

## s-pure extensions of locally compact abelian groups

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### Abstract

A subgroup  $H$  of a locally compact abelian (LCA) group  $G$  is called s-pure if  $\overline{H \cap nG} = H$  for every positive integer  $n$ . A proper short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  in the category of LCA groups is said to be s-pure if  $\phi(A)$  is an s-pure subgroup of  $G$ . We establish conditions under which the s-pure exact sequences split and determine those LCA groups which are s-pure injective. We also gives a necessary condition for an LCA group to be s-pure projective in  $\mathcal{L}$ .

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All groups considered in this paper are Hausdorff topological abelian groups and they will be written additively. For a group  $G$  and a positive integer  $n$ , we denote by  $nG$ , the subgroup of  $G$  defined by  $nG = \{nx : x \in G\}$  and  $G[n]$ , the subgroup of  $G$  defined by  $G[n] = \{x \in G; nx = 0\}$ . In a multiplicative group, we will use  $G^n$  instead of  $nG$  and define  $G^n = \{x^n : x \in G\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}$  denote the category of locally compact abelian (LCA) groups with continuous homomorphisms as morphisms. A morphism is called proper if it is open onto its image, and a short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  is said to be an extension of  $A$  by  $C$  if  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are proper morphism. We let  $Ext(C, A)$  denote the group of extensions of  $A$  by  $C$  [6]. Let  $\overline{S}$  denotes the closure of  $S \subseteq G$ . We say that a closed subgroup  $H$  of an LCA group  $G$  is s-pure if  $\overline{H \cap nG} = H$  for every positive integer  $n$ . A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is said to be pure if  $H \cap nG = nH$  for every positive integer  $n$  [3]. A pure subgroup need not be s-pure and vice versa (Example 1.9). In Section 1, we show that an s-pure subgroup is pure if and only if it is densely divisible (Lemma 1.10). An LCA group  $G$  is said to be pure simple if  $G$  contains no nontrivial closed pure subgroup [1]. Armacost [1] has determined the pure simple LCA group  $G$ . Also, Armacost has determined the LCA group  $G$  such that every closed subgroup of  $G$  is pure [1]. We say that an LCA group  $G$  is s-pure simple if  $G$  contains no nonzero s-pure

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subgroup. We say that a LCA group  $G$  is s-pure full if every closed subgroup of  $G$  is s-pure. We show that a LCA group  $G$  is s-pure full if and only if it is divisible (Theorem 1.15). Also, we show that a compact group  $G$  is s-pure simple if and only if it is totally disconnected (Theorem 1.16). A proper short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  is said to be s-pure if  $\phi(A)$  is s-pure in  $B$ . In section 2, we study s-pure exact sequence in  $\mathcal{L}$ . In [4], Fulp studied pure injective and pure projective in  $\mathcal{L}$ . In section 3, we study s-pure injective and s-pure projective in  $\mathcal{L}$ . An LCA group  $G$  is an s-pure injective group in  $\mathcal{L}$  if and only if  $G \cong R^n \oplus (R/Z)^\sigma$  (Theorem 3.2). If  $G$  is an s-pure projective group in  $\mathcal{L}$  then  $G \cong R^n \oplus G'$  where  $G'$  is a discrete torsion-free, non divisible group (Theorem 3.4).

The additive topological group of real numbers is denoted by  $R$ ,  $Q$  is the group of rationals with the discrete topology and  $Z$  is the group of integers. Also,  $Z(n)$  is the cyclic group of order  $n$  and  $Z(p^\infty)$  denotes the quasicyclic group. For any group  $G$ ,  $G_0$  is the identity component of  $G$ ,  $tG$  is the maximal torsion subgroup of  $G$  and  $1_G$  is the identity map  $G \rightarrow G$ . An element  $g \in G$  is called compact if the smallest closed subgroup which it contains is compact [8, Definition 9.9]. We denote by  $bG$ , the subgroup of all compact elements of  $G$ . If  $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a family of groups in  $\mathcal{L}$ , then we denote their direct product by  $\prod_{i \in I} G_i$ . If all the  $G_i$  are equal, we will write  $G^I$  instead of  $\prod_{i \in I} G_i$ . For any group  $G$  and  $H$ ,  $Hom(G, H)$  is the group of all continuous homomorphisms from  $G$  to  $H$ , endowed with the compact-open topology. The dual group of  $G$  is  $\hat{G} = Hom(G, R/Z)$  and  $(\hat{G}, S)$  denotes the annihilator of  $S \subseteq G$  in  $\hat{G}$ . For a group  $G$ , we define  $G^{(1)} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} nG$ .

## 1. s-pure subgroups

Let  $G \in \mathcal{L}$ . In this section, we introduce the concept and study some properties of an s-pure subgroup of  $G$ .

**1.1. Definition.** A closed subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is called s-pure if  $\overline{H \cap nG} = H$  for every positive integer  $n$ .

### 1.2. Note.

- (a) A closed divisible subgroup of a group is s-pure.
- (b) A closed subgroup of a divisible group is s-pure.

**1.3. Remark.** Let  $G \in \mathcal{L}$ . Then  $G$  has two trivial subgroups,  $\{0\}$  and  $G$ . Clearly,  $\{0\}$  is s-pure. But  $G$  need not be an s-pure in itself.

Recall that a group  $G$  is said to be densely divisible if it has a dense divisible subgroup.

**1.4. Lemma.** A group  $G$  is densely divisible if and only if  $\overline{nG} = G$  for every positive integer  $n$ .

*Proof.* See [2, 4.16(a)].

**1.5. Corollary.** Let  $G \in \mathcal{L}$ . Then,  $G$  is s-pure in itself if and only if  $G$  is densely divisible.

*Proof.* It is clear by Lemma 1.4.

**1.6. Lemma.** Let  $G \in \mathcal{L}$ . Then,  $\overline{G^{(1)}}$  is an  $s$ -pure subgroup of  $G$ .

*Proof.* It is clear that  $G^{(1)} \subseteq \overline{G^{(1)}} \cap mG$  for every positive integer  $m$ . So,  $\overline{G^{(1)}} \subseteq \overline{G^{(1)} \cap mG} \subseteq \overline{G^{(1)}}$  for all  $m$ . Hence,  $\overline{G^{(1)}}$  is an  $s$ -pure subgroup.

**1.7. Remark.** Let  $G \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $H$  be an  $s$ -pure subgroup of  $G$ . Then,  $H \subseteq \overline{nG}$  for all positive integers  $n$ . Hence,  $H \subseteq \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{nG} = (G, t\hat{G})$  [8].

Now, we present an example of a LCA group  $G$  and a closed subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  such that  $H \subseteq (G, t\hat{G})$ , but  $H$  is not an  $s$ -pure subgroup.

**1.8. Example.** Let  $S^1$  be the (multiplicative) circle group of unitary complex numbers and  $\sigma$  any infinite cardinal number. Let  $G$  be the subgroup of  $(S^1)^\sigma$  consisting of all  $(x_\iota)$  such that  $x_\iota = \pm 1$  for all but a finite number of  $\iota$ . Let  $K$  be the subgroup of  $G$  consisting of all  $(x_\iota)$  such that  $x_\iota = 1$  for all but a finite number of  $\iota$ . By [8, section 24.44(a)],  $G$  is a locally compact abelian group, and  $\hat{G}$  is torsion-free. Let  $H = \{(x)_\iota, (y)_\iota\}$  where  $x_\iota = 1$  and  $y_\iota = -1$  for  $\iota \neq \iota_1, \dots, \iota_m$  and  $x_\iota = y_\iota = 0$  for  $\iota = \iota_1, \dots, \iota_m$ . Then,  $H$  is a closed subgroup of  $G$ , and  $H \subseteq G = (G, t\hat{G})$ . Now, suppose that  $n$  is even. Then,  $\overline{H \cap G^n} = \overline{H \cap K} = \{(x)_\iota\}$ . Hence,  $H$  is not  $s$ -pure.

Recall that a subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is called pure if  $nH = H \cap nG$  for every positive integer  $n$ [3]. A pure subgroup need not be  $s$ -pure, and an  $s$ -pure subgroup need not be pure.

**1.9. Example.** Since  $R$  is divisible, so the subgroup  $Z$  of  $R$  is  $s$ -pure. But it is not a pure subgroup. Let  $p$  be a prime and  $G = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} Z(p^n)$ , with discrete topology. Then,  $tG$  is a pure subgroup of  $G$ . Since  $(1, 0, 0, \dots) \in tG$  and  $(1, 0, 0, \dots) \notin p(tG)$ , so it is not  $s$ -pure.

**1.10. Lemma.** A pure subgroup is  $s$ -pure if and only if it is densely divisible.

*Proof.* Let  $H$  be a pure subgroup of  $G$ . If  $H$  is an  $s$ -pure subgroup, then  $\overline{nH} = H$  for every positive integer  $n$ . So, by Lemma 1.4,  $H$  is densely divisible. Conversely, let  $H$  be a densely divisible, pure subgroup of  $G$ . Then,  $\overline{H \cap nG} = \overline{nH}$  for every positive integer  $n$ . By Lemma 1.4,  $\overline{nH} = H$  for all  $n$ . So,  $\overline{H \cap nG} = H$  for all  $n$ . Hence,  $H$  is an  $s$ -pure subgroup in  $G$ .

Let  $G$  be a group in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Then  $G$  is called  $s$ -pure simple if  $G$  contains no nonzero  $s$ -pure subgroups. Similarly,  $G$  is called  $s$ -pure full if every closed subgroup of  $G$  is  $s$ -pure.

**1.11. Lemma.** Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two groups in  $\mathcal{L}$ . If  $G_1 \times G_2$  is  $s$ -pure full, then  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are  $s$ -pure full.

*Proof.* Let  $G_1, G_2 \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $H$  be a closed subgroup of  $G_1$ . Then,  $H \times G_2$  is a closed subgroup of  $G_1 \times G_2$ . So,  $\overline{(H \times G_2) \cap (nG_1 \times nG_2)} = H \times G_2$  for any positive integer  $n$ . Hence,  $\overline{(H \cap nG_1) \times (G_2 \cap nG_2)} = H \times G_2$ . Therefore,  $\pi_1(\overline{(H \cap nG_1) \times (nG_2)}) = \pi_1(H \times G_2)$  where  $\pi_1$  is the first projection map of  $G_1 \times G_2$  onto  $G_1$ . Consequently,  $\overline{H \cap nG_1} = H$ . Similarly, it can be show that  $G_2$  is  $s$ -pure full.

**1.12. Remark.** Recall that a discrete group is densely divisible if and only if it is divisible.

**1.13. Remark.** Let  $G$  be a densely divisible group and  $H$  a closed subgroup of  $G$ . Since  $(\hat{G}, H)$  is a subgroup of  $\hat{G}$  and  $\hat{G}$  is torsion-free, so  $G/H$  is densely divisible.

**1.14. Remark.** Let  $G$  be a densely divisible group and  $H$  an open, pure subgroup of  $G$ . An easy calculation shows that  $H$  is divisible.

**1.15. Theorem.** Let  $G \in \mathcal{L}$ . Then,  $G$  is  $s$ -pure full if and only if  $G$  is divisible.

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be an  $s$ -pure full group in  $\mathcal{L}$ . By [8, Theorem 24.30],  $G \cong R^n \oplus G'$ , where  $G'$  is an LCA group which contains a compact open subgroup. By Lemma 1.11,  $G'$  is  $s$ -pure full. So, by Corollary 1.5,  $G'$  is densely divisible. By Remark 1.13,  $G'/bG'$  is densely divisible. On the other hand,  $G'/bG'$  is discrete and torsion-free (see the proof of Theorem 2.7 [9]). Hence, by Remark 1.12,  $G'/bG'$  is divisible. By Remark 1.14,  $bG'$  is divisible. Consequently, the short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow bG' \rightarrow G' \rightarrow G'/bG' \rightarrow 0$  splits. Hence,  $G' \cong bG' \oplus G'/bG'$  and  $G'$  is divisible. Therefore,  $G$  is divisible. The converse is clear by Note 1.2.b.

**1.16. Theorem.** A compact group  $G$  is an  $s$ -pure simple group if and only if it is totally disconnected.

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be a compact group. If  $G$  is an  $s$ -pure simple group, then by Note 1.2(a),  $G_0 = 0$  because  $G_0$  is a closed divisible subgroup of  $G$ . So  $G$  is totally disconnected. Conversely, Let  $G$  be a compact, totally disconnected group and  $H$  an  $s$ -pure subgroup of  $G$ . By Remark 1.7,  $H \subseteq (G, t\hat{G})$ . Since  $\hat{G}$  is a discrete and a torsion group, so  $t\hat{G} = \hat{G}$ . Hence,  $H = 0$ .

## 2. $s$ -pure exact sequence

In this section, we introduce the concept and study some properties of  $s$ -pure extensions in  $\mathcal{L}$ .

**2.1. Definition.** An extension  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  is called  $s$ -pure if  $\phi(A)$  is  $s$ -pure in  $B$ .

**2.2. Remark.** Let  $A$  be a divisible group in  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $E : 0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  an extension in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Then  $\phi(A)$  is a closed divisible subgroup of  $B$ . So, by Note 1.2(a),  $E$  is an  $s$ -pure extension.

**2.3. Lemma.** Let  $A, C$  be groups in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Then the extension  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow A \oplus C \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  is an  $s$ -pure extension if and only if  $A$  is densely divisible.

*Proof.* The extension  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow A \oplus C \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  is pure. Hence, by Lemma 1.10, it is  $s$ -pure if and only if  $A$  is densely divisible.

**2.4. Remark.** Lemma 2.3 shows that the set of all  $s$ -pure extensions of  $A$  by  $C$  need not be a subgroup of  $\text{Ext}(C, A)$ .

The dual of an extension  $E : 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  is defined by  $\hat{E} : 0 \rightarrow \hat{C} \rightarrow \hat{B} \rightarrow \hat{A} \rightarrow 0$ . The following example shows that the dual of an  $s$ -pure extension need not be  $s$ -pure.

**2.5. Example** *There exists a non splitting extension*

$$E : 0 \rightarrow Z(p^\infty) \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

of  $Z(p^\infty)$  with compact group  $C$  which is not torsion-free [2, Example 6.4]. By Note 1.2(a),  $E$  is  $s$ -pure. Since  $\widehat{Z(p^\infty)}$  is torsion-free, so  $\hat{E}$  is pure. By Lemma 1.10,  $\hat{E}$  is  $s$ -pure if and only if  $\hat{C}$  is densely divisible. But  $C$  is compact. So,  $\hat{C}$  is discrete. Hence,  $\hat{E}$  is  $s$ -pure if and only if  $\hat{C}$  is a discrete divisible group. Consequently,  $\hat{E}$  is  $s$ -pure if and only if  $C$  is a compact torsion-free group. Since  $C$  is not torsion-free, it follows that  $\hat{E}$  is not  $s$ -pure.

Recall that two extensions  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi_1} B \xrightarrow{\psi_1} C \rightarrow 0$  and  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi_2} X \xrightarrow{\psi_2} C \rightarrow 0$  is said to be equivalent if there is a topological isomorphism  $\beta : B \rightarrow X$  such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{\phi_1} & B & \xrightarrow{\psi_1} & C & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow 1_A & & \downarrow \beta & & \downarrow 1_C & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{\phi_2} & X & \xrightarrow{\psi_2} & C & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

is commutative.

**2.6. Lemma** *An extension equivalent to an  $s$ -pure extension is  $s$ -pure.*

*Proof.* Suppose that

$$E_1 : 0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi_1} B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0, E_2 : 0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi_2} X \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

be two equivalent extension such that  $E_1$  is  $s$ -pure. Then there is a topological isomorphism  $\beta : B \rightarrow X$  such that  $\beta\phi_1 = \phi_2$ . Since  $E_1$  is  $s$ -pure,  $\phi_1(A) = \overline{\phi_1(A) \cap nB}$ . Then  $\beta\phi_1(A) = \beta(\overline{\phi_1(A) \cap nB})$ . So,  $\phi_2(A) = \overline{\phi_2(A) \cap nX}$ . Hence,  $E_2$  is  $s$ -pure.

**2.7. Corollary.** *If the  $s$ -pure extension  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  splits, Then  $A$  is densely divisible.*

*Proof.* Let  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  be a split,  $s$ -pure extension. Then, it is equivalent to  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow A \oplus C \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ . So,  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow A \oplus C \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  is  $s$ -pure. Hence, by Lemma 2.3,  $A$  is densely divisible.

**2.8. Remark.** *The converse of Corollary 2.7 may not hold. Consider Example 2.5.*

*We will now show that a pullback or pushout of an  $s$ -pure extension need not be  $s$ -pure. For more on a pullback and a pushout of an extension in  $\mathcal{L}$ , see [6].*

**2.9. Example** *Let  $\alpha$  be the map  $\alpha : Z \rightarrow Z : n \mapsto 2n$ . Consider the  $s$ -pure extension  $E : 0 \rightarrow Z_2 \rightarrow R/Z \rightarrow R/Z \rightarrow 0$  which is the dual of  $0 \rightarrow Z \xrightarrow{\alpha} Z \rightarrow Z_2 \rightarrow 0$ . Let  $f : Q \rightarrow R/Z$  be any continuous homomorphism. Since  $Q$  is torsion-free, so the standard pullback of  $E$  is pure, but not  $s$ -pure by Lemma 1.10 because  $Z_2$  is not densely divisible. Now consider the  $s$ -pure extension  $E' : 0 \rightarrow Z \rightarrow Q \rightarrow Q/Z \rightarrow 0$ . Then the map  $\alpha$*

induces a pushout diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 E' : 0 & \longrightarrow & Z & \longrightarrow & Q & \longrightarrow & Q/Z \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow & & \downarrow 1_{Q/Z} \\
 \alpha E' : 0 & \longrightarrow & Z & \xrightarrow{\mu} & (Z \oplus Q)/H & \longrightarrow & Q/Z \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

Where  $H = \{(2n, -n); n \in Z\}$  and  $\mu : n \mapsto (n, 0) + H$ . If  $\alpha E'$  is s-pure, then  $\mu(Z) \subseteq 2((Z \oplus Q)/H)$  which is a contradiction.

### 3. s-pure injectives and s-pure projectives

In this section, we define the concept of s-pure injective and s-pure projective in  $\mathcal{L}$  and express some of their properties .

**3.1. Definition** Let  $G$  be a group in  $\mathcal{L}$ . We call  $G$  an s-pure injective group in  $\mathcal{L}$  if for every s-pure exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

and continuous homomorphism  $f : A \rightarrow G$ , there is a continuous homomorphism  $\bar{f} : B \rightarrow G$  such that  $\bar{f}\phi = f$ . Similarly, we call  $G$  an s-pure projective group in  $\mathcal{L}$  if for every s-pure exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \xrightarrow{\psi} C \rightarrow 0$$

and continuous homomorphism  $f : G \rightarrow C$ , there is a continuous homomorphism  $\bar{f} : G \rightarrow B$  such that  $\psi\bar{f} = f$  .

**3.2. Theorem** Let  $G \in \mathcal{L}$ . The following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $G$  is an s-pure injective in  $\mathcal{L}$ .
- (2)  $G \cong R^n \oplus (\frac{R}{Z})^\sigma$  where  $\sigma$  is a cardinal number.

*Proof.*  $1 \implies 2$ : Let  $G$  be an s-pure injective in  $\mathcal{L}$ . For a group  $X$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ , consider the s-pure extension

$$E : 0 \rightarrow G \xrightarrow{\phi} B \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$$

Then there is a continuous homomorphism  $\bar{\phi} : B \rightarrow G$  such that  $\bar{\phi}\phi = 1_G$ . Consequently,  $E$  splits. In particular, the s-pure extension  $0 \rightarrow G \rightarrow G^* \rightarrow G^*/G \rightarrow 0$  splits where  $G^*$  is the minimal divisible extension of  $G$ . Hence,  $G$  is divisible. So, by Remark 2.2, every extension of  $G$  by  $X$  is an s-pure extension. On the other hand, every s-pure extension of  $G$  by  $X$  splits. Hence,  $Ext(X, G) = 0$ . By [10, Theorem 3.2],  $G \cong R^n \oplus (R/Z)^\sigma$ .

$2 \implies 1$ : It is clear.

Recall that a discrete group  $G$  is called reduced if it has no nontrivial divisible subgroup.

**3.3. Lemma**  $Q$  is not an s-pure projective group.

*Proof.* Consider the s-pure exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow Z \rightarrow R \xrightarrow{\pi} R/Z \rightarrow 0$  where  $\pi$  is the natural mapping. Assume that  $Q$  is an s-pure projective group and  $f \in Hom(Q, R/Z)$ . Then, there is  $\bar{f} \in Hom(Q, R)$  such that  $\pi\bar{f} = f$ . Hence,  $\pi^* : Hom(Q, R) \rightarrow Hom(Q, R/Z)$  is surjective. Now consider the following exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow Hom(Q, Z) \rightarrow Hom(Q, R) \xrightarrow{\pi^*} Hom(Q, R/Z) \rightarrow Ext(Q, Z) \rightarrow Ext(Q, R)$$

Since  $Q$  is divisible and  $Z$  is reduced, so  $\text{Hom}(Q, Z) = 0$ . Hence,  $\pi^*$  is one to one. This shows that  $\pi^*$  is an isomorphism. On the other hand,  $\text{Ext}(Q, R) = 0$ . Consequently,  $\text{Ext}(Q, Z) = 0$  which is a contradiction.

**3.4. Theorem** Let  $G \in \mathcal{L}$ . If  $G$  is an  $s$ -pure projective in  $\mathcal{L}$ , then  $G \cong R^n \oplus G'$  where  $G'$  is a discrete torsion-free, reduced group.

*Proof.* It is known that an LCA group  $G$  can be written as  $G \cong R^n \oplus G'$  where  $G'$  contains a compact open subgroup [8, Theorem 24.30]. An easy calculation shows that if  $G$  is an  $s$ -pure projective group, then  $G'$  is an  $s$ -pure projective in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Let  $f \in \text{Hom}(G', \frac{R}{Z})$ . Then there exists a continuous homomorphism  $\tilde{f} : G' \rightarrow R$  such that the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & G' & & & \\ & & & \swarrow \tilde{f} & \downarrow f & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & Z & \longrightarrow & R & \xrightarrow{\pi} & R/Z \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Consider the following exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(G', Z) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(G', R) \xrightarrow{\pi_*} \text{Hom}(G', R/Z) \rightarrow \text{Ext}(G', Z) \rightarrow 0$$

Since  $\pi_*$  is surjective, so  $\text{Ext}(G', Z) = 0$ . Let  $K$  be a compact open subgroup of  $G'$ . Then the inclusion map  $i : K \rightarrow G'$  induces the surjective homomorphism  $i_* : \text{Ext}(G', Z) \rightarrow \text{Ext}(K, Z)$ . So,  $\text{Ext}(K, Z) = 0$ . Hence,  $\text{Ext}(R/Z, \hat{K}) = 0$ . By [7, Proposition 2.17],  $\hat{K} = 0$ . So,  $K = 0$ . Hence,  $G'$  is discrete. If  $G'$  contains a subgroup of the form  $Z(n)$ , then  $Z(n)$  is a nontrivial compact open subgroup of  $G'$  which is a contradiction. So  $G'$  is torsion-free. Suppose  $G'$  has a nontrivial divisible subgroup. Then  $G'$  has a direct summand  $H \cong Q$ . But then  $H$  is  $s$ -pure projective, contradicting Lemma 3.3. Therefore,  $G'$  is reduced.

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