

## THE LIFTING CONDITION AND FULLY INVARIANT SUBMODULES

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### Abstract

A module  $M$  is lifting if for every submodule  $A$  of  $M$ , there exists a direct summand  $B$  of  $M$  such that  $B \leq A$  and  $A/B$  small in  $M/B$ . Every non-cosingular lifting module has the summand sum property. We call any module  $M$  *FI-lifting* if for every fully invariant submodule  $A$  of  $M$  there exists a direct summand  $B$  of  $M$  such that  $B \leq A$  and  $A/B$  is small in  $M/B$ . In contrast to lifting modules, any finite direct sum of FI-lifting modules is FI-lifting.

## I. Introduction

Throughout this paper  $R$  denotes an associative ring with unity and all  $R$ -modules are unital right  $R$ -modules.

A submodule  $N$  of a module  $M$  is called *small*, written  $N \ll M$ , if  $M \neq N + L$  for every proper submodule  $L$  of  $M$ . Properties of small submodules are given in [9, Lemma 4.2] and [13, Proposition 19.3]. Let  $M$  be a module.  $M$  is called *lifting module (or (D1))*, if for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $M$  has a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  with  $M_1 \leq N$  and  $M_2 \cap N$  small in  $M_2$ , equivalently if for every submodule  $A$  of  $M$  there exists a direct summand  $B$  of  $M$  such that  $B \leq A$  and  $A/B$  is small in  $M/B$ . Let  $M$  be a module.  $M$  has *summand sum property* if the sum of any two direct summands of  $M$  is a direct summand of  $M$  and denoted by *SSP*.  $M$  has *summand intersection property* if the intersection of any two direct summands of  $M$  is a direct summand of  $M$  and denoted by *SIP* (see [6,7,12]). Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module.  $M$  is called *small*

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, if  $M \ll E(M)$ , where  $E(M)$  is the injective hull of  $M$ . In [10], Talebi and Vanaja defined  $\overline{Z}(M) = \cap \{Ker(g) : g \in Hom(M, N), N \ll E(N)\}$ . They call  $M$  *cosingular* (*non-cosingular*) module if  $\overline{Z}(M) = 0$  ( $\overline{Z}(M) = M$ ). Cosingular and non-cosingular modules are studied in [10] and [11].

In Section 2, we prove that (1) for every fully invariant submodule  $Y$  of  $M$ ,  $M/Y$  is lifting and (2) every non-cosingular lifting module has the summand sum property.

Following [3],  $M$  is called *FI-extending*, every fully invariant submodule of  $M$  is essential in a direct summand of  $M$ . In Section 3, dually, we called the module  $M$  is *FI-lifting* if for every fully invariant submodule  $A$  of  $M$ , there exists a direct summand  $B$  of  $M$  such that  $B \subseteq A$  and  $A/B$  small in  $M/B$ , and shown that

**Proposition** Let  $M$  be a module and  $X$  a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . If  $M$  is FI-lifting then  $M/X$  is FI-lifting.

**Theorem** Let  $M = \oplus_{i=1}^n X_i$ . If each  $X_i$  is FI-lifting, then  $M$  is FI- lifting.

We will refer to [1, 9, 13] for all undefined notions used in the text, and also for basic facts concerning coatomic and singular modules.

## 2. The lifting condition for a factor submodule

In this section we investigate conditions which ensure that a factor submodule of a lifting module will be a lifting module. The following theorem is dual of [2, Theorem 1.1].

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module.*

1. *Assume that  $M$  is a lifting module and  $X$  a submodule of  $M$ . If for every direct summand  $K$  of  $M$ ,  $(X + K)/X$  is a direct summand of  $M/X$  then  $M/X$  is lifting .*
2. *Let  $D$  be a submodule of  $M$  and  $X$  a direct summand of  $M$ . Assume that  $M/X$  is lifting. If  $D/(D \cap X)$  is non-cosingular, then  $D + X$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .*
3. *If  $M$  is non-cosingular and  $M/X$  is lifting with  $X$  a direct summand of  $M$ , then  $(X+D)/X$  is a direct summand of  $M/X$  for all direct summands  $D$  of  $M$ .*

**Proof** (1) Let  $A/X \leq M/X$ . Since  $M$  is lifting, there exists a direct summand  $D$  of  $M$  such that  $D \subseteq A$  and  $A/D$  is small in  $M/D$ . By hypothesis,  $(D+X)/X$

is a direct summand of  $M/X$ . Clearly,  $(D+X)/X \subseteq A/X$ . Now we show that  $A/(D+X)$  is small in  $M/(D+X)$ . Let  $M/(D+X) = A/(D+X) + L/(D+X)$  for any submodule  $L/(D+X)$  of  $M/(D+X)$ . Then  $M = A + L$  implies that  $M/D = A/D + L/D$ . Since  $A/D$  is small in  $M/D$ ,  $M = L$ . Therefore  $A/(D+X)$  is small in  $M/(D+X)$ . Thus  $M/X$  is lifting.

(2) Let  $D, X \leq M$  with  $X$  a direct summand of  $M$ . Consider the submodule  $(D+X)/X \leq M/X$ . Since  $M/X$  is lifting, there exists a direct summand  $C/X$  of  $M/X$  such that  $C/X \subseteq (D+X)/X$  and  $(D+X)/C$  is small in  $M/C$ . Hence  $(D+X)/C$  is cosingular. On the other hand  $(D+X)/X \cong D/(D \cap X)$  and so  $(D+X)/X$  is non-cosingular. Therefore by [10, Proposition 2.4],  $(D+X)/C$  is non-cosingular. Hence  $D+X = C$ .

(3) Let  $M$  be non-cosingular module and  $M/X$  lifting with  $X$  a direct summand of  $M$ . Let  $D$  be a direct summand of  $M$ . Then  $D/(D \cap X)$  is non-cosingular by [10, Proposition. 2.4]. By (2)  $D+X$  is a direct summand of  $M$  and hence  $(D+X)/X$  is a direct summand of  $M/X$ .  $\square$

Let  $M$  be a module. A submodule  $X$  of  $M$  is called *fully invariant* if for every  $h \in \text{End}_R(M)$ ,  $h(X) \subseteq X$ . Some properties of fully invariant submodules are given in Lemma 3.2.

A module  $M$  is called *distributive* if its lattice of submodules is a distributive lattice.

**Corollary 2.2** *Let  $M$  be a lifting module.*

1. *If  $M$  is a distributive module, then  $M/X$  is lifting for every submodule  $X$  of  $M$ .*
2. *Let  $X \leq M$  and  $eX \subseteq X$  for all  $e^2 = e \in \text{End}(M)$ . Then  $M/X$  is lifting. In particular, for every fully invariant submodule  $Y$  of  $M$ ,  $M/Y$  is lifting.*

**Proof** (1) Let  $D$  be a direct summand of  $M$ . Then  $M = D \oplus D'$  for some submodule  $D'$  of  $M$ . Now  $M/X = [(D+X)/X] + [(D'+X)/X]$  and  $X = X + (D \cap D') = (X+D) \cap (X+D')$ . So,  $M/X = [(D+X)/X] \oplus [(D'+X)/X]$ . By Theorem 2.1.(1),  $M/X$  is lifting.

(2) Let  $D$  be a direct summand of  $M$ . Consider the projection map  $e : M \rightarrow D$ . Then  $e^2 = e \in \text{End}(M)$ . By hypothesis,  $eX \subseteq X$  and hence  $eX = X \cap D$ . There exists a direct summand  $D'$  of  $M$  such that  $M = D \oplus D'$ . Therefore  $X = (X \cap D) \oplus (X \cap D')$ . Now  $(D+X)/X = (D \oplus (X \cap D'))/X$  and  $(D'+X)/X = (D' \oplus (X \cap D))/X$ . Hence  $M = D \oplus D' = D+X+D'+X = [D \oplus (X \cap D')] + D'+X$  implies that  $M/X = (D \oplus (X \cap D'))/X + (D'+X)/X$ . Since  $[D \oplus (X \cap D')] \cap (D'+X) = (X \cap D') \oplus (X \cap D)$ ,  $M/X = (D \oplus (X \cap D'))/X \oplus (D'+X)/X$ . Thus by Theorem 2.1.(1),  $M/X$  is lifting.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3** *Let  $R$  be a semiperfect ring.*

1. *If  $R$  has every idempotent central then, for every right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $R/I$  is right lifting.*
2. *For every ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $R/I$  is semiperfect.*

**Proof** They follows from Corollary 2.2.(2) and [1]. □

**Corollary 2.4** *Every non-cosingular lifting module has the summand sum property.*

**Proof** Let  $M$  be a non-cosingular lifting module. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two direct summands of  $M$ . Let  $M = A \oplus A' = B \oplus B'$  for some submodules  $A', B'$ . Note that  $A'$  and  $B'$  are lifting modules. Since  $M/A \cong A'$  and  $M/B \cong B'$ ,  $(A+B)/A$  is a direct summand of  $M/A$  and  $(A+B)/B$  is a direct summand of  $M/B$  by theorem 2.1.(3). Hence  $A+B$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . □

We know that there are modules having the SSP and (D1) but not the SIP.

**Example 2.5.** Let  $F$  be a field and  $R$  the upper triangular matrix ring  $R = \begin{pmatrix} F & F \\ 0 & F \end{pmatrix}$ . For submodules  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & F \\ 0 & F \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} F & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A \oplus (R/B)$  has the SSP by [6] and (D1) by [9]. But has not the SIP.

We consider the following condition:

(D3) If  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are direct summands of  $M$  with  $M = M_1 + M_2$ , then  $M_1 \cap M_2$  is also a direct summand of  $M$ .

**Lemma 2.6** *Assume that  $M$  is (D3). If  $M$  has the SSP then  $M$  has the SIP.*

**Proof** Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be direct summands of  $M$ . Since  $M_1 + M_2$  is direct summand of  $M$  by assumption, we have  $(M_1 + M_2) \oplus X$  for some submodule  $X$  of  $M$ . Again by assumption,  $M_1 + X$  and  $M_2 + X$  are direct summands. Since  $M$  is (D3),  $M = [(M_1 + X) \cap (M_2 + X)] \oplus Y$  for some submodule  $Y$  of  $M$ . Now we have  $M = (M_1 \cap M_2) \oplus X \oplus Y$ . That is  $M_1 \cap M_2$  is direct summand of  $M$ . □

**Corollary 2.7** *Let  $M$  be a non-cosingular module with (D3). Then  $M$  is lifting  $\Rightarrow M$  has SSP  $\Rightarrow M$  has SIP*

**Example 2.8** (1) Let  $M_{\mathbb{Z}} = \mathbb{Z}_{\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ .  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is not lifting. Since  $\mathbb{Z}_{\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{\mathbb{Z}} \ll \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \mathbb{Q}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , we have  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is co-singular. Furthermore,  $M$  has the SIP and so  $M$  has

(D3). Let  $N = \mathbb{Z}(2, 3)$  and  $K = \mathbb{Z}(3, 2)$ . Since  $N \oplus K$  is not direct summand of  $M$ ,  $M$  has not the SSP.

(2) Let  $M_{\mathbb{Z}} = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z}$ , where  $p$  is any prime.  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is a lifting module and, since  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \ll \mathbb{Q}/p\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  is co-singular and so  $M$  is cosingular module. Furthermore  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is not (D3) and  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$  has neither the SIP nor the SSP.

(3) The  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Q}$ , the set of all rational numbers, is non-cosingular module by [10, Remark 2.11]. We know that  $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  has the SIP and so (D3) and has the SSP. But  $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is not a lifting module.

### 3. FI-lifting modules

Let  $M$  be a lifting module. In Corollary 2.2 we proved that, for every fully invariant submodule  $Y$  of  $M$ ,  $M/Y$  is lifting. In this section, we determine a generalization of the lifting modules. Let  $M$  be any module. Following [3],  $M$  is called *FI-extending*, every fully invariant submodule of  $M$  is essential in a direct summand of  $M$ . FI-extending modules are studied [3], [4] and [5]. Dually, we say the module  $M$  is *FI-lifting* if for every fully invariant submodule  $A$  of  $M$ , there exists a direct summand  $B$  of  $M$  such that  $B \subseteq A$  and  $A/B$  small in  $M/B$ .

Clearly,  $M$  is FI-lifting if and only if for every fully invariant submodule  $A$  of  $M$  there is a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  such that  $M_1 \leq A$  and  $M_2 \cap A$  is small in  $M_2$ .

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $M$  be a module.*

(1)  *$M$  is FI-lifting.*

(2) *For every fully invariant submodule  $A$  of  $M$  there is a decomposition  $A = N \oplus S$  with  $N$  a direct summand of  $M$  and  $S$  small in  $M$ .*

**Proof** For the proof, we completely follow the proof of [9, Proposition 4.8].

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $A$  be a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is FI-lifting, there exists a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  such that  $M_1 \leq A$  and  $M_2 \cap A$  small in  $M_2$ . Therefore  $A = M_1 \oplus (A \cap M_2)$ , as required.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Assume that every fully invariant submodule has the stated decomposition. Let  $A$  be a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . By hypothesis, there exists a direct summand  $N$  of  $M$  and a small submodule  $S$  of  $M$  such that  $A = N \oplus S$ . Now  $M = N \oplus N'$  for some submodule  $N'$  of  $M$ . Consider the natural epimorphism  $\pi : M \rightarrow M/N$ . Then  $\pi(S) = (S + N)/N = A/N$  small in  $M/N$ . Therefore  $M$  is FI-lifting.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2** *Let  $M$  be a module.*

1. *Any sum and intersection of fully invariant submodules of  $M$  is again a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ .*

2. If  $X \leq Y \leq M$  such that  $Y$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$  and  $X$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $Y$ , then  $X$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ .
3. If  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} X_i$  and  $S$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ , then  $S = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \pi_i(S) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} (X_i \cap S)$ , where  $\pi$  is the  $i$ -th projection homomorphism of  $M$ .
4. If  $X \leq Y \leq M$  such that  $X$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$  and  $Y/X$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M/X$ , then  $Y$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof** (1), (2), (3) see [3, Lemma 1.1].

(4) Let  $f : M \rightarrow M$  be any homomorphism. Then  $f(X) \subseteq X$ . Now, consider the homomorphism  $g : M/X \rightarrow M/X$  defined by  $g(m+X) = f(m)+X$ , ( $m \in M$ ). Then  $g(Y/X) \subseteq Y/X$ . Clearly,  $g(Y/X) = (f(Y)+X)/X$ . Therefore  $f(Y) \subseteq Y$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.3** *Let  $M$  be a module and  $X$  a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . If  $M$  is FI-lifting then  $M/X$  is FI-lifting.*

**Proof** Let  $Y$  be a submodule of  $M$  with  $X \subseteq Y$  and assume that  $Y/X$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M/X$ . By Lemma 3.2,  $Y$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is FI-lifting, there exists a direct summand  $D$  of  $M$  such that  $D \leq Y$  and  $Y/D$  is small in  $M/D$ . Assume  $M = D \oplus D'$  for some submodule  $D'$  of  $M$ . Let  $\pi$  be the projection with the kernel  $D$  and  $i : D' \rightarrow M$  the inclusion map. Now,  $\alpha = i\pi : M \rightarrow M$  be a homomorphism of  $M$ . Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are fully invariant submodules of  $M$ ,  $\alpha(X) \subseteq X$  and  $\alpha(Y) \subseteq Y$ . It is easy to see that  $Y = \alpha^{-1}(Y)$ . Now,  $\alpha^{-1}(X) \subseteq Y = \alpha^{-1}(Y)$ . Let  $K$  be a submodule of  $M$  with  $\alpha^{-1}(X) \subseteq K$  and  $M/\alpha^{-1}(X) = (Y/\alpha^{-1}(X)) + (K/\alpha^{-1}(X))$ . Then  $M = Y+K$  and since  $Y/D$  is small in  $M/D$ ,  $M = K$ . Therefore  $Y/\alpha^{-1}(X)$  is small in  $M/\alpha^{-1}(X)$ , namely  $(Y/X)/(\alpha^{-1}(X)/X) \ll (M/X)/(\alpha^{-1}(X)/X)$ . Now, we want to show that  $\alpha^{-1}(X)/X$  is a direct summand of  $M/X$ . Since  $M = D \oplus D'$ , then  $M = \alpha^{-1}(X) + D'$ . Therefore  $M/X = (\alpha^{-1}(X)/X) + (D' + X)/X$ . Since  $\alpha^{-1}(X) \cap (D' + X) = X + (\alpha^{-1}(X) \cap D') = X$ ,  $\alpha^{-1}(X)/X$  is a direct summand of  $M/X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4** *Let  $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n X_i$ . If each  $X_i$  is FI-lifting, then  $M$  is FI-lifting.*

**Proof** Let  $S$  be a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . It is easy to see that for every  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $S \cap X_i$  is fully invariant in  $X_i$ . Since  $X_i$  is FI-lifting for every  $i$ , there exists a direct summand  $D_i$  of  $X_i$  such that  $D_i \leq S \cap X_i$  and  $(S \cap X_i)/D_i$  is small in  $X_i/D_i$  for every  $i$ . Clearly,  $D = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n D_i$  is a direct summand of  $M$  and  $D \subseteq \bigoplus_{i=1}^n (S \cap X_i)$ . We know that  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n (S \cap X_i) = S$  by Lemma 3.2. Now consider the homomorphism  $\beta : \bigoplus_{i=1}^n (X_i/D_i) \rightarrow (\bigoplus_{i=1}^n X_i)/D$  with  $(x_1 + D_1, \dots, x_n + D_n) \rightarrow (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i) + D$ , where  $x_i \in X_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Then  $\beta(\oplus_{i=1}^n((S \cap X_i)/D_i)) = (\oplus_{i=1}^n(S \cap X_i))/D$ . Since any finite sum of small submodules again a small submodule,  $\oplus_{i=1}^n((S \cap X_i)/D_i)$  is small in  $\oplus_{i=1}^n(X_i/D_i)$ . Then by [9, Lemma 4.2],  $(\oplus_{i=1}^n(S \cap X_i))/D$  is small in  $M/D$ .  $\square$

We don't know if any direct sum of FI-lifting module is an FI-lifting module.

**Corollary 3.5** *If  $M$  is a finite direct sum of lifting (or hollow ) modules, then  $M$  is FI-lifting.*

**Corollary 3.6** *Let  $R$  be a PID. Then the torsion submodule of any finitely generated  $R$ -module  $M$  is FI-lifting.*

**Proof** Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then the torsion submodule  $Tor(M)$  of  $M$  is a finite direct sum of hollow  $R$ -modules. Therefore  $Tor(M)$  is FI-lifting by Corollary 3.5.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.7** *Let  $M$  be an FI-lifting module. If  $M$  is indecomposable then every proper fully invariant submodule of  $M$  is small in  $M$ .*

**Proof** Clear.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.8** *Let  $R$  be any ring and let  $M$  be an FI-lifting  $R$ -module. Then every fully invariant submodule of the module  $M/Rad(M)$  is a direct summand.*

**Proof** Let  $N/Rad(M)$  be any fully invariant submodule of  $M/Rad(M)$ . Then  $N$  is fully invariant submodule of  $M$  by Lemma 3.2. By hypothesis, there exists a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  such that  $M_1 \leq N$  and  $N \cap M_2$  is small in  $M_2$ . Since  $N \cap M_2$  is also small in  $M$ ,  $N \cap M_2 \leq Rad(M)$ . Thus  $M/Rad(M) = (N/Rad(M)) \oplus ((M_2 + Rad(M))/Rad(M))$ , as required.  $\square$

**Example 3.9** (i) Let  $M_{\mathbb{Z}} = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is FI-lifting by Corollary 3.5. We note that  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is not lifting by [8, Example 1 ] and not non-cosingular module. Furthermore  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$  has the SIP but it is not (D3).

(ii) The  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Q}$ , the set of all rational numbers, is non-cosingular module (see example 2.10).  $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is not FI-lifting module.

**Example 3.10** Take  $R = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $M = \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $A_i = \mathbb{Z}/2^i\mathbb{Z}$ , for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $E = E(A_1)$ . Consider  $N = \oplus_{i=1}^n E_i$ , where  $E_i = E$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By [11, Example 1.14],  $N$  is non-cosingular  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module and FI-lifting by Corollary 3.5.

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