



## s-WH Modules

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### Abstract

This article introduces the concept of strongly-WH module which is a proper generalized of Hopfian modules. A module  $M$  is called strongly-WH, briefly  $s$ -WH if, any  $e$ -small surjective  $R$ -endomorphism of  $M$  is an automorphism. We specify and provide some properties of this concept. Furthermore, we have established connections between strongly-WH modules and various other concepts. We demonstrate that every strongly-WH module is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian. As well as, we provide cases in which the concepts of WH,  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian, and strongly-WH modules are equivalent.

**Keywords:**  $s$ -WH modules; Hopfian modules; weakly Hopfian modules;  $e$ -small submodules.

## المقاسات من النمط $s$ -WH

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### الخلاصة

تقدم هذه المقالة مفهوم المقاس القوي من النمط WH وهو تعميم فعلي للمقاسات الهوبفينية. يقال للمقاس  $M$  على الحلقة  $R$  انه قوي من النمط WH, باختصار  $s$ -WH, اذا كان كل تشاكل ذاتي شامل صغير من النمط  $e$  على  $M$  يكون تشاكل متقابل. نحن حددنا وأثبتنا بعض الخواص لهذه المقاسات. بالإضافة إلى ذلك، نحن أثبتنا العلاقة بين المقاس من النمط  $s$ -WH وبين بعض المفاهيم الأخرى المختلفة. نحن بيننا ان المقاس من النمط  $s$ -WH يكون هوبفيين ضعيف من النمط  $\delta$ . إلى جانب ذلك، نحن بيننا الحالة التي تتكافئ فيها المفاهيم من النمط WH, هوبفيين ضعيف من النمط  $\delta$  و من النمط  $s$ -WH.

## 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, we consider all modules to be unitary left  $R$ -modules, where  $R$  is an associative ring with an identity element. The  $r_R(x)$  denotes the right annihilator of  $x$  in  $R$ . And  $D \leq^{\oplus} M$  denotes that a submodule  $D$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . A non-zero submodule  $E \leq M$  is said to be an essential in  $M$ , and its denoted by  $E \leq M$ , if  $N \cap E \neq 0$  for every non-zero submodule  $N$  of  $M$  [1]. A submodule  $S$  of  $M$  is called small ( $e$ -small), which

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is denoted by  $S \ll M$  (resp.,  $S \ll_e M$ ), if for every submodule (essential submodule)  $N$  of  $M$  with the property  $M = S + N$  implies  $N = M$  [2]. A module  $M$  is called hollow if every proper submodule is small in  $M$  [3].  $Rad_e(M)$  and  $\delta(M)$  are a generalized radical of a module  $M$  defined as,  $Rad_e(M) = \sum\{S \in M | S \ll_e M\}$ , and  $\delta(M) = \sum\{N \leq M | N \ll_\delta M\}$ . Since every  $\delta$ -small submodule is  $e$ -small, then  $\delta(M) \leq Rad_g(M)$  see [2], and [4]. If every non-zero submodules of a module  $M$  are essential then  $M$  is said to be uniform [1]. If every submodule (direct summand) of a module  $M$  are fully invariant then  $M$  is said to be a duo (weak duo) module [5].

The study of homomorphism of modules has been extensively explored by various researchers see [6], [7], and [8]. In reference [9], they introduced the concept of Hopfian modules, which are defined as follows, a module  $M$  is considered to be Hopfian if every surjective  $R$ -endomorphism of  $M$  is an automorphism. Another generalized notion, known as generalized Hopfian (gH) modules, was presented by A. Gorbani and A. Haghany in reference [10]. A module  $M$  is considered as gH if it has a small kernel for every surjective  $R$ -endomorphism.

In 1992, K. Varadarajan defined co-Hopfian modules as follows, a module  $M$  is said to be co-Hopfian when every injective  $R$ -endomorphism of  $M$  is an automorphism [11].

Furthermore, the concept of weakly Hopfian (WH) modules was introduced in reference [12], as a proper generalization of Hopfian modules. A module  $M$  is said to be WH if every small surjective  $R$ -endomorphism of  $M$  is an isomorphism. Additionally, another generalization of Hopfian modules was introduced in reference [13], known as  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian. A module  $M$  is considered  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian if every  $\delta$ -small surjective endomorphism of  $M$  is an isomorphism.

In Section 2, we introduced a new proper generalization for Hopfian called strongly weakly Hopfian for short  $s$ -WH, defined as, a module  $M$  is said to be  $s$ -WH if, every  $e$ -small  $R$ -epimorphism  $g \in End(M)$  is an automorphism. In the same section, we showed some important properties and examples of  $s$ -WH. In the end of Section 2, we investigate the behavior of  $s$ -WH modules Under the concept of localization. In Section 3, we have established significant relationships between  $s$ -WH modules and various other concepts. By exploring this connections, we have deepened our understanding of  $s$ -WH modules and their place within the broader context of module theory. Our research demonstrates that every  $s$ -WH module is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian. We give a cases that make the concepts of WH,  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian and  $s$ -WH modules are identical.

## 2. $s$ -WH modules and some basic properties

**Definition 2.1.** A non-zero  $R$ -module  $M$  is called strongly weakly Hopfian, for short  $s$ -WH if any  $e$ -small epimorphism  $g \in End(M)$  is an automorphism. Moreover, a ring  $R$  is called  $s$ -WH if,  $R$  as an  $R$ -module is an  $s$ -WH module.

### Remarks and Examples 2.2.

(1) Evidently, every Hopfian  $R$ -module is an  $s$ -WH.

(2) Every Noetherian module is  $s$ -WH.

**Proof.** It follows directly by ([14], Lemma 4, p. 42), and (1).  $\square$

(3) Each of  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$  are  $s$ -WH, because the only rings homomorphism of them is the identity map.

(4) From [11], the modules  $\mathbb{Q}$  as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module and  $\mathbb{Q}$  as  $\mathbb{Q}$ -module are Hopfian, so they are  $s$ -WH, by (1).

**Example 2.3.** The  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is  $s$ -WH.

**Proof.** Let  $f \in \text{End}(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  be an  $e$ -small  $\mathbb{Z}$ -epimorphism. It follows that  $f(\bar{x}) = \bar{x}a$  where  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $a < n$ . Evidently,  $\ker f = 0$ , so  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is  $s$ -WH  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.

The module which introduced in the next example is not an  $s$ -WH.

**Example 2.4.** Consider  $M = \mathbb{Z}_p^\infty$  as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.  $M$  is hollow. So, we have an  $e$ -small kernel for every surjective endomorphism of  $M$ . But, we can have a surjective endomorphism of  $M$  which is not an automorphism, from the multiplication by  $p$ . i.e.,  $f(\bar{x}) = p(\bar{x})$ , where  $\bar{x} \in M$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** Every  $R$ -module  $M$  with  $\text{Rad}_e(M) = 0$  is an  $s$ -WH.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $M$  is an  $R$ -module with  $\text{Rad}_e(M) = 0$  and  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  be an  $e$ -small  $R$ -epimorphism. Therefore,  $\ker f \ll_e M$ , and  $\ker f \subseteq \text{Rad}_e(M)$ . So,  $\ker f = 0$ . Thus,  $f$  is an automorphism and  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.  $\square$

**Remarks 2.6.**

(1) As an application of Proposition 2.5, we have the  $\mathbb{Z}$  as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module is  $s$ -WH. In fact,  $\text{Rad}_e(\mathbb{Z}) = 0$ .

(2) In general, the converse of Proposition 2.5, is not true, such as the  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}$  as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module is  $s$ -WH. (See Examples 2.3). While  $\text{Rad}_e(\mathbb{Z}_{24}) = 2\mathbb{Z}_{24}$ , that means  $\text{Rad}_e(\mathbb{Z}_{24}) \neq \bar{0}$ .

**Proposition 2.7.** Let  $M$  be a projective  $R$ -module and  $\delta(M) = 0$ . Then  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.

**Proof.** Assume that  $M$  is a projective  $R$ -module with  $\delta(M) = 0$ . Let  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  be an  $e$ -small  $R$ -epimorphism. Thus  $\ker f \ll_e M$ , and hence  $\ker f \ll_\delta M$  see ([2], p.1053). Therefore,  $\ker f \subseteq \delta(M)$ . Hence,  $\ker f = 0$ . Thus  $f$  is an automorphism and  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.8.** If  $R$  is a ring such that  $\delta(R) = 0$ . Then  $R$  is an  $s$ -WH.

**Proof.** Since  $R = \langle 1 \rangle$  is a free  $R$ -module, so it is projective. We have the result by Proposition 2.7.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.9.** If  $M$  is an indecomposable  $R$ -module with  $\text{Rad}(M) = 0$ . Then  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $M$  is an indecomposable  $R$ -module with  $\text{Rad}(M) = 0$ . Let  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  be an  $e$ -small  $R$ -epimorphism. Therefore,  $\ker f$  is a proper  $e$ -small submodule of  $M$  (since  $M$  is indecomposable), [15], implies  $\ker f \ll M$  and  $\ker f \subseteq \text{Rad}(M)$ , so  $\ker f = 0$ . Thus,  $f$  is an automorphism and  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.10.** If  $M$  is a uniform  $R$ -module such that  $\text{Rad}(M) = 0$ . Then  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.

**Proof.** Assume that  $M$  is a uniform module, thus  $M$  is an indecomposable module by ([16], Examples 3.51(1)). So, Proposition 2.9 implies the result.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.11.** If  $M$  is a weak duo  $R$ -module and  $\text{Rad}(M) = 0$ . Then  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  is an epimorphism and  $\ker f \ll_e M$ . Try to show that  $\ker f \ll M$ . Assume that  $M = \ker f + H$ , for some  $H \leq M$ . Since  $\ker f \ll_e M$ , then  $M = N \oplus H$ , for some semisimple submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , by [2]. Therefore,  $H \leq^\oplus M$ , hence it is fully invariant, since  $M$  is a weak duo. Therefore,  $M = f(M) = f(\ker f + H) = f(H) \subseteq M$ . Thus

$f(H) = M$ . Hence,  $M = f(H) \subseteq H$  that implies  $M = H$  and  $\ker f \ll M$ . Thus,  $\ker f \subseteq \text{Rad}(M)$ , it follows  $\ker f = 0$ . Thus,  $f$  is an automorphism and  $M$  is an s-WH.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.12.** Let  $M$  be a duo  $R$ -module with  $\text{Rad}(M) = 0$ . Then  $M$  is an s-WH.

**Proof.** Since any duo  $R$ -module is weak duo  $R$ -module then, Proposition 2.11 implies the result.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.13.** A direct summand of a s-WH module is an s-WH.

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a s-WH module and  $N \leq^\oplus M$ . So,  $M = N \oplus L$  for some  $L \leq M$ . Assume that  $f \in \text{End}(N)$  is an  $e$ -small epimorphism. Consider  $I_L: L \rightarrow L$  is an identity map over  $L$ . Thus  $f \oplus I_L: M \rightarrow M$  with  $f \oplus I_L(n + l) = f(n) + l$  for all  $n \in N$  and  $l \in L$  is a surjective, since  $f \oplus I_L(M) = f \oplus I_L(N \oplus L) = f(N) \oplus I_L(L) = N \oplus L = M$ . Then by [2], we have that  $\ker(f \oplus I_L) = \ker f \oplus \ker(I_L) = \ker f \oplus 0 \ll_e N \oplus L = M$ , i.e.,  $f \oplus I_L$  is an  $e$ -small epimorphism. Since  $M$  is an s-WH, so  $f \oplus I_L$  is an automorphism of  $M$ . That is  $\ker(f \oplus I_L) = 0$  implies  $\ker f = 0$ . Thus,  $N$  is an s-WH, since  $f$  is an automorphism of  $N$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.14.** Let  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  such that  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are fully invariant under every surjection of  $M$ . Then  $M$  is an s-WH if and only if  $M_i$  is an s-WH, for all  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Proof.**  $\implies$ ) Follows directly by Proposition 2.13.

$\impliedby$ ) Let  $f: M \rightarrow M$  be an  $e$ -small  $R$ -epimorphism, then  $f|_{M_i}: M_i \rightarrow M_i$  is an  $R$ -epimorphism for all  $i = 1, 2$ , and by assumption  $M_1, M_2$  are fully invariant submodules. Since  $\ker f = \ker(f|_{M_1} \oplus f|_{M_2}) = (\ker f|_{M_1}) \oplus (\ker f|_{M_2}) \ll_e M_1 \oplus M_2 = M$ , then  $\ker f|_{M_1} \ll_e M_1$  and  $\ker f|_{M_2} \ll_e M_2$  by [2]. That means  $f|_{M_1}$  and  $f|_{M_2}$  are an  $e$ -small  $R$ -epimorphisms. By assumption  $f|_{M_1}$  and  $f|_{M_2}$  are automorphisms. Therefore,  $\ker f = \ker(f|_{M_1} \oplus f|_{M_2}) = 0 \oplus 0 = 0$ . Thus,  $f$  is an automorphism. Hence,  $M$  is an s-WH.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.15.** Let  $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i$  such that  $M_i$  is fully invariant under every surjection of  $M$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then  $M$  is an s-WH if and only if  $M_i$  is a s-WH, for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Corollary 2.16.** If  $M$  is a weak duo module and all its direct summands are under any surjection of  $M$ . Then  $M$  is an s-WH if and only if any direct summand of  $M$  is an s-WH.

**Proof.** By Proposition 2.14, since any direct summand of  $M$  is fully invariant, as  $M$  is a weak duo module.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.17.** Let  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  be an  $R$ -module such that  $r_R(M_1) \oplus r_R(M_2) = R$ . Then  $M$  is an s-WH if and only if  $M_i$  is an s-WH, for all  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Proof.** If part follows directly by Proposition 2.13.

The only if part. Assume that  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  is a surjective and  $\ker f \ll_e M$ . Since  $r_R(M_1) \oplus r_R(M_2) = R$  and  $\text{Im} f \leq M_1 \oplus M_2$ , then by [17], there exists  $X \leq M_1$  and  $Y \leq M_2$  such that  $\text{Im} f = X \oplus Y$ . Thus,  $f(M) = f(M_1 \oplus M_2) = f(M_1) \oplus f(M_2) = X \oplus Y = \text{Im} f|_{M_1} \oplus \text{Im} f|_{M_2}$ , so  $\text{Im} f|_{M_1} \leq M_1$  and  $\text{Im} f|_{M_2} \leq M_2$ . Thus  $f|_{M_i}$  is a surjective for all  $i = 1, 2$ . And we have that  $\ker f = (\ker f|_{M_1}) \oplus (\ker f|_{M_2}) \ll_e M_1 \oplus M_2 = M$ , therefore  $\ker f|_{M_1} \ll_e M_1$  and  $\ker f|_{M_2} \ll_e M_2$  by [2]. That means  $f|_{M_1}$  and  $f|_{M_2}$  are an  $e$ -small  $R$ -epimorphisms. By assumption  $f|_{M_1}$  and  $f|_{M_2}$  are automorphisms that implies  $\ker f|_{M_1} = \ker f|_{M_2} = 0$ . If  $f(m_1 + m_2) = 0$ , then  $f(m_1) + f(m_2) = 0$ , so  $m_1 = m_2 = 0$ , i.e.,  $\ker f = 0$ . Thus,  $M$  is an s-WH.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.18.** The following are equivalent for  $M$  as  $R$ -module.

(1)  $M$  is  $s$ -WH;

(2) For all  $e$ -small submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $M/N \cong M$  if and only if  $N = 0$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\implies$  (2) Assume that  $N = 0$ . Then trivially  $M/N \cong M$ . Suppose that  $M/N \cong M$  with  $N \ll_e M$ . Let  $\psi: M/N \rightarrow M$  be an  $R$ -isomorphism. Consider a canonical  $R$ -epimorphism  $\pi: M \rightarrow M/N$ . Then  $\psi\pi$  is a surjective endomorphism of  $M$  with  $\ker(\psi\pi) = \pi^{-1}(\ker\psi) = \pi^{-1}(N) = N$ , that is  $\psi\pi$  is an  $e$ -small  $R$ -epimorphism. Therefore,  $\psi\pi$  is an automorphism. i.e.,  $\ker(\psi\pi) = 0$  by (1). Then  $N = 0$ .

(2)  $\implies$  (1) Let  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  be an  $e$ -small  $R$ -epimorphism. Thus  $\ker f \ll_e M$ . We have that  $M/\ker f \cong M$  by the First Isomorphism Theorem and by (2),  $\ker f = 0$ , so  $f$  is an  $R$ -automorphism. Hence,  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.19.** Let  $M$  be a module, consider the following:

(1)  $M$  is  $s$ -WH.

(2) If  $M \cong M \oplus N$ , then  $N = 0$ , for some semisimple module  $N$ .

Then (1)  $\implies$  (2). And if  $M$  is projective, we have (2)  $\implies$  (1).

**Proof.** (1)  $\implies$  (2) Assume that  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH module, where  $M \cong M \oplus N$  for some semisimple module  $N$ . It follows that  $M = K \oplus L$  where  $K \cong M$  and  $L \cong N$ . From [2], we deduce that  $L$  is an  $e$ -small submodule of  $M$ . We have  $M/L \cong K \cong M$ . Thus, by Proposition 2.18,  $L = 0$ , hence  $N = 0$ .

(2)  $\implies$  (1) Conversely, suppose that  $M$  is projective and  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  is an epimorphism, where  $\ker f \ll_e M$ . Thus  $f$  split, that is  $M = T \oplus \ker f$ , for some  $T \leq M$ . By the First Isomorphism Theorem, we have that  $T \cong M/\ker f \cong M$ . By [2],  $M = S \oplus T$  where  $S$  is a semisimple submodule of  $\ker f$ . By the modular law,  $\ker f = \ker f \cap M = \ker f \cap (S \oplus T) = S \oplus (\ker f \cap T) = S$ . It follows that  $M \cong M \oplus \ker f$  and  $\ker f$  is semisimple. By (2),  $\ker f = 0$  and  $M$  will be an  $s$ -WH module.  $\square$

We will offer the following condition ( $E^*$ ) for any  $R$ -module  $M$ :

( $E^*$ ) If  $f: M \rightarrow M'$  and  $g: M' \rightarrow M''$  are any two  $R$ -endomorphisms, then  $f$  and  $g$  are  $e$ -small if and only if  $gf$  is  $e$ -small.

**Proposition 2.20.** If  $M$  is a module with the property that for any  $g \in \text{End}(M)$ , there exists an  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $\ker g^n \cap \text{Im} g^n = 0$ , then  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.

**Proof.** Let  $g \in \text{End}(M)$  be an  $e$ -small epimorphism. By assumption, there is an integer  $n \geq 1$  such that  $\ker g^n \cap \text{Im} g^n = 0$ . It follows that  $g^n \in \text{End}(M)$  is an epimorphism, i.e.,  $\text{Im} g^n = M$ . Thus,  $\ker g^n \cap \text{Im} g^n = \ker g^n \cap M = \ker g^n = 0$ . But we know that  $\ker g \leq \ker g^n$ , which implies  $\ker g = 0$ . Therefore,  $g$  is an automorphism. Hence,  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.21.** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module satisfies ( $E^*$ ) property. If  $M$  has ACC on  $e$ -small submodules, then  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.

**Proposition 2.22.** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. If for any  $R$ -epimorphism  $\varphi: M \rightarrow M$ , there exist  $n \geq 1$  such that  $\ker \varphi^n = \ker \varphi^{n+i}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.

**Proof.** Let  $\varphi \in \text{End}(M)$  be any surjective. We claim that  $\ker \varphi^n \cap \text{Im} \varphi^n = 0$ . Let  $y \in \ker \varphi^n \cap \text{Im} \varphi^n$ . Thus  $\varphi^n(y) = 0$  and  $y = \varphi^n(x)$  for some  $x \in M$ . Hence,  $\varphi^{2n}(x) = \varphi^n(y) = 0$ . Hence,  $x \in \ker \varphi^{2n}$ . But from our assumption we have that  $\ker \varphi^n = \ker \varphi^{n+n} = \ker \varphi^{2n}$ . So,  $x \in \ker \varphi^n$ . Therefore,  $0 = \varphi^n(x) = y$ . Hence,  $\ker \varphi^n \cap \text{Im} \varphi^n = 0$ .

0. Since  $\varphi$  is a surjective, so  $Im\varphi^n = M$ , thus  $ker\varphi^n = 0$ . But  $ker\varphi \subseteq ker\varphi^n$ . So,  $ker\varphi \ll_e M$ . Therefore,  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.23.** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module has  $(E^*)$  property and  $N$  be any non-zero  $e$ -small submodule of  $M$ , if  $M/N$  is  $s$ -WH, then  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.

**Proof.** Assume  $M$  is not  $s$ -WH, then there is an  $e$ -small epimorphism  $f \in End(M)$  that it is not automorphism, ( $kerf \neq 0$ ). From 1<sup>st</sup> isomorphism theorem there is an  $R$ -isomorphism  $\varphi: M/kerf \rightarrow M$ . Consider  $\pi: M \rightarrow M/kerf$  the canonical map, then  $ker\pi = kerf \ll_e M$ . Therefore,  $\pi$  is an  $e$ -small epimorphism. It follows that  $\pi\varphi: M/kerf \rightarrow M/kerf$  is an  $e$ -small epimorphism, by hypothesis, which is not isomorphism (since  $ker(\pi\varphi) = \varphi^{-1}(ker\pi) = \varphi^{-1}(kerf) \neq 0_{M/kerf}$ ), but  $M/N$  is  $s$ -WH, which is a contradiction. Hence,  $kerf = 0$  and  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.24.** Let  $M$  be a uniform quasi-projective  $R$ -module has  $(E^*)$  property. Then  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH if and only if  $M/N$  is  $s$ -WH, with  $N$  is an  $e$ -small fully invariant submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $M$  is  $s$ -WH and  $N$  is an  $e$ -small fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . If  $f: M/N \rightarrow M/N$  is an  $e$ -small epimorphism. Consider the  $e$ -small canonical epimorphism  $\pi: M \rightarrow M/N$  (as  $ker\pi = N \ll_e M$ ), so  $f\pi: M \rightarrow M/N$  is an  $e$ -small epimorphism, as  $M$  has  $(E^*)$  property. Since  $M$  is quasi projective, then there exists an endomorphism  $g$  of  $M$  such that  $\pi g = f\pi$ . This equality implies that  $g$  is an epimorphism, as  $M$  is uniform. Since,  $f\pi$  is  $e$ -small. Then is  $\pi g$  is  $e$ -small that implies  $g$  is  $e$ -small, since  $M$  has  $(E^*)$  property. Since  $M$  is  $s$ -WH, then  $g$  is an automorphism. For all  $m \in M$ , we deduce that  $f(m + N) = f\pi(m) = \pi g(m) = g(m) + N$ , and then  $kerf = \{m + N \in M/N \mid f(m + N) = N\} = \{m + N \in M/N \mid g(m) + N = N\} = \{m + N \in M/N \mid g(m) \in N\} = K/N$ , where  $K = \{m \in M \mid g(m) \in N\}$  and  $N \subseteq K = g^{-1}(N)$ . Since  $N$  is fully invariant in  $M$  and  $g^{-1} \in End(M)$ , then  $g^{-1}(N) \subseteq N$ , thus  $K = g^{-1}(N) = N$ . Hence,  $kerf = K/N = 0_{M/N}$  and  $M/N$ , is an  $s$ -WH. The converse is clear when  $N = 0$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.25.** [18] Let  $R$  be a ring with identity 1 a subset  $S$  of a ring  $R$  is called multiplicatively closed set if the following two conditions hold:

- (1)  $1 \in S$ .
- (2) For all  $u$  and  $v$  in  $S$ , the product  $uv \in S$ .

**Definition 2.26.** [18] Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Let  $S$  be a multiplicatively closed set in  $R$ . Let  $T$  be the set of all ordered pairs  $(x, s)$  where  $x \in R$  and  $s \in S$ . Define a relation on  $T$  by  $(x, s) \sim (x', s')$  if there exists  $t \in S$  such that  $t(sx' - sx) = 0$ . This is an equivalence relation on  $T$ , and we denote the equivalence class of  $(x, s)$  by  $x/s$ . Let  $S^{-1}M$  denote the set of equivalence classes of  $T$  with respect to this relation. We can make  $S^{-1}M$  into an  $R$ -module by setting  $x/s + y/t = (tx + sy)/st$ ,  $a(x/s) = ax/s$ ,  $a \in R$ . The  $R$ -module  $S^{-1}M$  is called a quotient module (localization of module), or a module of quotient. Note that if  $0 \in S$ , then  $S^{-1}M = 0$ .

**Definition 2.27.** [19] Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $R$  is a commutative ring. An element  $r \in R$  is called prime to  $L$ , where  $L \leq M$ , if  $rm \in L$  ( $m \in M$ ) implies that  $m \in L$ .

The set of all elements of  $R$  that are not prime to  $L$ , denote by  $\mathcal{L}(L)$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{L}(L) = \{r \in R \mid rm \in L \text{ for some } m \in M \setminus L\}$ .

In the next results, we examine the behavior of the  $s$ -WH under the concept of localization.

**Proposition 2.28.** Suppose that  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $S$  a multiplicative closed subset of  $R$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(L) \cap S = \emptyset$  for any  $L \leq M$ . If  $S^{-1}M$  is a  $s$ -WH as  $S^{-1}R$ -module, then  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH as  $R$ -module.

**Proof.** Let  $f: M \rightarrow M$  be an  $e$ -small  $R$ -epimorphism. Define  $S^{-1}R$ -endomorphism  $S^{-1}f: S^{-1}M \rightarrow S^{-1}M$  by  $S^{-1}f\left(\frac{m}{s}\right) = \frac{f(m)}{s}$  for all  $m \in M, s \in S$ . Then we have  $Im(S^{-1}f) = S^{-1}(Imf) = S^{-1}M$ , then  $S^{-1}f$  is an  $S^{-1}R$ -epimorphism. Since  $kerf \ll_e M$ , thus  $ker(S^{-1}f) = S^{-1}(kerf) \ll_e S^{-1}M$  from ([20], Lemma 2.3.3). As  $S^{-1}M$  is  $s$ -WH. Therefore,  $ker(S^{-1}f) = S^{-1}(kerf) = S^{-1}(0)$ , then  $kerf = 0$  by ([20], Lemma 2.3.1.) Hence,  $M$  is  $s$ -WH.  $\square$

### 3. $s$ -WH modules and related concepts

Many relations between  $s$ -WH modules and other types of modules are introduced in this section, such as generalized hollow, semisimple and nonsingular uniform modules. We give a case that make the concepts WH,  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian and  $s$ -WH modules are identical, we give two cases that make the concepts Hopfian and  $s$ -WH are equivalent. Also, we put a condition on co-Hopfian ring to become an  $s$ -WH ring.

Recall that a module  $M$  is called generalized hollow if any proper submodule of  $M$  is an  $e$ -small [21].

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $M$  be a non-zero  $R$ -module, if  $M$  is a generalized Hollow module. Then  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH if and only if  $M$  is a Hopfian.

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be an  $s$ -WH  $R$ -module. Let  $f \in End(M)$  be an  $R$ -epimorphism, so  $kerf \subset M$  (since, if  $kerf = M$  then  $f = 0$ , a contradiction), Then  $kerf \ll_e M$ , as  $M$  is generalized Hollow. Since  $M$  is  $s$ -WH, so  $kerf = 0$ . Hence,  $M$  is a Hopfian  $R$ -module, since  $f$  is an automorphism. Conversely, follows by Remarks and Examples 2.2(1).  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** Every  $s$ -WH module is a  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian.

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a  $s$ -WH  $R$ -module. If  $f \in End(M)$  is a  $\delta$ -small  $R$ -epimorphism, then  $kerf \ll_\delta M$ , and then  $kerf \ll_e M$ , by ([2], p.1052). Since  $M$  is  $s$ -WH, then  $kerf = 0$ . Therefore,  $M$  is a  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian  $R$ -module, since  $f$  is an isomorphism.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3.** Every  $s$ -WH module is WH.

**Proof.** Since every  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian is WH from [13]. Then the result is followed by Proposition 3.2.  $\square$

Now, we will give the case that makes the concepts WH,  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian and  $s$ -WH modules identical.

**Proposition 3.4.** If  $M$  is a non-zero indecomposable  $R$ -module. Then the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $M$  is  $s$ -WH;
- (2)  $M$  is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian;
- (3)  $M$  is WH.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) By Proposition 3.2.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) By [13].

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Assume that  $M$  is a WH  $R$ -module, let  $f \in End(M)$  is an  $e$ -small epimorphism. If  $kerf = M$ , then  $f = 0$ , which it is a contradiction. Thus,  $kerf$  is a proper  $e$ -small submodule of  $M$ , and since  $M$  is indecomposable, [15], implies  $kerf \ll M$ , that means  $f \in$

$End(M)$  is a small  $R$ -epimorphism. Since  $M$  is a WH  $R$ -module, then  $f$  is an automorphism. Hence,  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.5.** The following are equivalent for a non-zero uniform  $R$ -module  $M$ .

- (1)  $M$  is  $s$ -WH;
- (2)  $M$  is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian;
- (3)  $M$  is WH.

**Proof.** Assume that  $M$  is a uniform module, thus  $M$  is an indecomposable module by ([16], Examples 3.51(1)). Thus, Proposition 3.4 implying the result.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $M$  be a uniform and torsion-free module. Then  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.

**Proof.** Let  $f: M \rightarrow M$  be an  $e$ -small  $R$ -epimorphism. Let  $0 \neq x \in M \setminus kerf$ ,  $f(x) \neq 0$ , so  $-x \in M$  and  $f(-x) = f(x) \cdot -1 \neq 0$ , i.e.,  $-x \in M \setminus kerf$ . For any  $r \in R$ ,  $f(xr) = f(x)r$ . Since  $M$  is an torsion-free  $R$ -module, it follows that  $f(x)r \neq 0$  and then  $xr \in M \setminus kerf$ . Thus,  $(M \setminus kerf) \cup \{0\}$  is a submodule of  $M$  and so  $(M \setminus kerf) \cup \{0\} \trianglelefteq M$ , as  $M$  is uniform. As  $(M \setminus kerf) \cup \{0\} + kerf = M$  and  $f$  an  $e$ -small  $R$ -epimorphism, i.e.,  $kerf \ll_e M$ , thus  $(M \setminus kerf) \cup \{0\} = M$ , so  $kerf = 0$ . Hence,  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.  $\square$

**Example 3.7.** The reverse of Proposition 3.6, is not true generally. Consider the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}_{pq}$  where  $p, q$  are prime numbers. By Examples 2.3,  $\mathbb{Z}_{pq}$  is an  $s$ -WH, but not uniform neither torsion-free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.

**Theorem 3.8.** For a projective  $R$ -module  $M$ , the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $M$  is  $s$ -WH;
- (2) if  $f \in End(M)$  has a right inverse in  $End(M)$  and  $kerf$  is a semisimple, then  $f$  has a left inverse in  $End(M)$ ;
- (3) if  $f \in End(M)$  has a right inverse in  $End(M)$  and  $kerf \ll_e M$ , then  $f$  has a left inverse in  $End(M)$ ;
- (4) if  $f \in End(M)$  has a right inverse in  $End(M)$  and  $(1 - gf)M \ll_e M$ , then  $f$  has a left inverse in  $End(M)$ ;
- (5) if  $f \in End(M)$  is a surjective and  $kerf$  is semisimple, then  $f$  has a left inverse in  $End(M)$ .

**Proof.** It is clear that  $f \in End(M)$  is a surjective if and only if  $fg = 1$  for some  $g \in End(M)$ . Thus,  $kerf = (1 - gf)M$ , to see this: let  $x \in kerf \Rightarrow f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow (1 - gf)(x) = x - gf(x) = x - g(0) = x \Rightarrow x \in (1 - gf)M$ . Now, assume that  $y \in (1 - gf)M \Rightarrow y = (1 - gf)(x)$  for some  $x \in M \Rightarrow y = x - gf(x) \Rightarrow f(y) = f(x) - f(gf(x)) = f(x) - 1(f(x)) = f(x) - f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow y \in kerf$ . So  $M = kerf \oplus (gf)M = kerf \oplus Img$ , since  $kerf + (gf)M = (1 - gf)M + (gf)M = M$ , also if  $m \in kerf \cap Img \Rightarrow f(m) = 0$  and  $m = g(a)$ , for some  $a \in M \Rightarrow 0 = f(m) = f(g(a)) = fg(a) = 1(a) = a \Rightarrow m = g(a) = g(0) = 0$ .

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Assume that  $f \in End(M)$  contain a right inverse with  $kerf$  is semisimple. Thus  $fg = 1$  for some  $g \in End(M)$ . Then  $g$  is an injective, i.e.,  $kerg = 0$ . From 1<sup>st</sup> isomorphism theorem,  $M \cong M/0 = M/kerg \cong Img$ . By above argument, we have  $M = Img \oplus kerf \cong M \oplus kerf$ , i.e.,  $M \cong M \oplus kerf$  and  $kerf$  is semisimple, thus  $kerf = 0$ , by Proposition 2.19, that is  $f$  is an automorphism. As  $fg = 1$ , then  $g = f^{-1}$ . Hence  $gf = f^{-1}f = 1$ , that mean  $g$  is a left inverse of  $f$  in  $End(M)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Assume that  $f \in End(M)$  contain a right inverse in  $End(M)$  and  $kerf \ll_e M$ . Since  $M = kerf \oplus Img$ , [2], implies  $kerf$  is semisimple. From (2),  $f$  has a left inverse in  $End(M)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Since  $kerf = (1 - gf)M$ , (3) implies (4).



(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) Let  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  be a surjective and  $\ker f$  is semisimple, then  $f$  has a right inverse in  $\text{End}(M)$ . By above argument, we have  $\ker f = (1 - gf)M$  and  $M = \ker f \oplus \text{Im}g$ . By [2],  $\ker f = (1 - gf)M \ll_e M$ , then  $f$  has a left inverse in  $\text{End}(M)$ , by (4).

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Assume that if  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  is a surjective and  $\ker f \ll_e M$ . Hence,  $f$  has a right inverse in  $\text{End}(M)$ . By above argument,  $M = \ker f \oplus \text{Im}g$ .  $\ker f$  is semisimple from [2], so  $f$  contain a left inverse in  $\text{End}(M)$  by (5). That is  $hf = 1$  for some  $h \in \text{End}(M)$ . Thus  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  is an injective. Hence, it is an automorphism. Therefore, (1) holds.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.9.** Let  $M$  be a semisimple module. Then  $M$  is  $s$ -WH if and only if it is Hopfian.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH module. Let  $f: M \rightarrow M$  be an  $R$ -epimorphism. As  $M$  is a semisimple module, then by [22], we get  $\ker f \ll_e M$ , i.e.,  $f$  is an  $e$ -small  $R$ -epimorphism and so  $f$  is an automorphism. Hence,  $M$  is Hopfian. Conversely, follows by Remarks 2.2(1).  $\square$

**Proposition 3.10.** Every co-Hopfian quasi-projective module is an  $s$ -WH.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $M$  is a co-Hopfian quasi-projective module and let  $\varphi: M \rightarrow M$  be an  $e$ -small epimorphism. Since  $M$  is quasi-projective, so there is an  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  such that  $\varphi f = I_M$ . As  $I_M$  is a monomorphism, then so is  $f$ . As  $M$  is a co-Hopfian module, thus  $f$  is an epimorphism. Since  $0 = \ker I_M = \ker(\varphi f) = f^{-1}(\ker \varphi)$ , then  $0 = f(0) = f(f^{-1}(\ker \varphi)) = \ker \varphi$ , that means  $\varphi$  is an automorphism. Hence,  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.  $\square$

**Example 3.11.** The reverse of Proposition 3.10, need not be true in general. Examples 2.6(1) shows that the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}$  is  $s$ -WH. But we know that  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}$  is quasi-projective not co-Hopfian see [11].

**Corollary 3.12.** Every projective co-Hopfian module is an  $s$ -WH.

**Proof.** Clear by Proposition 3.10.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.13.** Every co-Hopfian ring is a  $s$ -WH ring.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $R$  is a co-Hopfian ring. As  $R = \langle 1 \rangle$  is a free  $R$ -module, so it is projective. Then the result is followed by Corollary 3.12.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.14.** If  $M$  is a nonsingular uniform module, then  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a nonsingular uniform module. Suppose that  $\varphi \in \text{End}(M)$  is an  $e$ -small epimorphism, i.e.,  $\ker \varphi \ll_e M$ . Assume  $\ker \varphi \neq 0$ . We have  $\ker \varphi \trianglelefteq M$  because  $M$  is uniform. Thus  $M/\ker \varphi$  is singular by ([1], Proposition 1.21). From the First Isomorphism Theorem  $M/\ker \varphi \cong M$ . This is a contradiction because  $M/\ker \varphi$  is singular and nonsingular. Hence,  $\ker(\varphi) = 0$ , so  $\varphi$  is an automorphism. Therefore,  $M$  is an  $s$ -WH.  $\square$

**Remarks 3.15.**

(1) We note that Proposition 3.14, is another proof for Example 2.6(1), of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}$  being  $s$ -WH, in fact  $\mathbb{Z}$  as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module is nonsingular and uniform.

(2) The reverse of Proposition 3.14, need not be true in general. Examples 2.3 shows that the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  is  $s$ -WH. But we know that  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  nor nonsingular neither uniform as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.

#### 4. Conclusions

We defined a new concept of modules called  $s$ -WH which is a proper generalized of Hopfian. It is shown and investigate some different properties and examples of this class.

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