) = r(m + K) = rf(\bar{1})$$

$$= f(r\bar{1}) = f(\bar{r}) \quad \forall \bar{r} \in R/I$$

therefore the sequence is R/I -pure.

Conversely given that the lower sequence is R/I -pure, given $m \in M$ such that $Im \subseteq K$, we define $f : R/I \rightarrow M/K$ by $f(\bar{r}) = r m + K$. This will be well defined as $Im \subseteq K$. The map $h : R/I \rightarrow M$ exists such that $\beta'oh = f$. Taking $m' = h(\bar{1})$, $m - m' + K = (m + K) - (m' + K) = f(\bar{1}) - \beta'oh(\bar{1}) = 0$ as $\beta'oh = f$ i.e. $(m - m') \in K$. Also $Im' = Ih(\bar{1}) = h(I) = h(0) = 0$.

Definition 2.3 : Let M be a left R -module. For a two sided ideal I we define $M[I] = \{m \in M \text{ s.t. } Im = 0\}$.

The following theorem is analogue of the corresponding results on purity in abelian groups, Theorem 29.1³.

Theorem 2.4 : Suppose K is R/I -pure in M , where R/I is a fixed cyclic left module. Then the following conditions are equivalent :

- (a) $0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{\alpha} M \xrightarrow{\beta} M/K \rightarrow 0$ is an R/I -pure exact sequence.
- (b) $0 \rightarrow K[I] \xrightarrow{\alpha'} M[I] \xrightarrow{\beta'} (M/K)[I] \rightarrow 0$ is exact, where α' and β' are restrictions of α and β respectively.
- (c) $0 \rightarrow K/K[I] \xrightarrow{\alpha^*} M/M[I] \xrightarrow{\beta^*} (M/K)/(M/K)[I] \rightarrow 0$ is exact, where α^* and β^* are maps induced by α and β respectively.

Proof : (a) \Rightarrow (b).

To show (b) is exact, that is to show that $\text{Image}(\alpha') = \text{Ker}(\beta')$, let $m \in \text{Image}(\alpha')$, therefore $m = \alpha'(k)$, for some $k \in K[I]$, $I(\alpha(k)) = \alpha(Ik) = \alpha \cdot 0 = 0$ (since $Ik = 0$) therefore $\alpha(k) \in M[I]$ therefore

$$(1) \quad \text{Image}(\alpha') \subseteq \text{Image}(\alpha) \cap M[I] = \text{Ker}(\beta) \cap M[I] = \text{Ker}(\beta')$$

$$\text{Ker}(\beta') = \{m \in M[I] \mid \beta'(m) = 0\} = \{m \in M \mid \beta(m) = 0 \text{ and } Im = 0\}$$

$$= \text{Ker}(\beta) \cap M[I] = \text{Image}(\alpha) \cap M[I] \text{ (since } \text{Ker}(\beta) = \text{Image}(\alpha)\text{)}$$

Take $\alpha(k) \in M[I] \cap \text{Image}(\alpha)$, therefore, $I\alpha(k) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha(Ik) = 0$ therefore $Ik = 0$ (since α is injective). Therefore $k \in K[I]$ and $\alpha(k) \in \text{Image}(\alpha') \Rightarrow M[I] \cap \text{Image}(\alpha) = \text{Ker}(\beta') \subseteq \text{Image}(\alpha')$ (2). From these equations we get $\text{Ker}(\beta') = \text{Image}(\alpha')$. Now to show that β' is epic, that is to show that for each element $(m + K) \in (M/K)[I]$ (i.e. $I(m + K) = 0$), there exists an element $m' \in M[I]$ such that $\beta'(m') = m' + K = m + K$. Since $I(m + K) = 0 \Rightarrow Im + K = 0 \Rightarrow Im \subseteq K$, therefore from the proposition [2.2], $\exists m' \in M$ such that $Im' = 0$ and $(m - m') \in K$. Therefore $\beta'(m') = m' + K = m + K$ (since $(m - m') \in K$) and $Im' = 0 \Rightarrow m' \in M[I]$ therefore β' is epic.

(b) \Rightarrow (a).

Suppose (b) is exact. Then we have to show that (a) is R/I -pure, that is for given

$m \in M$ with $Im \subseteq K$, $\exists m' \in M$ such that $Im' = 0$ and $(m - m') \in K$. Since $Im \subseteq K \Rightarrow I(m + K) = 0$ therefore $m + K \in (M/K)[I]$, β' is epic, therefore $(m + K) = \beta'(m')$ (for some $m' \in M[I] = (m' + K)$). Therefore $Im' = 0$ and $(m - m') \in K$.

Hence $0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{\alpha} M \xrightarrow{\beta} M/K \rightarrow 0$ is R/I -pure.

(b) \Leftrightarrow (c).

We consider

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & K[I] & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & M[I] & \xrightarrow{\beta} & M/K[I] \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \lambda_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu_1 & & \downarrow \gamma_1 \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & K & \xrightarrow{\alpha'} & M & \xrightarrow{\beta'} & M/K \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \lambda_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu_2 & & \downarrow \gamma_2 \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & K/K[I] & \xrightarrow{\alpha^*} & M/M[I] & \xrightarrow{\beta^*} & \frac{(M/K)}{(M/K)[I]} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

(ii)

The proof follows from 3×3 lemma.

3. Cocyclic Copurity

We have called an exact sequence A -copure for a class A of modules if objects of A are injective with respect to the exact sequence, and we call a module A -copure injective or A -copure projective if it is respectively injective or projective relative to A -copure sequences. The following results dualize certain results of R. B. Warfield¹, and at the same time, they generalize certain results in purity in abelian groups (Lemma 30.3 and Theorem 30.4 in Fuchs³ to module categories.

Definition 3.1 : An R -module M is said to be Cocyclic, if it is a submodule of $E(S)$ for some simple module S . These are nothing but the subdirectly irreducible modules.

Proposition 3.2 : Let S be a class of left R -modules containing the modules $E(S_i)$ (where S_i are a representative class of all simple modules) such that there is a subclass S^* which is a set with the property that for any $M \in S$, there is an $N \in S^*$ with $N \simeq M$, then for any module A , there is an S -copure sequence $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow C \rightarrow C' \rightarrow 0$ such that C is a direct product of copies of modules in S .

Proof : Let Λ be the set of pairs (M, f) with $M \in S^*$ and $f \in \text{Hom}(A, M)$ and for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$ denote the corresponding M and f by M_λ and f_λ . Let $C = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} M_\lambda$ and let $f : A \rightarrow C$ be the product map of the maps f_λ . Since $p_\lambda \circ \phi = f_\lambda$, then ϕ is injective because A can be embedded into a direct product of $E(S_i)$'s.

Theorem 3.3 : *A Module P is S -copure injective if and only if it is a direct summand of direct product of copies of modules in S .*

Proof : Suppose P is an S -copure injective module then we have to show that it is a direct summand of direct product of copies of modules in S . Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & P & \xrightarrow{\phi} & C & \longrightarrow & C/P \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow I_P & & & & \\ & & P & & & & \end{array} \quad (\text{iii})$$

From the proposition [3.2], there is an S -copure exact sequence (iii) with $C = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} M_\lambda$ where $M_\lambda \in S$. If we take $M = P$, then the sequence (iii) splits by copure injectivity of P , therefore P is a direct summand of direct product of copies of modules of S .

Conversely, suppose L is a direct summand of direct product of modules of S , then we have to show that L is an S -copure injective module. Let L be a direct summand of a direct product $N = \prod N_i$ where all N_i are modules of S . Let π_i and ρ_i denote the co-ordinate projections and injections attached to this direct product and let $\pi : N \rightarrow L$ and $\rho : L \rightarrow N$ be homomorphisms satisfying $\pi \circ \rho = I_L$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{If} & 0 & \longrightarrow & M_1 & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & M_2 & \xrightarrow{\beta} M_3 \longrightarrow \\ & & & \downarrow \phi & & & \\ & & & C & & & \end{array} \quad (\text{iv})$$

has S -copure exact row, then every module of S has the injective property relative to this exact sequence $0 \rightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} M_2 \xrightarrow{\beta} M_3 \rightarrow 0$. That is every R -module $C \in S$, the diagram (iv) can be embedded into a commutative diagram for a suitable choice $\psi : M_2 \rightarrow C$. There exists a map $\psi_i : M_2 \rightarrow N_i$ for every i , such that $\pi_i \circ \rho \circ \phi = \psi_i \circ \alpha$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & M_1 & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & M_2 & \xrightarrow{\beta} & M_3 \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \phi & \searrow \psi & \downarrow \psi_i & & \\ & & L & \xrightarrow{\rho} & N & \xrightarrow{\pi_i} & N_i \\ & & \uparrow \pi & \swarrow \rho & \downarrow \psi_i & & \end{array} \quad (\text{v})$$

Let $\psi^* : M_2 \rightarrow N$ be such that $\pi_i o \psi^* = \psi_i$.

Thus $\pi_i o (\rho o \phi) = \psi_i o \alpha = \pi_i o (\psi^* o \alpha)$ for each i . That is $\rho o \phi = \psi^* o \alpha$ by uniqueness. Hence $\phi = \pi o (\rho o \phi) = \pi o (\psi^* o \alpha)$, and take $\psi = \pi o \psi^*$. Then $\psi o \alpha = \pi o (\psi^* o \alpha) = \phi$.

Corollary 3.4 : Let S be the class of all cocyclic modules, then for any module A there is an S -copure sequence $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow N \rightarrow N' \rightarrow 0$ such that N is the direct product of copies of cocyclic modules in S .

Corollary 3.5 : A left R -module is cocyclic copure injective if and only if it is a direct summand of a direct product of cocyclic modules.

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