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# Extending property on *EC*-Fully Submodules

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# Abstract

There are several generalizations of CS-modules in literature. One of the generalization is based on fully invariant submodules. Recall that a module M is called FI-extending if every fully invariant submodule is essential in a direct summand. We call a module EFI-extending if every fully invariant submodule which contains essentially a cyclic submodule is essential in a direct summand. Initially we obtain basic properties in the general module setting. For example, a direct sum of EFI-extending modules is EFI-extending. Again, like the FI-extending property, the EFI-extending property is shown to carry over to matrix rings.

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# **1. INTRODUCTION**

In recent years, the theory of extending modules and rings and their generalizations has come to play an important role in the theory of rings and modules. Recall that a module M is called an *extending* (or *CS*) module if every submodule of Mis essential in a direct summand of M (see [4], [9] or [10]).

One of the extremely useful generalization of *CS* concept is *FI*-extending property (see [1] or [2]). Recall a module M is called *FI*-extending if every fully invariant submodule of M is essential in a direct summand. Following [3] and [5], by an *ec*-fully submodule N of a module M, we mean a fully invariant submodule N which contains essentially a cyclic submodule i.e., there exists an element x in N such that xR is essential in N.

In this paper, we are concerned with the study of modules M that every *ec*-fully submodule is essential in a direct summand of M. We call such a module as *EFI-extending*. Moreover, a ring R is

called right *EFI*-extending ring if  $R_R$  is an *EFI*extending module. Clearly the notion of an *EFI*extending module generalizes that of a *FI*extending module by requiring that only every *ec*fully submodule is essential in a direct summand rather than every fully invariant submodule.

In Section 2, we provide basic properties of *ec*-fully submodules. After defining *EFI*-extending modules, in Section 3 we prove basic results and properties of *EFI*-extending modules. It is shown that any direct sum of *EFI*-extending modules is *EFI*-extending and that the *EFI*-extending property of a ring *R* carries over to the full matrix ring  $M_n(R)$ ,  $n \ge 1$ .

Throughout this paper, all rings are associative with unity and R denotes such a ring. All modules are unital right R-modules.

Recall that a submodule *X* of *M* is called *fully invariant* if for every  $\alpha \in End_R(M)$ ,  $\alpha(X) \subseteq X$ . If *M* is an *R*-module and  $A \subseteq M$ , then we use  $A \leq M$ ,  $A \leq_e M, A \subseteq M, A \subseteq_{ec} M$ , and E(M) to denote that *A* is a submodule, essential submodule, fully

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invariant submodule, ec-fully submodule, and the injective hull of M, respectively.

Moreover  $M_n(R)$  denotes the full ring of *n*-by-*n* matrices over *R*. For other terminology and notation, we refer to [2], [4], [7] and [10].

#### 2. EC-FULLY SUBMODULES

Since *ec*-fully submodules are building bricks to the establishment of *EFI*-extending notion; first, we deal with this kind of submodules. To this end, we begin this section by recording some basic facts about them.

### 2.1. Lemma.

Let *M* be a module.

- (i) If  $X \trianglelefteq_{ec} Y$  and  $Y \trianglelefteq_{ec} M$  then  $X \trianglelefteq_{ec} M$ .
- (ii) If  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in \Lambda} X_i$  and  $S \trianglelefteq_{ec} M$ , then  $S = \bigoplus_{i \in \Lambda} \pi_i(S) = \bigoplus_{i \in \Lambda} (S \cap X_i)$ , where  $\pi_i$  is the *i*<sup>th</sup>-projection homomorphism of M.

*Proof.* The proof is routine.

The class of ec-fully submodules is properly contained in the class of fully invariant submodules. Next example provides a fully invariant submodule which is not ec-fully submodule. For details on this example, we refer to [8] or [10].

### 2.2. Example.

Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the real field and *S* the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{R}[x, y, z]$ . Then the ring  $R = \frac{S}{SS}$ , where  $s = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1$ , is a commutative Noetherian domain. The free *R*-module  $M = R \oplus R \oplus R$  contains an indecomposable submodule  $X_R$  of uniform dimension 2.

Now, let us build up the trivial extension of R with  $X_R$  i.e., let

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} R & X \\ 0 & R \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} r & x \\ 0 & r \end{bmatrix} : r \in R, x \in X \right\}.$$

Then  $N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & X \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leq T_T$  but *N* is not *ec*-fully submodule of  $T_T$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to check that *R* is a commutative Noetherian domain. Let  $\phi: M \to R$  be the homomorphism defined by  $\phi(a + Ss, b + Ss, c + Ss) = ax + by + cz + Ss$  for all  $a, b, c \in S$ . Clearly,  $\phi$  is an epimorphism, and hence, its kernel *X* is a direct summand of *M*, i.e.,  $M = X \bigoplus X'$  for some submodule  $X' \cong R$ . Observe that *R* is uniform i.e., X' has uniform dimension 1 and hence  $X_R$  has uniform dimension 2.

Note that X is the R-module of regular sections of tangent bundle of the 2-sphere  $S^2$ . the Furthermore, a celebrated result in differential geometry yields that  $X_R$  is an indecomposable module. Now the trivial extension of R with  $X_R$ i.e.,  $T = \begin{bmatrix} R & X \\ 0 & R \end{bmatrix}$  is a commutative ring and hence  $N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & X \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is a fully invariant submodule of T. Assume that N contains essentially a cyclic submodule, say  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} T$ , where  $x \in X$ . Thus xRis essential in  $X_R$ . It follows that xR has uniform dimension 2. However, this is impossible, because the mapping  $\alpha: xR \to R$ , defined by  $\alpha(xr) = r$ , where  $r \in R$ , is an *R*-isomorphism. Thus *xR* has uniform dimension 1. Therefore N does not contain essentially a cyclic submodule. Hence N is not *ec*-fully submodule of  $T_T$ .

Notice that the rank of free *R*-module *M* in the previous example can be replaced by any odd integer n > 3 (see [8]). There are more examples in this trend. We refer reader to look at [6] for the construction of this kind of examples. Following easy lemma shows that certain fully invariant submodules are *ec*-fully submodules.

### 2.3. Lemma.

Let M be a module which contains essentially a cyclic submodule. If K is a fully invariant direct summand of M, then K is an *ec*-fully submodule of M.

*Proof.* Suppose Y = xR is an essential submodule of M, where  $x \in M$ . Let  $\pi: M \to K$  be the canonical projection map. Then  $xR \cap K = Y \cap$  $K \le \pi(Y) = \pi(x)R \le K$ . Since xR is essential in M then  $xR \cap K$  is essential in K. It follows that  $\pi(x)R$  is essential in K. Hence K is an *ec*-fully submodule of M. It is natural to think of which modules (even rings) have the property that every *ec*-fully submodule is a direct summand. Next result provides a class of rings which satisfy the aforementioned property. First, recall the following module condition:

 $C_2$ : If  $X \le M$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of M, then X is a direct summand of M (see [4] or [10]).

It is well-known that (von Neumann) regular rings satisfy the  $C_2$  condition (see, for example [7]).

### 2.4. Proposition.

Let R be a (von Neumann) regular ring. Then an *ec*-fully submodule of R-module R is a direct summand.

*Proof.* Let *I* be an *ec*-fully submodule of  $R_R$ . Then there exists  $x \in I$  such that xR is essential in *I*. By assumption, xR is a direct summand of  $R_R$ . Thus  $R_R = xR \bigoplus L$  for some  $L \leq R_R$ . Now  $xR \cap L$  is essential in  $I \cap L$  which yields that  $I \cap L = 0$ . Therefore  $R = xR \bigoplus L = I \bigoplus L$ . It follows that  $I \cong xR$ . Since  $R_R$  has  $C_2$  condition, *I* is a direct summand of  $R_R$  as required.

### **3.** *EFI*-EXTENDING MODULES

In this section, we define and obtain basic properties of *EFI*-extending modules. Let us start by mentioning the definition of this new class of modules.

# 3.1. Definition

A module M is called *EFI-extending* if every *ec*-fully submodule of M is essential in a direct summand of M.

Obviously *FI*-extending modules (and hence extending modules) are *EFI*-extending modules. Moreover, (von Neumann) regular rings enjoy with the *EFI*-extending property. On the other hand, the ring of integers is an *EFI*-extending ring which is not regular. One might expect that whether *EFI*-extending property implies *FI*-extending or not? However, the following examples show that the class of *FI*-extending modules are properly contained in the class of *EFI*-extending modules.

# 3.2. Example

Let *F* be any field and let  $F_i = F$ ,  $i \in \Lambda$ , where  $\Lambda$  is infinite. Define  $R = \bigoplus_{i \in \Lambda} F_i + F1$ , which is an *F*-subalgebra of  $\prod_{i \in \Lambda} F_i$ , where 1 is the identity of  $\prod_{i \in \Lambda} F_i$ . It is known that *R* is a regular (and hence *EFI*-extending ring by Proposition 2.4) ring which is not *FI*-extending (see [2, Ex. 2.3.32]).

## 3.3. Example [7, Ex. 7.54]

Let *F* be a field, and let  $A = F \times F \times \cdots$ . So this ring is commutative. Now, let *R* be the subring of *A* consisting of sequences  $(a_1, a_2, ...) \in A$  that are eventually constant. For any  $(a_1, a_2, ...) \in R$ , define  $x = (x_1, x_2, ...)$  by;  $x_n = a_n^{-1}$  if  $a_n \neq 0$ , and  $x_n = 0$  if  $a_n = 0$ . Then  $x \in R$  and a = axa. Therefore, *R* is (von Neumann) regular. By Proposition 2.4, *R* is *EFI*-extending. Note that *R* is not a Baer ring. Hence *R* is not an *FI*-extending ring by [1, Theorem 4.7(iii)].

It is an open problem to determine if a direct summand of an *FI*-extending (or, also *EFI*-extending) module is always *FI*-extending (*EFI*-extending) (see [1]). The following result is in related with the *EFI*-extending version of the aforementioned problem.

# 3.4. Proposition

Let *M* be a module and  $X \trianglelefteq_{ec} M$ . If *M* is *EFI*-extending, then *X* is *EFI*-extending.

*Proof.* Assume *M* is *EFI*-extending module. Let  $S \trianglelefteq_{ec} X$ . By Lemma 2.1 (i),  $S \trianglelefteq_{ec} M$ . Hence there exists a direct summand *D* of *M* such that  $S \leq_e D$ . Let  $\pi: M \to D$  be the canonical projection endomorphism. Then  $S = \pi(S) \leq \pi(X) \cap D = \pi(X)$ . Hence  $S \leq_e \pi(X)$  and  $\pi(X)$  is a direct summand of *X*.

Next result deals with characterization of EFIextending modules in terms of endomorphisms of injective hulls of the modules and complements of ec-fully submodules. To this end, the proof of the next theorem is based on the proof of the corresponding result for FI-extending modules (see [2, Proposition 2.3.2]).

#### 3.5. Theorem

Let M be a module. Then the following are equivalent:

- (i) *M* is *EFI*-extending
- (ii) For  $X \trianglelefteq_{ec} M$ , there is  $e^2 = e \in End(E(M))$  such that  $X \le_e eE(M)$  and  $eM \le M$ .
- (iii) Each  $X \trianglelefteq_{ec} M$  has a complement which is a direct summand.

*Proof.* (*i*)  $\Rightarrow$  (*ii*). Assume that  $X \trianglelefteq_{ec} M$ . Then there is  $f^2 = f \in End(M)$  such that  $X \leq_e fM$ . Let  $e: E(M) \rightarrow E(fM)$  be the canonical projection. Then we see that  $X \leq_e eE(M)$  and  $eM = fM \leq M$ .

 $(ii) \Rightarrow (iii)$ . Let  $X \trianglelefteq_{ec} M$ . Then there exists  $e^2 = e \in End(E(M))$  such that  $X \le_e eE(M)$  and  $eM \le M$ . Now, let us put  $c = (1 - e)|_M$ . Then  $c^2 = c \in End(M)$ . We show that cM is a complement of X. For this, first note that  $cM \cap X = 0$  as cM = (1 - e)M. Say  $K \le M$  such that  $cM = (1 - e)M \le K$  and  $K \cap X = 0$ . From  $M = (1 - e)M \bigoplus eM, K = (1 - e)M \bigoplus (K \cap eM)$  by the modular law. As  $K \cap X = 0$  and  $X \le_e eE(M)$ ,  $K \cap eE(M) = 0$  and so  $K \cap eM = 0$ . Thus, we get that K = (1 - e)M, then K = cM. Therefore cM is a complement of X.

(*iii*)  $\Rightarrow$  (*i*). Let  $X \trianglelefteq_{ec} M$ . There exists  $g^2 = g \in End(M)$  so that gM is a complement of X. As  $X \trianglelefteq_{ec} M$ ,  $gX \le X \cap gM = 0$ . Hence X = (1 - g)X. To show that M is EFI-extending, we claim that  $X \le_e (1 - g)M$ . For this, assume that  $K \le (1 - g)M$  such that  $X \cap K = 0$ . Then note that  $gM \cap K = 0$ . Take  $gm + k = n \in (gM \bigoplus K) \cap X$  with  $m \in M$ ,  $k \in K$ , and  $n \in X$ . Then (1 - g)gm + (1 - g)k = (1 - g)n, so  $k = n \in X \cap K$  because  $K \le (1 - g)M$  and X = (1 - g)X. Now as  $X \cap K = 0$ , k = n = 0. Thus,  $(gM \bigoplus K) \cap X = 0$ . Since gM is a complement of X,  $gM \bigoplus K = gM$  and so K = 0. Therefore,  $X \le_e (1 - g)M$ . It follows that M is EFI-extending.

It is well-known that a direct sum of *FI*-extending modules is also *FI*-extending module. Now, we intend to have the corresponding result for *EFI*-extending modules.

#### 3.6. Theorem

Let  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in \Lambda} N_i$ . If each  $N_i$  is an *EFI*-extending module, then *M* is an *EFI*-extending module.

*Proof.* Let  $S \trianglelefteq_{ec} M$ . By Lemma 2.1(ii),  $S = \bigoplus_{i \in \Lambda} (S \cap N_i)$ , and  $S \cap N_i \trianglelefteq N_i$  for each  $i \in \Lambda$ . Assume *S* contains essentially the cyclic submodule *xR*, where  $x \in S$ . Let  $\pi: S \to S \cap N_i$  be the projection map. Then  $xR \cap (S \cap N_i) \le \pi(xR) = \pi(x)R \le S \cap N_i$ . Since  $xR \le_e S$  then  $xR \cap (S \cap N_i) \le_e S \cap N_i$ . It follows that  $\pi(x)R \le_e S \cap N_i$ . Hence  $S \cap N_i \trianglelefteq_{ec} N_i$  for each  $i \in \Lambda$ . As  $N_i$  is *EFI*-extending, there is a direct summand  $D_i$  of  $N_i$  with  $S \cap N_i \le_e D_i$  for every  $i \in \Lambda$ . Thus  $S = \bigoplus_{i \in \Lambda} (S \cap N_i) \le_e \bigoplus_{i \in \Lambda} D_i$ . Since  $\bigoplus_{i \in \Lambda} D_i$  is a direct summand of M we have that M is an *EFI*-extending module.

#### 3.7. Corollary

If M is a direct sum of FI-extending (e.g., extending) modules, then M is EFI-extending.

Proof. Immediate by Theorem 3.6.

Applying Theorem 3.6 to Abelian groups (i.e., Z-modules) we obtain the following corollary.

#### **3.8.** Corollary

Let *M* be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module. If *M* satisfies any of the following conditions, then *M* is an *EFI*-extending  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.

- (i) *M* is finitely generated
- (ii) *M* is of bounded order (i.e., nM = 0 for some positive integer *n*)
- (iii) *M* is divisible.

*Proof.* (i) and (ii) M is a direct sum of uniform submodules. Then the result follows from Theorem 3.6.

(iii) *M* is extending and hence *FI*-extending. Thus *M* is *EFI*-extending.

Observe that an easy modification yields that the Corollary 3.8 above remains true when the ring of integers replaced with a Dedekind domain.

One more application of the Theorem 3.6 gives an affirmative answer for the direct summand

problem of *EFI*-extending Abelian groups which as follows.

#### 3.9. Theorem

Let M be a direct sum of uniform  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules. Then any direct summand of M is an *EFI*-extending module.

*Proof.* Let N be a direct summand of M. Then N is also a direct sum of uniform modules by [9, Theorem 4.45] (see, also [10]). Now, Theorem 3.6 gives that N is an *EFI*-extending module.

Our next objective is to carry over *EFI*-extending property to full matrix ring. First of all, we give an example of *EFI*-extending ring which shows that *EFI*-extending property is not left-right symmetric.

### 3.10. Example

Let  $R = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{Z}_2 & \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ 0 & \mathbb{Z} \end{bmatrix}$ . Then the ring *R* is right *EFI*-extending, but it is not left *EFI*-extending.

*Proof.* Note that *R* is right *FI*-extending by [2, Example 2.3.14]. Hence *R* is right *EFI*-extending ring. On the other hand, let  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leq_{ec} {}_{R}R$ . It is easy to check that *I* is not essential in a direct summand of  ${}_{R}R$ . It follows that *R* is not left *EFI*-extending ring.

#### 3.11. Theorem

Let R be a right EFI-extending ring. Then  $M_n(R)$  is a right EFI-extending ring for all positive integer n.

*Proof.* Let  $N \trianglelefteq_{ec} M_n(R)$ . Then it is easy to see that  $N = M_n(I)$  for some  $I \trianglelefteq_{ec} R$ . As R is right *EFI*-extending, there exists  $e^2 = e \in R$  such that  $I_R \trianglelefteq_e eR_R$ . This yields that as a right ideal of  $M_n(R)$ , N is essential in a direct  $(eI)M_n(R)$  of  $M_n(R)$ , where I is the identity matrix of  $M_n(R)$ . Thus  $M_n(R)$  is right *EFI*-extending, as required.

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