

## $M$ -Cofaithful modules and correspondences of closed submodules with coclosed submodules

T. Amouzegar<sup>\*†</sup> and Y. Talebi<sup>‡</sup>

### Abstract

In this paper we introduce and investigate  $M$ -cofaithful modules. A module  $N \in \sigma[M]$  is called  $M$ -cofaithful if for every  $o \neq f \in \text{Hom}_R(N, X)$  with  $X \in \sigma[M]$ ,  $\text{Hom}_R(X, M)f \neq 0$ . We show that if  $N$  is an  $M$ -cofaithful weak supplemented module and  $\text{Hom}_R(N, M)$  a noetherian  $S$ -module, then there exists an order-preserving correspondence between the coclosed  $R$ -submodules of  $N$  and the closed  $S$ -submodules of  $\text{Hom}_R(N, M)$ , where  $S = \text{End}_R(M)$ . Some applications are: (1) the connection between  $M$ 's being a lifting module and  $\text{End}_R(M)$ 's being an extending ring; (2) the equality between the hollow dimension of a quasi-injective coretractable module  $M$  and the uniform dimension of  $\text{End}_R(M)$ .

**Keywords:**  $M$ -Cofaithful modules, Coretractable modules, Closed and coclosed submodules.

*Mathematics Subject Classification (2010):* 16D10, 16S50.

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $R$  will denote an arbitrary associative ring with identity,  $M$  and  $N$  unitary right  $R$ -modules with  $U = \text{Hom}_R(N, M)$  the set of  $R$ -homomorphisms of  $N$  in  $M$  and  $S = \text{End}_R(M)$  the ring of all  $R$ -endomorphisms of  $M$ ;  $U$  is then a left  $S$ -module. By  $\sigma[M]$  we mean the full subcategory of  $\text{Mod-}R$  whose objects are submodules of  $M$ -generated modules.

Following [5], a module  $N \in \sigma[M]$  is said to be  $M$ -faithful if for every  $0 \neq f \in \text{Hom}_R(X, N)$  with  $X \in \sigma[M]$ ,  $f\text{Hom}_R(M, X) \neq 0$ . When  $M$  is itself  $M$ -faithful,  $M$  is called a *self-faithful* module. Self-faithful modules have been studied by some authors (see, for example, [5, 6, 7, 8]). It is of obvious interest to investigate

---

<sup>\*</sup>Department of Mathematics, Quchan University of Advanced Technology, Quchan, Iran, Email: [t.amouzegar@yahoo.com](mailto:t.amouzegar@yahoo.com)

<sup>†</sup>Corresponding Author.

<sup>‡</sup>Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Mathematical Sciences, University of Mazandaran, Babolsar, Iran, Email: [talebi@umz.ac.ir](mailto:talebi@umz.ac.ir)

the dual notion of  $M$ -faithful modules. We call a right  $R$ -module  $N \in \sigma[M]$   $M$ -cofaithful if for every  $0 \neq f \in \text{Hom}_R(N, X)$  with  $X \in \sigma[M]$ ,  $\text{Hom}_R(X, M)f \neq 0$ . When  $M$  is itself  $M$ -cofaithful,  $M$  is called a *self-cofaithful* module. Example of self-cofaithful modules is quasi-injective coretractable modules (Theorem 3.1). In this paper, we investigate  $M$ -cofaithful modules.

It is known that there exists a correspondence between the closed submodules of a suitably restricted module and the closed one-side ideal of its endomorphism ring. Such a correspondence is known to hold for semisimple modules, for free modules (see [2]), and for nonsingular modules  $M$  when  $\text{End}_R(E(M))$  is the maximal right quotient ring of  $\text{End}_R(M)$  (see [13]), hence in particular, for nonsingular retractable modules (see [9]). Some properties of the endomorphism rings of modules, such as being Baer, extending, etc., were then obtained by means of the above lattice isomorphism. Zelmanowitz showed in [12, Theorem 1.2] that when  $N$  is an  $M$ -faithful  $R$ -module, then there exists an order-preserving correspondence between the closed  $R$ -submodules of  $N$  and the closed  $S$ -submodules of  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$ , where  $S = \text{End}_R(M)$ . In this paper, we give conditions under which there exists a correspondence between the coclosed  $R$ -submodules of an  $M$ -cofaithful module  $N$  and the closed  $S$ -submodules of  $\text{Hom}_R(N, M)$ .

In section 2, we characterize  $M$ -cofaithful modules (Proposition 2.1) and study some properties of  $M$ -cofaithful modules. For an  $M$ -cofaithful module  $N$ , we show that  $u.\dim({}_S U) = h.\dim(N_R)$ , where  $U = \text{Hom}_R(N, M)$  (Theorem 2.12). We show that there is a correspondence between the coclosed  $R$ -submodules of an  $M$ -cofaithful weak supplemented module  $N$  and the closed  $S$ -submodules of  $\text{Hom}_R(N, M)$  whenever  $\text{Hom}_R(N, M)$  is a noetherian  $S$ -module. (Theorem 2.13). This result is used in proving that if  $\text{Hom}_R(N, M)$  is a noetherian  $S$ -module, then an  $M$ -cofaithful  $M$ -cogenerated amply supplemented module  $N$  is a lifting right  $R$ -module if and only if  $\text{Hom}_R(N, M)$  is a left extending  $S$ -module, where  $S = \text{End}_R(M)$  (Theorem 2.15). In section 3, we show that  $M$ -coretractability characterizes  $M$ -cofaithfulness for some important families of modules and conclude that if either (i)  $M$  is an amply supplemented quasi-injective coretractable module and  $S$  is noetherian, or (ii)  $M$  is an amply supplemented  $\Sigma$ -self-cogenerator module and  $S$  is noetherian, then:

(a) There exist mutually inverse lattice correspondences between the coclosed submodules of  $M$  and the closed left ideals of  $S = \text{End}_R(M)$ .

(b)  $M$  is a lifting module if and only if  $S$  is a left extending ring.

We will use the notation  $N \leq_e M$  to indicate that  $N$  is essential in  $M$  (i.e.,  $N \cap L \neq 0 \forall 0 \neq L \leq M$ );  $N \ll M$  means that  $N$  is small in  $M$  (i.e.  $\forall L \leq M, L + N \neq M$ ). For  $K \leq N_R$  and  $A \leq {}_S U$  we denote:

$$\text{An}(K) = \{f \in \text{Hom}_R(N, M) \mid f(K) = 0\} (\simeq \text{Hom}_R(N/K, M)),$$

$$\text{Ke}(A) = \bigcap \{Keg \mid g \in A\}.$$

A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called a *closed* submodule of  $M$  if it is not contained as a proper essential submodule of any other submodule of  $M$ . We recall that  $L$  is a *cosmall submodule* of  $K$  in  $M$  (denoted by  $L \overset{cs}{\ll} K$  in  $M$ ) if  $K/L \ll M/L$ . Recall that a submodule  $L$  of  $M$  is called *coclosed* if  $L$  has no proper cosmall submodule (denoted by  $L \overset{cc}{\ll} M$ ). A *coclosure* of a submodule  $L$  of  $M$  (denoted by  $\tilde{L}$ ) is a cosmall submodule of  $L$  in  $M$  which is also a coclosed submodule of  $M$ .

If  $N$  and  $L$  are submodules of the module  $M$ , then  $N$  is called a *supplement* (weak supplement) of  $L$ , if  $N + L = M$  and  $N \cap L \ll N$  ( $N \cap L \ll M$ ).  $M$  is called *supplemented* (weakly supplemented) if each of its submodules has a supplement (weak supplement) in  $M$ .  $M$  is called *amply supplemented*, if for all submodules  $N$  and  $L$  of  $M$  with  $N + L = M$ ,  $N$  contains a supplement of  $L$  in  $M$ .

## 2. $M$ -Cofaithful Modules

A module  $N \in \sigma[M]$  is called  $M$ -cofaithful if for every  $0 \neq f \in \text{Hom}_R(N, X)$  with  $X \in \sigma[M]$ ,  $\text{Hom}_R(X, M)f \neq 0$ .

**2.1. Proposition.** *An  $R$ -module  $N$  is  $M$ -cofaithful if and only if  $\text{Hom}_R(N, \text{Ke}(\text{Hom}_R(X, M))) = 0$  for every  $X \in \sigma[M]$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $h : N \rightarrow \text{Ke}(\text{Hom}_R(X, M))$  be a nonzero homomorphism. Composing with the natural inclusion map  $i : \text{Ke}(\text{Hom}_R(X, M)) \rightarrow X$  we get a nonzero homomorphism  $g : N \rightarrow X$  such that  $\text{Im } g \subseteq \text{Ke}(\text{Hom}_R(X, M))$ . Then for every  $f : X \rightarrow M$ ,  $\text{Im } g \subseteq \text{Ke}(\text{Hom}_R(X, M)) \subseteq \ker f$ . Thus  $fg = 0$  which is a contradiction.

Conversely, let  $\forall X \in \sigma[M]$ ,  $\text{Hom}_R(N, \text{Ke}(\text{Hom}_R(X, M))) = 0$  and  $0 \neq g : N \rightarrow X$  be a nonzero homomorphism. If  $\text{Hom}_R(X, M)g = 0$ , then  $\text{Im } g \subseteq \text{Ke}(\text{Hom}_R(X, M))$ . This gives a nonzero homomorphism  $h : N \rightarrow \text{Ke}(\text{Hom}_R(X, M))$  which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**2.2. Proposition.** *If  $N$  is an  $M$ -cofaithful module, then  $\text{Hom}_R(N, \frac{\text{KeAn}(K)}{K}) = 0$  for every  $K \leq N$ .*

*Proof.* It is a direct consequence of Proposition 2.1, because  $\frac{\text{KeAn}(K)}{K} = \text{Ke}(\text{Hom}_R(\frac{N}{K}, M))$ .  $\square$

**2.3. Proposition.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. If  $M$  is a cogenerator in  $\sigma[M]$ , then every  $N \in \sigma[M]$  is  $M$ -cofaithful.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $M$  is a cogenerator in  $\sigma[M]$ . Then for every  $X \in \sigma[M]$ ,  $X$  is  $M$ -cogenerated. Thus  $\text{Ke}(\text{Hom}_R(X, M)) = 0$ . So  $\text{Hom}_R(N, \text{Ke}(\text{Hom}_R(X, M))) = 0$  for every  $N \in \sigma[M]$ . Hence every  $N \in \sigma[M]$  is  $M$ -cofaithful.  $\square$

**2.4. Proposition.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then every generator in  $\sigma[M]$  is an  $M$ -cofaithful module if and only if every  $R$ -module in  $\sigma[M]$  is an  $M$ -cofaithful module.*

*Proof.* Let every generator in  $\sigma[M]$  is an  $M$ -cofaithful module. Suppose that  $N \in \sigma[M]$  and  $0 \neq f \in \text{Hom}_R(N, X)$  is given with  $X \in \sigma[M]$ . Then there is a generator  $F$  and an epimorphism  $g : F \rightarrow N$ . Since  $F$  is  $M$ -cofaithful, there exists  $h \in \text{Hom}_R(X, M)$  with  $hfg \neq 0$ . Thus  $hf \neq 0$  and this proves that  $N$  is  $M$ -cofaithful. The converse is clear.  $\square$

**2.5. Proposition.** *Let  $\{N_\alpha \mid \alpha \in I\}$  be a family of  $M$ -cofaithful modules. Then  $N = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in I} N_\alpha$  is  $M$ -cofaithful.*

*Proof.* Let  $0 \neq f \in \text{Hom}_R(N, X)$  for  $X \in \sigma[M]$ . Since  $N_\alpha$  is  $M$ -cofaithful for any  $\alpha \in I$ , hence there exists  $h_\alpha : X \rightarrow M$  such that  $h_\alpha f i_\alpha \neq 0$ , where  $i_\alpha : N_\alpha \rightarrow N$  is the natural injection map. Then  $h_\alpha f \neq 0$  and so  $N$  is  $M$ -cofaithful.  $\square$

**2.6. Proposition.** *Let  $N$  be an  $M$ -cofaithful  $R$ -module. Then every supplement submodule of  $N$  is  $M$ -cofaithful.*

*Proof.* Let  $K$  be a supplement submodule of  $N$  and  $0 \neq g \in \text{Hom}_R(K, X)$  for  $X \in \sigma[M]$ . Then there exists  $L \leq N$  such that  $K + L = N$  and  $K \cap L \ll K$ . Put  $X' = g(K \cap L) \ll X$  and let  $g'$  denote the composition  $N \xrightarrow{\pi} (K + L)/K \cong K/(K \cap L) \xrightarrow{g} X/X'$ . Then  $0 \neq g' : N \rightarrow X/X'$ . By assumption, there exists  $0 \neq h \in \text{Hom}_R(X/X', M)$  with  $hg' \neq 0$ . Then  $hg \neq 0$  and so  $\text{Hom}_R(X, M)g \neq 0$  because  $h\pi' \neq 0$ , where  $\pi' : X \rightarrow X/X'$  denotes the natural map.  $\square$

**2.7. Corollary.** *Let  $N$  be an  $M$ -cofaithful  $R$ -module. Then:*

- (i) *Every direct summand of  $N$  is  $M$ -cofaithful.*
- (ii) *Every weak supplement coclosed submodule of  $N$  is  $M$ -cofaithful.*

*Proof.* (i) By Proposition 2.6.

(ii) Since every weak supplement coclosed submodule is a supplement submodule, it follows by Proposition 2.6.  $\square$

**2.8. Lemma.** *Let  $N$  be an  $M$ -cofaithful  $R$ -module. Then for every proper submodule  $K$  of  $N$ ,  $K \xrightarrow{\text{cs}} \text{KeAn}(K)$  in  $N$  and  $\text{KeAn}(K) \not\leq N$ ; in particular,  $\text{Hom}_R(N/K, M) \neq 0$ .*

*Proof.* If  $K \leq N$  and  $\pi : N \rightarrow N/K$  is the natural epimorphism, then  $\text{Hom}_R(N/K, M)\pi \neq 0$  since  $N/K \in \sigma[M]$ . Thus  $\text{KeAn}(K) \not\leq N$ . Let  $K \leq L \leq N$ , then  $\text{KeAn}(K) + L \leq \text{KeAn}(L) \leq N$ . Therefore  $K \xrightarrow{\text{cs}} \text{KeAn}(K)$  in  $N$ .  $\square$

**2.9. Proposition.** *Assume that  $N$  is an  $M$ -cofaithful  $R$ -module. Let  $K \leq N$  and  $L$  be a weak supplement coclosed submodule of  $N$  such that  $L \subseteq \text{KeAn}(K)$ . Then  $L \subseteq K$ . In particular, if  $K$  is a weak supplement coclosed submodule of  $N$ , then  $K$  is the unique coclosure of  $\text{KeAn}(K)$  in  $N$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $K \leq N$  and  $L$  be a weak supplement coclosed submodule of  $N$  such that  $L \subseteq \text{KeAn}(K)$ . Suppose that  $g$  denotes the composition  $L \xrightarrow{\subseteq} \text{KeAn}(K) \xrightarrow{\pi} \frac{\text{KeAn}(K)}{K}$ . Then by Proposition 2.2 and Corollary 2.7,  $g = 0$ , and so  $L \subseteq K$ .  $\square$

**2.10. Proposition.** *Let  $N$  be an  $M$ -cofaithful  $R$ -module. Then the following conditions hold:*

- (1) *For every finitely generated  $S$ -submodule  $A \leq {}_S U$ ,  $A \leq_e \text{Hom}_R(N/\text{Ke}(A), M)$  (equivalently,  $A \leq_e \text{AnKe}(A)$ ).*
- (2) *Let  $L \leq K \leq N$ . If  $\text{An}(K) \leq_e \text{An}(L)$ , then  $L \xrightarrow{\text{cs}} K$  in  $N$ . The converse holds if  $\text{Hom}_R(N, M)$  is a noetherian  $S$ -module.*
- (3) *Let  $A \leq B \leq {}_S U$  and  $\text{Hom}_R(N, M)$  be a noetherian  $S$ -module. Then  $A \leq_e B$  if and only if  $\text{Ke}(B) \xrightarrow{\text{cs}} \text{Ke}(A)$  in  $N$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Let  $0 \neq f \in \text{Hom}_R(N/\text{Ke}(A), M)$ . Set  $A = Sg_1 + Sg_2 + \dots + Sg_k$  with  $g_i \in \text{Hom}_R(N, M)$ . Then  $\text{Ke}(A) = \bigcap_{i \leq k} \text{Ke}g_i$ . Let  $P = \{(f(n + \text{Ke}(A)), (\prod_{i=1}^k g_i)(n + \text{Ke}(A))) \mid n \in N\}$  and let  $\bar{i}_1 : M^{(k)} \rightarrow M \oplus M^{(k)} \rightarrow \frac{M \oplus M^{(k)}}{P}$  and  $\bar{i}_2 : M \rightarrow M \oplus M^{(k)} \rightarrow \frac{M \oplus M^{(k)}}{P}$  be the canonical maps. We have the following

commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 \longrightarrow N/Ke(A) & \xrightarrow{\prod_{i=1}^k g_i} & M^{(k)} \\ & \downarrow f & \downarrow -\bar{i}_1 \\ M & \xrightarrow{\bar{i}_2} & (M \oplus M^{(k)})/P. \end{array}$$

Then  $0 \neq \bar{i}_2 f = -\bar{i}_1(\prod_{i=1}^k g_i) : N/Ke(A) \rightarrow (M \oplus M^{(k)})/P$ . By hypothesis, there exists  $h \in Hom_R(\frac{M \oplus M^{(k)}}{P}, M)$  with  $h\bar{i}_2 f \neq 0$ . We may consider  $h(-\bar{i}_1)$  as  $\sum_{i=1}^k s_i$  for some  $s_i \in S$ . Thus  $0 \neq h\bar{i}_2 f = h(-\bar{i}_1)(\prod_{i=1}^k g_i) = \sum_{i=1}^k s_i g_i \in A$ . Therefore  $A \leq_e Hom_R(N/Ke(A), M)$ .

(2) Let  $An(K) \leq_e An(L)$  for  $L \leq K \leq N$ . Suppose that  $K/L + X/L = N/L$ , where  $L \leq X \leq N$ . If  $X \neq N$ , then by hypothesis, there exists  $0 \neq f \in U$  with  $f(X) = 0$ . Thus  $f(L) = 0$  and so  $0 \neq f \in An(L)$ . As  $An(K) \leq_e An(L)$ , there exists  $g \in S$  such that  $0 \neq gf \in An(K)$ . Hence  $gf(N) = gf(K + X) = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $L \xrightarrow{cs} K$  in  $N$ . Conversely, assume that  $L \xrightarrow{cs} K$  in  $N$  and let  $0 \neq A \leq An(L)$ . Then  $L \leq Ke(A) \leq N$  and so  $K + Ke(A) \leq N$ . Thus  $0 \neq An(K + Ke(A)) = An(K) \cap AnKe(A)$ . But  $A \leq_e AnKe(A)$  from (1), so  $An(K) \cap A \neq 0$ . Therefore  $An(K) \leq_e An(L)$ .

(3) It is clear that  $A$  is essential in  $B$  if and only if  $AnKe(A)$  is essential in  $AnKe(B)$ , by (1) (because  $A$  and  $B$  are finitely generated, so (1) can be applied). By using (2), the claimed property holds.  $\square$

Recall that a module  $M$  is said to have *uniform (or Goldie) dimension*  $n$ , denoted by  $u.dim(M) = n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $\sup\{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid M \text{ contains } k \text{ independent submodules}\} = n$  [4]. A module  $M$  is said to have *hollow dimension*  $n$ , denoting this by  $h.dim(M) = n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $\sup\{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid M \text{ has } k \text{ coindependent submodules}\} = n$  [3].

**2.11. Lemma.** *Let  $N \in \sigma[M]$  be a nonzero  $R$ -module and  $K, L \leq N$ . If  $K + L = N$ , then  $An(K \cap L) = An(K) + An(L)$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from [1, Lemma 4.9].  $\square$

**2.12. Theorem.** *Let  $N$  be an  $M$ -cofaithful module. Then  $u.dim({}_S U) = h.dim(N_R)$ .*

*Proof.* Assume first that  $Sf_1, Sf_2, \dots, Sf_n$  is an independent family of submodules of  ${}_S U$  and  $0 \neq f_i \in {}_S U$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Since  $Sf_i \cap Sf_j = 0$  for any  $i \neq j$ , and  $Sf_i \leq_e AnKe(Sf_i)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $AnKe(Sf_i) \cap AnKe(Sf_j) = 0$ . Thus  $An(Ke(Sf_i) + Ke(Sf_j)) = 0$ . Since  $N$  is  $M$ -cofaithful,  $Ke(Sf_i) + Ke(Sf_j) = N$ . By Lemma 2.11,  $An(Ke(Sf_i) \cap Ke(Sf_j)) = AnKe(Sf_i) + AnKe(Sf_j)$  for each  $i \neq j$ . Let  $i, j, k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  be distinct. Since  $Sf_i \cap (Sf_j + Sf_k) = 0$  and  $Sf_i \cap (Sf_j + Sf_k) \leq_e AnKe(Sf_i) \cap (AnKe(Sf_j) + AnKe(Sf_k))$ , hence  $0 = AnKe(Sf_i) \cap (AnKe(Sf_j) + AnKe(Sf_k)) = AnKe(Sf_i) \cap An(Ke(Sf_j) \cap Ke(Sf_k)) = An(Ke(Sf_i) + (Ke(Sf_j) \cap Ke(Sf_k)))$ . Therefore  $Ke(Sf_i) + (Ke(Sf_j) \cap Ke(Sf_k)) = N$ . It is easy to see by induction that for every  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $Ke(Sf_i) + (\bigcap_{j \neq i} Ke(Sf_j)) = N$ . Hence  $\{Ke(Sf_i), \dots, Ke(Sf_n)\}$  is coindependent. Thus  $u.dim({}_S U) \leq h.dim(N_R)$ . On the other hand, from [1, Proposition 4.10],  $u.dim({}_S U) \geq h.dim(N_R)$  and the proof is completed.  $\square$

**2.13. Theorem.** *Assume that  $N$  is an  $M$ -cofaithful weak supplemented module and  $\text{Hom}_R(N, M)$  is a noetherian  $S$ -module. Then for every  $A \leq^c {}_S U = \text{Hom}_R(N, M)$ ,  $\widetilde{Ke(A)}$  has a unique coclosure  $\widetilde{Ke(A)}$  in  $N$  and the maps  $K \rightarrow \text{An}(K)$  and  $A \rightarrow \widetilde{Ke(A)}$  determine mutually inverse correspondences between the coclosed  $R$ -submodules of  $N$  and the closed  $S$ -submodules of  $U = \text{Hom}_R(N, M)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $K \xrightarrow{cc} N$  and  $\text{An}(K) \leq_e A \leq {}_S U$ . By Zorn's Lemma, we may assume that  $A$  is closed in  ${}_S U$ . From Proposition 2.10,  $Ke(A) \xrightarrow{cs} Ke\text{An}(K)$  in  $N$ . By Proposition 2.9,  $K \xrightarrow{cs} Ke(A)$  in  $N$ . Hence  $A \subseteq \text{An}Ke(A) \subseteq \text{An}(K)$ . Thus  $A = \text{An}(K)$ ; that is,  $\text{An}(K) \leq^c {}_S U$ . Also,  $K = \widetilde{Ke\text{An}(K)}$ .

Assume that  $A \leq^c {}_S U$ . We show that  $Ke(A)$  has a unique coclosure in  $N$ . Let  $K \xrightarrow{cc} N$  and  $K \xrightarrow{cs} Ke(A)$  in  $N$ . By using Proposition 2.10,  $A \leq_e \text{An}Ke(A) \leq_e \text{An}(K)$ , and so  $A = \text{An}(K)$ . Thus  $Ke(A) = Ke\text{An}(K)$ . Therefore  $\widetilde{K}$  is a unique coclosure of  $Ke(A)$  (by Proposition 2.9). So  $A = \text{An}(K) = \text{An}(\widetilde{Ke(A)})$ .  $\square$

**2.14. Corollary.** *Let  $N$  be an  $M$ -cofaithful module and  $\text{Hom}_R(N, M)$  be a noetherian  $S$ -module. Then,  $\widetilde{Ke(A)} = Ke(A)$  for every  $A \leq^c {}_S U$  if and only if every  $K \xrightarrow{cc} N$  is  $M$ -cogenerated.*

*Proof.* Assume that for every  $A \leq^c {}_S U$ ,  $\widetilde{Ke(A)} = Ke(A)$  and let  $K \xrightarrow{cc} N$ . Then  $\text{An}(K) \leq^c {}_S U$ . From Theorem 2.13 and hypothesis,  $K = \widetilde{Ke\text{An}(K)} = Ke\text{An}(K)$ . Thus  $K$  is  $M$ -cogenerated. Conversely, suppose that every  $K \xrightarrow{cc} N$  is  $M$ -cogenerated and  $A \leq^c {}_S U$ . By Theorem 2.13,  $A = \text{An}(\widetilde{Ke(A)})$ . On the other hand, by hypothesis,  $\widetilde{Ke(A)} = Ke\text{An}(\widetilde{Ke(A)})$ . Therefore  $\widetilde{Ke(A)} = Ke(A)$ .  $\square$

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is an *extending* module if for every submodule  $K$  of  $M$  there exists a direct summand  $L$  of  $M$  such that  $K \leq_e L$ , or equivalently, every closed submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand. A left extending ring is a ring which is an extending module over itself. Dually, a module  $M$  is called a *lifting* module if, every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  can be written in the form  $N = K \oplus D$  where  $K$  is a direct summand of  $M$  and  $D \ll M$ . By [10, 4.8],  $M$  is lifting if and only if it is amply supplemented and its coclosed submodules are direct summands.

**2.15. Theorem.** *Let  $N$  be an  $M$ -cofaithful module and  $\text{Hom}_R(N, M)$  be a noetherian  $S$ -module. If  $N_R$  is a lifting module, then  ${}_S U$  is an extending module; and the converse holds when  $N$  is  $M$ -cogenerated and amply supplemented.*

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be a lifting module and let  $A \leq^c {}_S U$ . Then, by Theorem 2.13,  $N = \widetilde{Ke(A)} \oplus D$  for some  $D \leq N$ . Thus  $U = \text{An}(\widetilde{Ke(A)}) \oplus \text{An}(D) = A \oplus \text{An}(D)$ . Conversely, suppose that  $N$  is  $M$ -cogenerated and amply supplemented and let  ${}_S U$  be an extending module and  $K \xrightarrow{cc} N$ . Then, by Theorem 2.13 again,  $U = \text{An}(K) \oplus B$  for some  $B \leq {}_S U$ . Thus  $0 = Ke(U) = Ke\text{An}(K) \cap Ke(B) = K \cap Ke(B)$ . On the other hand,  $N = K + Ke(B)$  since if  $K + Ke(B) \leq N$ , then  $0 \neq \text{An}(K + Ke(B)) = \text{An}(K) \cap \text{An}Ke(B)$ , whence  $\text{An}(K) \cap B \neq 0$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $N = K \oplus Ke(B)$  and so  $N$  is lifting.  $\square$

### 3. Applications to coretractable modules

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $N$  is called  $M$ -coretractable if, for any proper submodule  $K$  of  $N$ , there exists a nonzero homomorphism  $f : N \rightarrow M$  with  $f(K) = 0$ , that is,  $\text{Hom}_R(N/K, M) \neq 0$ . An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called coretractable if  $M$  is itself  $M$ -coretractable [3]. By Lemma 2.8, every  $M$ -cofaithful module  $N$  is  $M$ -coretractable.

**3.1. Theorem.** *Let  $M$  be a quasi-injective  $R$ -module. Then  $N \in \sigma[M]$  is  $M$ -cofaithful if and only if  $N$  is  $M$ -coretractable.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.8, every  $M$ -cofaithful module  $N$  is  $M$ -coretractable. Conversely, suppose that  $N$  is  $M$ -coretractable. It suffices to show that for every  $X \in \sigma[M]$ ,  $\text{Hom}_R(N, \text{Ke}(\text{Hom}_R(X, M))) = 0$ . Assume that there exists a nonzero homomorphism  $f : N \rightarrow \text{Ke}(\text{Hom}_R(X, M))$ . Then  $0 \neq if : N \rightarrow X$ , where  $i : \text{Ke}(\text{Hom}_R(X, M)) \rightarrow X$  is the inclusion map. Since  $if \neq 0$ , there exists  $Z = \text{Im}(if) \neq 0$ . Now,  $\text{Hom}_R(Z, M) \neq 0$  because  $Z$  is a quotient of  $N$  and  $N$  is  $M$ -coretractable. But every homomorphism  $g : Z \rightarrow M$  can be extended to a homomorphism  $h : X \rightarrow M$  because  $M$  is quasi-injective and  $X \in \sigma[M]$  (by [11, 16.3]). Since  $Z \subseteq \text{Ke}(\text{Hom}_R(X, M)) \subseteq X$ ,  $h(Z) = 0$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**3.2. Corollary.** *Let  $S = \text{End}_R(M)$  be a noetherian ring and  $M$  an amply supplemented module with one of the following properties:*

- (i)  $M$  is a quasi-injective coretractable module;
- (ii)  $M$  is a  $\sum$ -self-cogenerator module (that is, any direct sum of copies of  $M$  is a self-cogenerator). Then:
  - (a) There exist mutually inverse lattice correspondences between the coclosed submodules of  $M$  and the closed left ideals of  $S = \text{End}_R(M)$ .
  - (b)  $M$  is a lifting module if and only if  $S$  is a left extending ring.

*Proof.* By combining Theorems 2.13, 2.15, 3.1, and in the special case when  $N = M$  and  $U = S$ .  $\square$

**3.3. Corollary.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. If any of the following conditions is satisfied, then the hollow dimension of  $M$  is equal to  $n$  if and only if the right uniform dimension of  $S$  is  $n$ :*

- (i)  $M$  is a quasi-injective coretractable module.
- (ii)  $M$  is a  $\sum$ -self-cogenerator.

*Proof.* Using Theorems 2.12 and 3.1 in the special case when  $N = M$  and  $U = S$ .  $\square$

#### Acknowledgment

The authors are very thankful to the referee for carefully reading this paper and his or her valuable comments and suggestions.

#### References

- [1] Amini, B. Ershad, M. and Sharif, H. *Coretractable modules*, J. Aust. Math. Soc. **86**, (3), 289-304, 2009.
- [2] Chatter, A. W. and Khuri, S. M. *Endomorphism Rings of Modules over Nonsingular CS Rings*, J. London Math. Soc. **21** (2), 434-444, 1980.

- [3] Clark, J. Lomp, C. Vanaja, N. and Wisbauer, R. *Lifting Modules*, Frontiers in Mathematics, Birkhäuser Verlag, 2006.
- [4] Dung, N. V. Huynh, D. V. Smith, P. F. and Wisbauer, R. *Extending Modules*, Pitman Research Notes in Mathematics Series 313, Longman, Harlow (1994).
- [5] García Hernández J. L. and Gómez Pardo, J. L. *Self-injective and PF endomorphism rings*, Israel J. Math. **58**, 324-350, 1987.
- [6] García, J. L. and Saorin, M. *Endomorphism rings and category equivalences*, J. Algebra **127**, 182-205, 1989.
- [7] Gómez Pardo, J. L. *Endomorphism rings and dual modules*, J. Algebra **130**, 477-493, 1990.
- [8] Kato, T. *U-distinguished modules*, J. Algebra **25**, 15-24, 1973.
- [9] Khuri, S.M. *Nonsingular retractable modules and their endomorphism rings*, Bull. Austral. Math. Soc., **43** (1), 63-71, 1991.
- [10] Mohamed, S. H. and Müller, B. J. *Continuous and Discrete Modules*, London Math. Soc. Lecture Notes Series 147, Cambridge, University Press, 1990.
- [11] R. Wisbauer, *Foundations of Module and Ring Theory*, Gordon and Breach, Reading, 1991.
- [12] Zelmanowitz, J. M. *Correspondences of closed submodules*, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. **124** (10), 2955-2960, 1996.
- [13] Zhou, Z.P. *A lattice isomorphism theorem for nonsingular retractable modules*, Canad. Math. Bull. **37** (1), 140-144, 1999.