

## Coquasi – Invertible Submodule

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### Abstract

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity. We call the proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  a coquasi - invertible submodule if  $Hom(M, N) = 0$  the main purpose of this work is the study of the properties of coquasi - invertible submodules. and give definition of corational submodule. Then show that if  $M$  is self projective, then  $N$  is coquasi - invertible submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $N$  is corational in  $M$ .

### الخلاصة

لتكن  $R$  حلقة ابدالية أحادية. نعرف المقاس الجزئي الفعلي  $N$  من  $M$  بأنه شبه عكوس مضاد إذا كان  $Hom(M, N) = 0$ . أن الهدف الرئيسي من هذا العمل هو دراسة خواص المقاسات الجزئية شبه عكوسه المضادة.

من نتائجنا الأولية قمنا بالبرهنة على انه إذا كان  $N$  مقياساً جزئياً شبه عكوس مضاد فأن  $T(M) \subseteq ann(N)$  و  $ann(M) = ann(\frac{M}{N})$  كذلك قمنا بتعريف المقاس الأولي المضاد والمقاس الجزئي النسبي المضاد ودراسة خواصهما ومناقشة العلاقة بينهما وبين المقاسات الجزئية شبه العكوسه المضادة.

### Introduction:

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity. The concept of an invertible submodule of an  $R$  - module was introduced in [1]. It was shown in [1] that if  $N$  is an invertible submodule of  $M$ , then  $Hom(\frac{M}{N}, M) = 0$ . In [5] this result was adopted as a definition of quasi - invertible submodule, i.e. a submodule  $N$  of an  $R$  - module  $M$  is quasi - invertible if  $Hom(\frac{M}{N}, M) = 0$ . In this paper we introduce a dual of this concept. Thus we call the proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  coquasi - invertible submodule if  $Hom(M, N) = 0$  The main purpose of this work is the study of the properties of coquasi - invertible submodules Let  $N$  be a submodule of an  $R$  - module  $M$ , we say that  $N$  is corational in

$M$  if  $Hom(M, \frac{N}{K}) = 0$  for all submodules  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $K \subseteq N \subseteq M$ . We show that if  $M$  is self projective, then  $N$  is coquasi - invertible submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $N$  is corational in  $M$ .

§1. Basic properties: we start this section by the following definition.

Definition 1-1: A proper submodule  $N$  of an  $R$  - module  $M$  is called coquasi - invertible submodule of  $M$  if  $Hom(M, N) = 0$ .

Not that the zero submodule is a coquasi - invertible submodule of any nonzero  $R$  - module  $M$ .

It is clear that if  $N$  is a nonzero coquasi - invertible submodule of an  $R$  - module  $M$ , then  $N$  can not be a direct summand of  $M$ . In the

following we give two examples, the first one is of a coquasi - invertible submodule and the other is not.

1- Consider  $Q$ , the set of rational number as a  $Z$  - module. The submodule  $Z$  of  $Q$  is a coquasi - invertible submodules, since  $Hom(Q, Z) = 0$ .

2- Consider  $Z_4$  as  $Z$  module. The submodule  $\{\overline{0}, \overline{2}\}$  of  $Z_4$  is not a coquasi - invertible submodule of  $Z_4$  since the homomorphism  $f : Z_4 \rightarrow \{\overline{0}, \overline{2}\}$  defined by  $f(\overline{1}) = \overline{2}$  is a nonzero homomorphism

Proposition 1-2: Let  $N$  be a coquasi - invertible submodule of an  $R$  - module  $M$ , then  $ann(M) = ann(\frac{M}{N})$ .

Proof: Let  $r \in ann(\frac{M}{N})$ , then  $rM \subseteq N$ . Define  $f : M \rightarrow N$  by  $f(m) = rm$ , for every  $m \in M$ .  $N$  is a coquasi - invertible submodule of  $M$ , therefore  $f = 0$ . Thus  $rM = 0$ , this implies that  $r \in annM$ . The other inclusion is clear.

The converse of proposition 1-2 is not true as is shown by the following example.

Consider  $M = Z \oplus Z$  as a  $Z$  - module and let  $N = Z \oplus \{0\}$ . It is clear that

$$ann(Z \oplus Z) = ann(\frac{Z \oplus Z}{Z \oplus \{0\}}), \text{ while}$$

$Hom(Z \oplus Z, Z \oplus \{0\}) \neq 0$  .i.e.  $Z \oplus \{0\}$  is not coquasi - invertible submodule of  $Z \oplus Z$ .

Next we study the traces of coquasi - invertible submodule. But first we need the following.

Remark 1-3: Let  $N$  be a coquasi - invertible submodule of the  $R$  - module  $M$ . If  $\alpha \in Hom(M, R)$ , then  $\alpha(M) \subseteq \bigcap_{\phi} ker \phi$ ,

$$\phi \in Hom(R, N).$$

Proof: Suppose that  $\alpha(M) \not\subseteq \bigcap_{\phi} ker \phi$ ,  $\phi \in Hom(R, N)$ , then there exists  $\phi_0 : R \rightarrow N$  such that  $\phi_0 \circ \alpha \neq 0$ . This is a contradiction therefore  $\alpha(M) \subseteq \bigcap_{\phi} ker \phi$ .

Recall that the trace of an  $R$  - module  $M$ , denoted by  $T(M)$  is  $T(M) = \sum_{\phi} \phi(M)$  where

$\phi \in Hom(M, R)$  Proposition 1-4:  $N$  is a coquasi - invertible submodule of the  $R$  - module  $M$ , then  $T(M) \subseteq ann(N)$ .

Proof: If  $T(M) = 0$ , the result is clear. Suppose that  $T(M) \neq 0$ , then there exists  $\phi \neq 0, \phi \in Hom(M, R)$ . By Remark 1-3  $\phi(M) \subseteq \bigcap_{\psi} ker \psi, \psi \in Hom(R, N)$ . For every  $x \in N$  define  $h_x : R \rightarrow N$  by  $h_x(r) = rx$ , then  $h_x \circ \phi = 0$ , i.e.  $(h_x \circ \phi)(M) = \phi(M)x = 0$ , thus  $\phi(M)N = 0$  and therefore  $\phi(M) \subseteq ann(N)$ , this implies that  $T(M) \subseteq ann(N)$ .

The converse of proposition 1-4 is not true. Consider the following example.

Example1-5: Consider  $Z_4$  as  $Z$  - module, then  $\{\overline{0}, \overline{2}\}$  is a submodule of  $Z_4$ . But  $Hom(Z_4, Z) = 0$ , thus  $T(Z_4) = 0$  while  $\{\overline{0}, \overline{2}\}$  is not a coquasi - invertible submodule of  $Z_4$ .

Recall that an  $R$  - module  $M$  is called torsionless module if  $\bigcap_{\phi} ker \phi = 0$  where  $\phi \in Hom(M, R)$

In the following proposition we give a condition under which a torsionless submodule becomes a coquasi - invertible submodule.

Proposition1-6: Let  $N$  be a torsionless submodule of the  $R$  - module  $M$  If  $T(M) = 0$ , then  $N$  is a coquasi - invertible submodule of  $M$ .

Proof: Suppose that  $Hom(M, N) \neq 0$ . Then there exists a nonzero homomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow N$ . Therefore there exists  $m \in M$  such that  $f(m) \neq 0$ .  $N$  is torsionless submodule, then  $f(m) \notin \bigcap_{\phi} ker \phi$  where  $\phi \in Hom(N, R)$ . Thus, there exists  $\phi_0 : N \rightarrow R$  such that  $f(m) \notin ker \phi_0$ . Hence  $\phi_0 \circ f \neq 0$ . This implies that  $T(M) \neq 0$  a contradiction.

Corollary1-7: Let  $N$  be a torsionless submodule of the  $R$  - module  $M$  If  $ann(N) = 0$ , then  $N$  is a coquasi - invertible submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $T(M) = 0$ .

The proof is clear from Proposition 1-4 and Proposition 1-6. Recall that an  $R$  - module  $M$  is called a multiplication module, if every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is of the form  $IM$  for some

ideal  $I$  of  $R$  [7]. It is known that every faithful multiplication module is torsionless [8], thus we have.

Corollary 1-8: If  $N$  is a faithful multiplication submodule of an  $R$  - module  $M$ , then  $N$  is a coquasi - invertible submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $T(M) = 0$

Corollary1-9: Let  $M$  be an  $R$  - module. If  $M$  contains a faithful cyclic submodule which is a coquasi - invertible submodule, then every faithful cyclic submodule has this property.

Proof: Let  $N$  be a faithful cyclic submodule which is a coquasi - invertible. And let  $K$  be a faithful cyclic submodule then  $K$  is multiplication [2]. By Prop. 1-4  $T(M) \subseteq ann(N)$ , then  $T(M) = 0$ . By corollary 1-8  $K$  is coquasi - invertible submodule.

Recall that, for an integral domain  $R$ , an  $R$  - module  $M$  is called torsion - free if every  $m \in M, m \neq 0$  and for every  $r \in R, r \neq 0$  then  $rm \neq 0$

Corollary1-10: Let  $M$  be a torsion - free  $R$  - module with  $T(M) = 0$ . Then every cyclic submodule of  $M$  is coquasi - invertible submodule.

Let  $J$  be a proper ideal in the ring  $R$ . we say that  $J$  is coquasi - invertible ideal of  $R$ , if  $J$  is a coquasi - invertible  $R$  - submodule of  $R$  as  $R$  - module. The following Proposition shows that the ideal  $J$  is coquasi - invertible if and only if  $J = 0$ .

Proposition 1-11: Let  $J$  be a Proper ideal of  $R$ , then  $J$  is coquasi - invertible ideal if and only if  $ann(\frac{R}{J}) = 0$ .

Proof: Suppose that  $J$  is coquasi - invertible ideal of  $R$ . By proposition1-2,  $ann(\frac{R}{J}) = ann(R)$ ,

But  $ann(R) = 0$ , therefore  $ann(\frac{R}{J}) = 0$ . The

converse, let  $f \in Hom(R, J)$  and let  $r \in R$ ,  $f(1)(r + J) = f(1)r + J \subseteq J$ , thus

$f(1) \in ann(\frac{R}{J})$ . But  $ann(\frac{R}{J}) = 0$  therefore

$f(1) = 0$  and hence  $f = 0$ .

## §2 Characterization for coquasi - invertible submodule.

The following theorems gives some characterizations for coquasi - invertible submodule .

Theorem2-1: Let  $N$  be a nonzero proper submodule of the  $R$  - module  $M$ . Then  $N$  is a coquasi - invertible submodule if and only if for every  $\phi \in End(M)$  such that  $\pi \circ \phi = \pi$ , we have  $\phi$  is the identity homomorphism, where

$\pi : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{N}$  is the natural epimorphism.

Proof: Let  $\phi \in End(M)$  and let  $m \in M$ , then  $(\pi \circ \phi)(m) = \pi(m)$  and hence  $\phi(m) - m \in N$  i.e.  $(\phi - I)m \in N$ . so  $\phi - I$  is a homomorphism from  $M$  into  $N$ , and  $N$  is coquasi - invertible submodule of  $M$ , therefore  $\phi = I$ .

For the converse, let  $f \in Hom(M, N)$  and let  $i : N \rightarrow M$  be the inclusion homomorphism. For each  $m \in M$ , We have

$$[\pi \circ (I - i \circ f)](m) = \pi(m - f(m)) = m - f(m) + N = m + N = \pi(m)$$

This implies that  $\pi \circ (I - i \circ f) = \pi$  and thus  $I - i \circ f = I$ , i.e.  $f = 0$ .

Theorem 2-2-: Let  $N$  be a submodule of the  $R$  - module  $M$ . then  $N$  is a coquasi - invertible submodule of  $M$  if and only if for every  $\phi : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{N}$  if there exists  $\psi : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $\pi \circ \psi = \phi$ , then  $\psi$  is unique.

Proof: Let  $\phi : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{N}$  and let  $\pi : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{N}$  be the natural homomorphism. If  $\psi : M \rightarrow M$  and  $\psi' : M \rightarrow M$  are such that  $\pi \circ \psi = \phi$  and  $\pi \circ \psi' = \phi$ , then for every  $m \in M$ , we have  $\psi(m) - \psi'(m) \in N$ . But  $\psi - \psi'$  is a homomorphism, and  $N$  is coquasi - invertible submodule of  $M$ , therefore  $\psi - \psi' = 0$  and hence  $\psi = \psi'$ .

For the converse, let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  and let  $i : N \rightarrow M$  be the inclusion homomorphism, then  $i \circ f \in End(M)$  and

$$\pi \circ (i \circ f)(m) = \pi \circ f(m) = f(m) + N = 0$$

Since  $\pi \circ (i \circ f) = \pi \circ 0$  . this implies that  $f = 0$  .

§3. Coquasi - invertible submodule and corational submodule.

It is well - known that every R - module can be embedded in an injective R - module  $\hat{M}$  with M essential in  $\hat{M}$  .  $\hat{M}$  is called the injective hull of M [4, P.128]. A submodule U of an R - module M is called rational in M if  $Hom(\frac{M}{U}, \hat{M}) = 0$  where  $\hat{M}$  is the injective hull of M. [3, P.33]. The following is a useful characterization of these kind of submodules.

Proposition 3-1: Let U be a submodule of an R - module M, the following are equivalent;  
1-U is rational in M.

2-For any  $U \subseteq V \subseteq M$  ,  $Hom(\frac{V}{U}, M) = 0$  .

Proof: Let U be a rational submodule in M and let  $V \subseteq M$  such that  $U \subseteq V \subseteq M$  . Suppose there exists a nonzero homomorphism  $g \in Hom(\frac{V}{U}, M)$  ., Where  $i: \frac{V}{U} \rightarrow \frac{M}{U}$  is the inclusion homomorphism and  $J: M \rightarrow \hat{M}$  is the inclusion homomorphism from M to  $\hat{M}$  the injective hull of M. Since  $\hat{M}$  is injective module, there exists a homomorphism  $h: \frac{M}{U} \rightarrow \hat{M}$  such that  $h \circ i = j \circ g$  . But  $g \neq 0$  hence  $h \neq 0$  a contradiction. Suppose there exists a nonzero homomorphism  $f \in Hom(\frac{M}{U}, \hat{M})$  let  $f^{-1}(M) = \frac{V}{U}$  for some  $U \subseteq V \subseteq M$  .

Define  $g: \frac{V}{U} \rightarrow M$  by  $g(x+U) = f(x+U)$  for every  $x \in V$  . Since  $f \neq 0$  , then there exists  $m+U \neq U \in \frac{M}{U}$  such that  $0 \neq f(m+U) \in \hat{M}$  . But M is essential in  $\hat{M}$  , So there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $0 \neq rf(m+U) = f(rm+U) \in M$  . This

implies that  $rm+U \in \frac{V}{U}$  and hence  $rf(m+U) = g(rm+U) \neq 0$  a contradiction .

Now, we introduce the dual of the concept of rational submodule as follows.

Definition 3-2: A submodule N of an R - module M is called corational in M if  $Hom(M, \frac{N}{K}) = 0$  for all submodule K of M such that  $K \subseteq N \subseteq M$  .

It is clear that if N is corational in M, then N is proper submodule of M.

Example 3-3: Consider  $Z_{p^\infty}$  as Z - module. It is known that every proper submodule of  $Z_{p^\infty}$  is isomorphic to  $Z_{p^n}$  for some integer n. It is clear that  $Hom(Z_{p^\infty}, \frac{Z_{p^n}}{Z_{p^k}}) = 0$  . Then every proper submodule of  $Z_{p^\infty}$  is corational in M.

It was shown [5, P.14] that every rational submodule is quasi - invertible. Similarly we have the following with clear proof.

Proposition 3-4 Let N be a submodule of M. If N is corational in M then N is coquasi - invertible submodule of M.

In the following theorem we show that if M is a multiplication module, the converse of Prop.3-4 is true.

Theorem 3-5: Let M be a multiplication R - module, if N is a coquasi invertible submodule of M, then N is corational submodule in M.

Proof: Let M be a submodule of M, such that  $K \subseteq N$  and suppose that  $Hom(M, \frac{N}{K}) \neq 0$  .

There exists a nonzero homomorphism  $f: M \rightarrow \frac{N}{K}$  . Now let  $m \in M$  , then  $f(m) = x + K \neq K$  , for some  $x \in N$  . But  $N = [N : M]M$  , hence  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i m_i$  where  $r_i \in [N : M]$  , and  $m_i \in M$  , thus there exists  $1 \leq i \leq n$  such that  $r_i m_i \notin K$  . Define  $h: M \rightarrow N$  by  $h(m) = r_i m$  for all  $m \in M$  .

In particular  $h(m_i) = r_i m_i \notin K$  ,i. e  $r_i m_i \neq 0$  .  
 This is a contradiction thus  $f = 0$  .

Recall that a submodule N of an R - module M is said to be small in M if for every submodule U of M with  $N + U = M$  we have  $U=M$  The following proposition shows that every corational submodule is small.

Proposition 3-6: Let N be a submodule of M. If N is corational in M then N is small in M.

Proof: Let K be a submodule of M such that

$$N + K = M \text{ , then } \frac{M}{K} = \frac{N + K}{K} \text{ . But}$$

$$\frac{N + K}{K} \cong \frac{N}{N \cap K} \text{ and N is corational in M,}$$

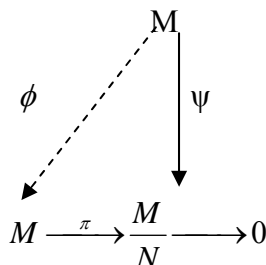
$$\text{thus } 0 = \text{Hom}(M, \frac{N}{N \cap K}) \cong \text{Hom}(M, \frac{M}{K}) \text{ .}$$

In particular the natural epimorphism  $\pi : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{K}$  must be zero. This implies that  $k = M$  .

The converse of proposition 3-6 is not true consider the following example.

Example 3-7: Consider  $Z_4$  as a Z - module. It is easily seen that the submodule  $\{\overline{0}, \overline{2}\}$  is a small submodule of  $Z_4$  . On other hand  $\{\overline{0}, \overline{2}\}$  is not corational in  $Z_4$  since  $\text{Hom}(Z_4, \frac{\{\overline{0}, \overline{2}\}}{\{\overline{0}\}}) \neq 0$

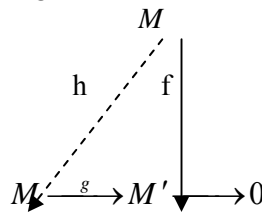
Definition 3-9: An R - module M is said to be self - projective if for every submodule N of M, any homomorphism  $\phi : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{N}$  can be lifted to a homomorphism  $\psi : M \rightarrow M$  i. e the following diagram is commutative.



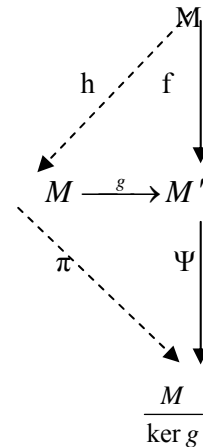
Where  $\pi$  is the natural epimorphism the following is a characterization of self - projective modules.

Proposition 3-10: An R - module M is self - projective if and only if for every epimorphism

$g : M \rightarrow M'$  where  $M'$  is any R - module any homomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow M'$  can be lifted to a homomorphism  $h : M \rightarrow M$  , i. e the following diagram is commutative.



Proof: Let M be a self - projective R - module and let  $g : M \rightarrow M'$  be an epimorphism. Thus by first isomorphism theorem, there exists an isomorphism  $\psi : M' \rightarrow \frac{M}{\ker g}$  make the diagram commutative.

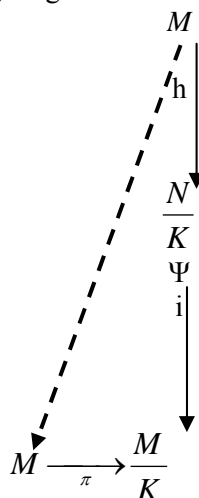


Where  $\pi$  is the natural epimorphism and for any  $m' \in M'$ ,  $\psi(m') = x + \ker g$  where  $g(x) = m'$  . Since M is self - projective, then there exists a homomorphism  $h : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $\pi \circ h = \psi \circ f$  . Let  $m \in M$  then  $h(m) + \ker g = x + \ker g$  where  $g(x) = f(m)$  . Now  $h(m) - x \in \ker g$  i.e  $g(h(m) - x) = 0$  , then  $g \circ h(m) - g(x) = 0$  thus  $g \circ h(m) = f(m)$  , therefore  $g \circ h = f$  . The other direction is clear. The following theorem gives a condition under which the converse of Proposition 3-4 is true.

Theorem 3-11: Let M be a self - projective R - module and let N be a submodule of M, then N is coquasi - invertible submodule of M if and only if N is corational in M.

Proof: Suppose N is a is coquasi - invertible submodule of the self - projective R - module M. Let K be a submodule of M, such that  $K \subseteq N$

and let  $h \in \text{Hom}(M, \frac{N}{K})$ . Consider the following diagram.



Where  $i: \frac{N}{K} \rightarrow \frac{M}{K}$  is the inclusion homomorphism. Since  $M$  is a self - projective module, there exists a homomorphism  $\psi: M \rightarrow M$  such that  $\pi \circ \psi = i \circ h$ . Let  $m \in M$ , then  $h(m) = x + K$  for some  $x \in N$  and hence  $\pi \circ \psi(m) = i \circ h(m)$ . That is  $\psi(m) + K = x + K$ , hence  $\psi(m) - x \in K$ . But  $x \in N$  and  $K \subseteq N$ , therefore  $\psi(m) \in N$ . This implies that  $\psi \in \text{Hom}(M, N)$ . Now,  $N$  is a coquasi - invertible submodule, thus  $\psi = 0$  and hence  $h = 0$ .

The converse follows from Prop. 3-4. Recall that for any ring  $R$ , the Jacobson radical of  $R$  denoted by  $J(R)$ , is defined to be the intersection of all maximal right ideals of  $R$ . It is known that  $J(R)$  is the sum of all small right ideal of  $R$ . Before we give the next proposition we need the following lemma. [3-4, P.187]

Lemma 3-12: Let  $M$  be a self - projective  $R$  - module and, then  $J(S) = \{f \in \text{End}(M) / \text{Im} f \text{ is small submodule of } M\}$

In the next theorem we give a condition under which each small submodule of self - projective module is coquasi - invertible submodule.

Theorem 3-13: Let  $M$  be a self - projective  $R$  - module With  $J(\text{End}(M)) = 0$  and let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . then  $N$  is a small submodule in  $M$  if and only if  $N$  is coquasi - invertible submodule of  $M$

Proof: Suppose that  $N$  is a small submodule in  $M$ . let  $f \in \text{Hom}(M, N)$ . Set  $i \circ f = \phi$  where

$i: N \rightarrow M$  is the inclusion homomorphism. Now,  $\text{Im } \phi = \text{Im } f \subseteq N$ , but  $N$  is a small submodule in  $M$ , thus  $\text{Im } \phi$  is small in  $M$  and therefore  $\phi \in J(\text{End}(M))$  Lemma 3-12. This implies that  $\phi = 0$  and hence  $f = 0$ . The converse, since  $N$  is a coquasi - invertible submodule of  $M$ , then by theorem 3-11,  $N$  is corational submodule of  $M$ . thus by proposition 3-6  $N$  is small in  $M$ .

Remark 3-14: The condition  $J(\text{End}(M)) = 0$  is essential in the previous theorem. For  $\text{End}(Z_4) \cong Z_4$  and  $J(\text{End}(Z_4)) = Z_2$  and thus the condition of theorem 1.2.14 is not satisfied in the  $Z$  - module  $Z_4$ . Note that the submodule  $\{0, 2\}$  is small submodule, which is not coquasi - invertible submodule.

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