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## S-K-nonsingular Modules

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### Abstract

In this paper, we introduce a type of modules, namely S-K-nonsingular modules, which is a generalization of K-nonsingular modules. A comprehensive study of these classes of modules is given.

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### المقاسات غير المنفردة من النمط S-K

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### الخلاصة

في هذا البحث نقدم نوع من المقاسات الغير المنفردة من النمط S-K والتي هي تعميم للمقاسات الغير منفردة من النمط K. دراسة مركزة اعطيت لهذا المقاس.

### Introduction

Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module, where  $R$  is a ring with unity. A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called essential in  $M$  (denoted by  $N \leq_{ess} M$ ). If  $N \cap W = (0)$  and  $W \leq M$ , then  $W = (0)$  [1]. Rizievi [2] introduced the concept of K-nonsingular modules, where an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called K-nonsingular if for each  $f \in \text{End}(M)$ ,  $\text{Ker}(f) \leq_{ess} M$ , implies  $f = 0$ . Ali and Younis [3] called an  $R$ -module  $M$  as an essentially quasi-Dedekind if  $\text{Hom}(\frac{M}{N}, M) = 0$  for each  $N \leq_{ess} M$ . Also, they proved that K-nonsingular modules and essentially quasi-Dedekind modules are coinciding concepts. In this paper, we introduce a generalization of K-nonsingular module which we call S-K-nonsingular, where an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called S-K-nonsingular if for each  $f \in \text{End}(M)$ ,  $\text{Ker}(f) \leq_{ess} M$ , implies  $f(M) \ll M$ . A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is small and denoted by  $(N \ll M)$  if whenever  $N + W = M$ ,  $W \leq M$ , then  $W = M$  [4]. It is clear that the zero submodule is small, hence every K-nonsingular is S-K-nonsingular. However, the converse may be not true (see Remarks and Examples 1.2 [1]).

This paper consists of three sections. In section one, we study the basic properties of S-K-nonsingular modules. In section two, we show that the direct summand of S-K-nonsingular is S-K-nonsingular. The direct sum of S-K-nonsingular might not be true (Examples 3.4 [2]). Also, we show that, under certain conditions, the direct sum of S-K-nonsingular modules is S-K-nonsingular (Theorem 2.4, Proposition 2.5, Proposition 2.6, Theorem 2.7).

In section three, we show that if  $E(M)$  (injective hull of module  $M$ ) is an S-K-nonsingular, then  $M$  is

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not necessarily an  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular. Also, we show that if  $M$  is a faithful finitely generated multiplication  $R$ -module, then  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular if  $R$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

Note that  $N \leq^\oplus M$  (implies that  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ ) and, for any  $m \in M$ ,  $r\text{-ann}_R(m)$  implies that  $\{r \in R: m(r) = 0\}$  and  $\text{Im } f$  (implies an image of  $f$ ).

**Definition 1.1** An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular if for each  $f \in \text{End}(M)$ ,  $\text{Ker}(f) \leq_{\text{ess}} M$  implies  $f(M) \ll M$ .

**Remarks and Examples 1.2**

1- It is clear that every  $K$ -nonsingular module is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, but the converse is not true in general; for examples, each of the  $Z$ -modules  $Z_4$ ,  $Z_{12}$  and  $Z_{P^\infty}$ , where  $P$  is a prime number, is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, but they are not  $K$ -nonsingular modules.

2- Every hollow module  $M$  (that is, every submodule of  $M$  is small see)  $X$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

3- Every Rickart module  $M$  is  $K$ -nonsingular and hence  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, where  $M$  is called Rickart module if for each  $f \in \text{End}(M)$ ,

$$\text{Ker}(f) \leq^\oplus M \text{ [4,P.21].}$$

**Proof:** Let  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  with  $\text{Ker}(f) \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ . Since  $M$  is Rickart, then  $\text{Ker}(f) \leq^\oplus M$ . It follows that  $\text{Ker}(f) = M$ , hence  $f = 0$  and  $M$  is  $K$ -nonsingular.

4-  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular modules need not to be Rickart modules; for example,  $Z_4$  as  $Z$ -module is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular and it is not Rickart.

5- If  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular and dual Rickart module, then  $M$  is  $K$ -nonsingular, where  $M$  is called dual Rickart if for each  $f \in \text{End}(M)$ ,  $\text{Im}(f) \leq^\oplus M$  [4,P.21].

**Proof:** Let  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  and  $\text{Ker}(f) \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ . To prove that  $f = 0$ , we state that since  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, then  $f(M) \ll M$ . But  $M$  is a dual Rickart, then  $f(M) \leq^\oplus M$ , so that  $f(M) = 0$ , that is  $f = 0$ .

6- For any  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $\frac{M}{Z_2(M)}$  is nonsingular, so it is  $K$ -nonsingular, which implies that  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, where  $Z_2(M)$  is the second  $Z_2$ -torsion submodule of  $M$ .

7- Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module with  $\text{Rad}M = 0$ . Then  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular if and only if  $M$  is  $K$ -nonsingular.

**Proof:**  $\Leftarrow$  It is clear by (1).

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  and  $\text{Ker}(f) \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ . Since  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, then  $f(M) \ll M$ . Hence  $f(M) \leq \text{Rad}M = 0$ . Thus  $f = 0$ .

8- Every nonsingular module is  $K$ -nonsingular [5], hence it is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

9- Every polyform module is  $K$ -nonsingular, hence it is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, where a module  $M$  is said to be a polyform if for each  $L \leq M$  and for any  $0 \neq \varphi: L \rightarrow M$ ,  $\text{Ker}\varphi \not\leq_{\text{ess}} L$  [6, P.44].

The following Proposition is a characterization of  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular module.

**Proposition 1.3:** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular if and only if for each  $f \in \text{Hom}\left(\frac{M}{N}, M\right)$ ,  $N \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ , implies  $f(M) \ll M$ .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$  Let  $N \leq_{\text{ess}} M$  and  $f \in \text{Hom}\left(\frac{M}{N}, M\right)$ . Then  $g = f \circ \pi \in \text{End}(M)$ , where  $\pi$  is the natural projection from  $M$  to  $M/N$ .  $N \leq \text{Ker}g$ , so  $\text{Ker}g \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ . But  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, implies  $g(M) \ll M$ , that is  $f\left(\frac{M}{N}\right) \ll M$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Let  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  such that  $\text{Ker}(f) \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ .  $f$  induces  $\hat{f}: \frac{M}{\text{Ker}(f)} \rightarrow M$  by  $\hat{f}(m + \text{Ker}(f)) = f(m)$  for each  $m \in M$ . By hypothesis,  $\hat{f}\left(\frac{M}{\text{Ker}(f)}\right) \ll M$ . It follows that  $f(M) \ll M$  and  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

**Corollary 1.4:** Let  $M$  be a  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular. If  $N \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ , then  $Mr \ll M$  for each  $r \in \text{ann}(N)$ .

Recall that for an  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $Z^k(M) = \sum_{\varphi \in S} \text{Im}\varphi$  and  $\text{Ker}\varphi \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ .  $M$  is  $K$ -nonsingular if and only if  $Z^k(M) = 0$  [6, 2964].

We have the following.

**Proposition 1.5:** For an  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular if  $Z^k(M) \ll M$  and the converse holds if  $M$  satisfies the ascending chain condition on small submodules.

**Proof:** Let  $\varphi \in S$  and  $\text{Ker}\varphi \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ . By the definition of  $Z^k(M)$ ,  $\text{Im}\varphi \leq Z^k(M) \ll M$ . Hence  $\text{Im}\varphi \ll M$ . Thus  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

Conversely, since  $M$  satisfies the ascending chain condition on small submodules, then  $RadM \ll M$  [7, Theorem 3.1].

Hence, for  $\varphi \in S$ , with  $Ker\varphi \leq_{ess} M$ , then  $Im\varphi \ll M$ . It follows that  $Z^k(M) = \sum_{\varphi \in S, Ker\varphi \leq_{ess} M} Im\varphi \leq RadM \ll M$ . Thus  $Z^k(M)$  is a small submodule.

**Remark 1.6:** If  $Z(M) \ll M$ , then  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

**Proof:** Since  $Z^k(M) \leq Z(M)$  [5, Proposition 2.11] and  $Z(M) \ll M$ , then  $Z^k(M) \ll M$  and hence  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, by Proposition 1.5.

**Example 1.7:** Let  $M = Q \oplus Z_4$  as  $Z$ -module and  $Z(M) = (0) \oplus (\bar{2}) \ll M$ . By Remark 1.6,  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular. Also,  $M$  is not  $K$ -nonsingular since, if so, then  $Z_4$ (direct summand of  $M$ ) is  $K$ -nonsingular, which is a contradiction.

Recall that an  $R$ -module is essentially prime if  $ann_R M = ann_R N$  for each  $N \leq_{ess} M$  [3].

**Proposition 1.8:** Let  $M$  be a divisible  $R$ -module (where  $R$  is an integral domain). If  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, then  $M$  is essentially prime.

**Proof:** Assume that  $N \leq_{ess} M$  and  $annM \subsetneq annN$ , that is, there exists  $a \in annN$  and  $a \notin annM$ . Thus  $aN = 0$  and  $aM \neq 0$ . But  $M$  is divisible, so  $aM = M$ . Define  $f: M \rightarrow M$  by  $f(m) = am$  for each  $m \in M$ . It is clear that  $f$  is a well-defined  $R$ -homomorphism. Since  $Ker(f) \supseteq N \leq_{ess} M$  and  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, then  $f(M) \ll M$ , which is a contradiction, since  $f(M) = aM = M$ . Thus  $annM = annN$  for each  $N \leq_{ess} M$ .

**Remark 1.9:** Essentially prime modules need not to be  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular; for example,  $M = Z \oplus Z_2$  as  $Z$ -module is an essentially prime [3], but  $M$  is not  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a SQD-module if every nonzero submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is a SQD-submodule of  $M$ , that is, for each  $f \in Hom(\frac{M}{N}, M)$ ,  $f(\frac{M}{N}) \ll M$ [9]. By applying Proposition 1.3, we have immediately the following.

**Remark 1.10:** Every SQD-module is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular. However, the convers is not true; for example, the  $Z$ -module  $Z \oplus Z$  is  $K$ -nonsingular (hence  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular) but it is not SQD-module [8].

The following Theorem is a characterization for  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular rings.

**Theorem 1.11:** For a ring  $R$ ,  $R$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular if and only if, for each ideal  $I$  in  $R$ ,  $I \leq_{ess} R$ , implies  $ann_R I \ll R$ .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$  Suppose that  $ann_R I + J = R$  for some ideal  $J$  of  $R$ . Then  $1 = a + b$  for some  $a \in ann_R I, b \in J$ . Define  $f: R \rightarrow R$  by  $f(a) = ra$  for each  $r \in R$ .  $f$  is a well-defined homomorphism.  $f(I) = Ia = 0$ , so that  $I \leq Ker(f)$ . Hence  $Ker(f) \leq_{ess} R$ , since  $I \leq_{ess} R$ . Now, by  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular of  $R$ ,  $f(R) \ll R$ ; that is  $Ra \ll R$ . But  $R = Ra + Rb$ , so  $R = Rb$  and this implies that  $1 = tb$  for some  $t \in R$ . Thus  $1 \in J$  and hence  $J = R$  and  $ann(I) \ll R$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Let  $f \in End(R)$  with  $Ker(f) \leq_{ess} R$ . To prove that  $f(R) \ll R$ , since  $f \in End(R)$ , then there exists  $a \in R, a \neq 0$  such that  $f(r) = ra$ , for all  $r \in R$ . Hence  $f(R) = Ra$  and  $Ker(f) = ann_R(a) \leq_{ess} R$ . By the condition,  $ann_R(Ker(f)) = ann_R(ann(a)) \ll R$ . Thus  $f(R) \ll R$ .

**Corollary 1.12:** For a ring  $R$ ,  $R$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular if and only if, for each  $f \in End(R)$ , there exists  $a \in R, ann_R(a) \leq_{ess} R$ , implies  $(a) \ll R$ .

## 2. Direct summand of $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular modules and direct sum of $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular modules

First we have the following.

**Proposition 2.1:** A direct summand of  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular  $R$ -module is a  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular module.

**Proof:** Let  $M$  be a  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular module,  $W \leq^{\oplus} M$ . Then  $W \oplus U = M$  for some  $U \leq M$ . To prove that  $W$  is a  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, suppose that  $f \in End(W)$  and  $Ker(f) \leq_{ess} W$ . Since  $End(M) = \begin{pmatrix} End(W) & Hom(U, W) \\ Hom(W, U) & End(U) \end{pmatrix}$ , take  $g = \begin{pmatrix} f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $Kerg = Ker(f) \oplus U \leq_{ess} W \oplus U = M$ . But  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, hence  $g(M) \ll M$  and so  $f(W) \oplus (0) \ll W \oplus U$ . Thus  $f(W) \ll W$  and  $W$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

**Remark 2.2:** The direct sum of two  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular modules needs not to be  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular (see Example 3.4(2)).

**Proposition 2.3:** Let  $M$  be indecomposable  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular which has a maximal essential submodule  $N$ . Then  $M \oplus \frac{M}{N}$  is not  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, but  $M$  and  $\frac{M}{N}$  are  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $M \oplus \frac{M}{N}$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, and let  $\varphi \in End(M \oplus \frac{M}{N})$  defined by  $\varphi(m, \bar{n}) =$

$(0, \bar{m})$ . Thus  $Ker\varphi = N \oplus \frac{M}{N} \leq_{ess} M \oplus \frac{M}{N}$ , so that  $\varphi( M \oplus \frac{M}{N} ) = (0) \oplus \frac{M}{N} \ll M \oplus \frac{M}{N}$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $M \oplus \frac{M}{N}$  is not  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, but it is clear that  $M$  and  $\frac{M}{N}$  are  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

Recall that a submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is fully invariant if for each  $f \in End(M), f(N) \subseteq N$ .  $M$  is called Duo if every submodule is fully invariant [8].

**Theorem 2.4:** Let a module  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are fully invariant submodules of  $M$ . Then  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular if and only if

- 1-  $M_i$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular modules for each  $i \in \{1,2\}$ .
- 2-  $Hom(M_i, M_j) = 0$  for each  $i \neq j$ .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$  The condition (1) holds by Proposition 2.1 and condition (2) holds by [10, Lemma 1.9].

$\Leftarrow$   $End(M) = \begin{pmatrix} End(M_1) & Hom(M_2, M_1) \\ Hom(M_1, M_2) & End(M_2) \end{pmatrix}$ . Hence  $End(M) = \begin{pmatrix} End(M_1) & 0 \\ 0 & End(M_2) \end{pmatrix}$  by

condition (2). Let  $f \in End(M)$ , then  $f = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 & 0 \\ 0 & f_2 \end{pmatrix}$  for some  $f_1 \in End(M_1), f_2 \in End(M_2)$ , and let  $Ker(f) \leq_{ess} M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Since  $Ker(f) = Kerf_1 \oplus Ker(f)_2$ , then  $Kerf_1 \leq_{ess} M_1, Kerf_2 \leq_{ess} M_2$ . Then by condition (1),  $f_1(M_1) \ll M_1, f_2(M_2) \ll M_2$ , so that  $f(M) = f_1(M_1) \oplus f_2(M_2) \ll M_1 \oplus M_2 = M$ .

**Proposition 2.5:** Let  $M$  be a direct sum of  $R$ -modules  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , and let  $ann_R M_1 \oplus ann_R M_2 = R$ . Then  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular module if and only if  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular modules.

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$  It follows by Proposition 2.1.

$\Leftarrow$   $End(M) = \begin{pmatrix} End(M_1) & Hom(M_2, M_1) \\ Hom(M_1, M_2) & End(M_2) \end{pmatrix}$ . Since  $ann_R M_1 \oplus ann_R M_2 = R$ , then

$Hom(M_2, M_1) = 0$  and  $Hom(M_1, M_2) = 0$  by [10, Lemma 2.7]. Thus

$End(M) = \begin{pmatrix} End(M_1) & 0 \\ 0 & End(M_2) \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $f \in End(M)$ , with  $Ker(f) \leq_{ess} M$ . Then we get  $f(M) \ll$

$M$  (by the same procedure of Theorem 2.4).

Recall that  $M$  is an abelian module if all idempotent endomorphism commutes with any endomorphism [2, Definition 4.2.1]. Equivalently, every direct summand of  $M$  is fully invariant [5, Theorem 4.6].

**Proposition 2.6:** Let  $M$  be abelian module and  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  where  $M_1, M_2 \leq M$ . Then  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular if and only if  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

**Proof:** Since  $M$  is abelian, then  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are fully invariant submodules and so  $(M_1, M_2) = 0, Hom(M_2, M_1) = 0$ , by [9, Lemma 1.9]. Thus the result follows by Theorem 2.4.

**Theorem 2.7:** Let  $M = \bigoplus M_i$  ( $I$  is an index set) be a direct sum of modules  $M_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) such that  $M$  is duo. Then  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular if and only if  $M_i$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, for each  $i \in I$ .

**Proof:**  $\Leftarrow$  Let  $f \in End(M)$  and  $Ker(f) \leq_{ess} M$ . Then  $Ker(f)$  is fully invariant in  $M$  (since  $M$  is duo). It follows that  $Ker(f) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} (Ker(f) \cap M_i)$ . Define  $f_i: M_i \rightarrow M$  by  $f_i = f \upharpoonright_{M_i}$  for each  $i$ . It is easy to see that  $Ker(f)_i = Ker(f) \cap M_i \leq_{ess} M \cap M_i = M_i$ . But  $M_i$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular for each  $i \in I$ , hence  $f_i(M_i) \ll M_i$  for each  $i \in I$ .

Since  $f(M)$  is a submodule of  $M$  and  $M$  is a duo module, then  $f(M) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} (f(M) \cap M_i)$ . It is easy to check that  $f_i(M_i) = f(M) \cap M_i$  for each  $i \in I$ . Thus  $f(M) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} f_i(M_i)$ . Moreover, since  $M_i$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, then  $f_i(M_i) \ll M_i$  for each  $i \in I$ . It follows that  $f(M) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} f_i(M_i) \ll \bigoplus M_i = M$  and, hence,  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

$\Rightarrow$  It follows by Proposition 2.1.

**Definition 2.8:** An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to an  $R$ -module  $W$  if for each  $f \in Hom(M, W), Ker(f) \leq_{ess} M$ , implies  $Imf \ll W$ .

**Remarks and Examples 2.9**

- 1- Every  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular module  $M$  is a  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to  $M$ .
- 2- The  $Z$ -module  $Q$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to  $Z$ -module  $Z$ .  $Z$ -module  $Z$  is not  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to  $Z$ -module  $Z_2$ .
- 3- Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be two  $R$ -modules such that  $M_1$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to  $M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Then  $M_1$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

**Proof:** Let  $f \in End(M_1)$  and  $Ker(f) \leq_{ess} M_1$ . Then  $i \circ f \in Hom(M_1, M_1 \oplus M_2)$  where  $i$  is the inclusion mapping from  $M_1$  to  $M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Then  $Ker(i \circ f) \leq_{ess} M_1$  and so  $(i \circ f)(M_1) \leq_{ess} M_1 \oplus M_2$ ,

since  $M_1$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to  $M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Hence  $f(M_1) \ll M_1 \oplus M_2$ . But  $f(M_1) \leq M_1 \leq^{\oplus} M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Thus  $f(M_1) \ll M_1$  and  $M_1$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

4-  $Z_{12}$  is not  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to  $Z_6$ , since there exists  $f: Z_{12} \mapsto Z_6$  defined by  $f(\bar{x}) = \begin{cases} \bar{0} & \text{if } x \in \langle \bar{2} \rangle \\ \bar{3} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ . Hence  $\text{Ker}(f) = \langle \bar{2} \rangle \leq_{ess} Z_{12}$ , but  $\text{Im } f = \{\bar{0}, \bar{3}\}$  is not small on  $Z_6$ .

**Theorem 2.10:** Let  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Then  $M$  is an  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular module if and only if  $M_i$   $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to  $M_j$ , for each  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow M_1$  and  $M_2$  are  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular modules by Proposition 2.1, that is,  $M_1$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to  $M_2$ . To prove that  $M_1$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to  $M_2$ , suppose that  $f \in \text{Hom}(M_1, M_2)$  and  $f(M_1) \not\ll M_2$ . Then  $h = i \circ f \circ \rho$ , where  $i$  is the inclusion mapping from  $M_2$  to  $M$  and  $\rho$  is the natural projection from  $M$  to  $M_1$ .  $h(M) = (i \circ f \circ \rho)(M) = f(M_1)$ , hence  $h(M) \not\ll M$  (because if  $h(M) \ll M$ , then  $f(M_1) \ll M$ , but  $f(M_1) \leq M_2 \leq^{\oplus} M$ , so  $f(M_1) \ll M_2$ , which is a contradiction. Since  $M$   $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, then  $\text{Ker } h \not\leq_{ess} M$ . On the other hand,  $\text{Ker}(f) = \text{Ker } h$  implies  $\text{Ker}(f) \not\leq_{ess} M$ . It follows that  $\text{Ker}(f) \not\leq_{ess} M_1$ , since if  $\text{Ker}(f) \leq_{ess} M_1$ , then  $\text{Ker } h = \text{Ker}(f) \oplus M \leq_{ess} M_1 \oplus M_2 = M$ , which is a contradiction. So,  $\text{Ker}(f) \not\leq_{ess} M_1$  and  $M_1$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular module relative to  $M_2$ .

Similarly,  $M_2$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular module relative to  $M_1$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Let  $\psi \in \text{End}(M)$  and  $\text{Ker}(\psi) \leq_{ess} M$ . To prove that  $\psi(M) \ll M$ , let  $\psi_1 = \psi|_{M_1}: M_1 \mapsto M$  defined by  $\psi_1(x) = \psi(x, 0)$  for each  $x \in M_1$ .  $\text{Ker } \psi_1 = \text{Ker } \psi \cap M_1 \leq_{ess} M \cap M_1 = M_1$ .  $\rho_1 \circ \psi_1 \in \text{End}(M_1)$  and  $\rho_2 \circ \psi_1 \in \text{Hom}(M_1, M_2)$ , where  $\rho_1$  is the natural projection from  $M$  onto  $M_1$  and  $\rho_2$  is the natural projection from  $M$  onto  $M_2$ . Then

$\text{Ker } \psi_1 \leq \text{Ker}(\rho_1 \circ \psi_1) \cap \text{Ker}(\rho_2 \circ \psi_1)$ . But  $\text{Ker } \psi_1 \leq_{ess} M$  and  $\text{Ker } \psi_1 \leq M_1$ , so  $\text{Ker } \psi_1 \leq_{ess} M_1$ . It follows that  $\text{Ker}(\rho_1 \circ \psi_1) \leq_{ess} M_1$  and  $\text{Ker}(\rho_2 \circ \psi_1) \leq_{ess} M_2$ . But  $M_1$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular and  $M_1$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular module relative to  $M_2$ , hence  $\rho_1 \circ \psi_1(M_1) \ll M_1$  and  $\rho_2 \circ \psi_1(M_1) \ll M_2$ .

Similarly  $\rho_1 \circ \psi_2(M_2) \ll M_1$  and  $\rho_2 \circ \psi_2(M_2) \ll M_2$ , where  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  are the natural projections from  $M_1$  onto  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ ,  $\psi_2 = \psi|_{M_2}: M_2 \mapsto M$ . Thus  $\psi(M) = \sum_{i=1,2} (\rho_j \circ \psi_i)(M_i) \ll M_1 \oplus M_2 = M$ . Therefore,  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

**Proposition 2.11:** Let  $M$  and  $M'$  be two  $R$ -modules and  $f \in \text{Hom}(M, M')$  such that  $f$  is onto. If  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to  $M'$ , then  $M'$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

**Proof:** Let  $g \in \text{End}(M')$  and  $\text{Ker } g \leq_{ess} M'$ . Then  $g \circ f \in \text{Hom}(M, M')$  and  $\text{Ker}(g \circ f) \leq_{ess} M$ . But  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to  $M'$ , so  $(g \circ f)(M) \ll M'$ , that is  $g(M') \ll M'$ . Thus,  $M'$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

**Proposition 2.12:** Let  $M$  be  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular quasi-injective. Then for each  $N \leq_{ess} M$ ,  $N$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to  $M$ .

**Proof:** Let  $f \in \text{Hom}(N, M)$  with  $\text{Ker}(f) \leq_{ess} N$ . As  $N \leq_{ess} M$ , then  $\text{Ker}(f) \leq_{ess} M$ . Since  $M$  is quasi-injective, then there exists  $g \in \text{End}(M)$  such that  $g \circ i = f$ , where  $i$  is an inclusion mapping from  $N$  into  $M$ . But it is clear that  $\text{Ker}(f) \leq \text{Ker } g$ , so  $\text{Ker } g \leq_{ess} M$  and by  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingularity of  $M$ ,  $g(M) \ll M$ . It follows that  $g \circ i(N) = g(N) \leq g(M)$  and  $g(N) \ll M$ . Besides that,  $f(N) = g(N)$  so that  $f(N) \ll M$  and  $N$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to  $M$ .

**Corollary 2.13:** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. If  $\bar{M}$  (quasi-injective hull of  $M$ ) is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, then  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to  $\bar{M}$ .

**Theorem 2.14:** Let  $M$  be a  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular  $R$ -module such that  $\text{Rad } M \ll M$ . Then  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular relative to the ring  $R_R$ .

**Proof:** Let  $f \in \text{Hom}(M, R)$  and  $(f) \leq_{ess} M$ . Suppose that  $f(M) + J = R$  for some ideal  $J$  of  $R$ . Hence  $1 = f(x) + j$  for some  $x \in M$  and  $j \in J$ . Now, for any  $m \in M$ , define  $g_m: R \mapsto M$  by  $g_m(r) = rm$ , for each  $r \in R$   $g$ , as a well-defined homomorphism. It follows that  $g_m \circ f \in \text{End}(M)$ . Since  $\text{Ker}(g_m \circ f) \supseteq \text{Ker}(f)$ , then  $\text{Ker}(g_m \circ f) \leq_{ess} M$ . Hence  $(g_m \circ f)(M) \ll M$ , since  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, and, hence, for each  $m \in M$ ,  $mf(M) \ll M$ . This implies that  $\sum_{m \in M} mf(M) \leq \text{Rad } M \ll M$ . Hence  $Mf(M) \ll M$  and so  $Mf(x) \ll M$ . But  $1 = f(x) + j$ , so that  $M = Mf(x) + Mj$ . It follows that  $Mj = M$ , hence  $x = yj$  for some  $y \in M$  and so  $1 = f(yj) + j = f(y)j + j \in J$ . Thus  $J = R$  and  $f(M) \ll R$ .

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**Remark 3.1:** For an  $R$ -module  $M$ , if  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, then  $N \leq M$ . Then, this shows that  $M/N$  is

not necessarily  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, as in the following example.

**Example 3.2:**  $M = Z \oplus Z$ , as the  $Z$ -module is an  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular module. Let  $N = (\bar{0}) \oplus (\bar{2}) \leq M$ . Then  $\frac{M}{N} \simeq Z \oplus Z_2$ , which is not  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, since if  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  then  $f(x, \bar{y}) = (0, \bar{x})$ ,  $\text{Ker}(f) = 2Z \oplus Z_2 \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ . But  $f(M) = (0) \oplus Z_2 \not\ll M$ .

**Proposition 3.3:** Let  $M$  be an  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular module such that  $\frac{M}{K}$  is projective for each  $K \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ . Then  $\frac{M}{N}$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular for each  $N \leq M$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\frac{U}{N} \leq_{\text{ess}} \frac{M}{N}$  and  $f \in \text{Hom}(\frac{M/N}{U/N}, \frac{M}{N})$ . Since  $\frac{U}{N} \leq_{\text{ess}} \frac{M}{N}$ , then  $U \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ . On the other hand,  $\text{Hom}(\frac{M/N}{U/N}, \frac{M}{N}) \simeq \text{Hom}(\frac{M}{U}, \frac{M}{N})$  that is  $f \in \text{Hom}(\frac{M}{U}, \frac{M}{N})$ , but  $\frac{M}{U}$  is projective, so there exist  $g \in \text{Hom}(\frac{M}{U}, M)$  and  $\pi \circ g = f$  where  $\pi$  is the natural projection from  $M$  to  $\frac{M}{N}$ . Also,  $g(\frac{M}{U}) \ll M$  by Proposition 1.3, so that  $(\pi \circ g)(\frac{M}{U}) \ll \frac{M}{N}$  and hence  $f(\frac{M}{U}) \ll \frac{M}{N}$ . Therefore,  $\frac{M}{N}$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

It is known that if  $M$  is an  $R$ -module, such that  $E(M)$  (the injective hull of  $M$ ) is  $K$ -nonsingular, then  $M$  is  $K$ -nonsingular [ 12, Proposition 2.18]. However, the  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular of  $E(M)$  is not inherited by  $M$  (see example 3.4). Also, if  $M$  is  $K$ -nonsingular, then  $E(M)$  is not necessarily  $K$ -nonsingular [5, Example 2.19].

**Examples 3.4**

1- By Example 2.3,  $M = Z \oplus Z_2$ , as the  $Z$ -module is not  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

$E(M) = Q \oplus Z_{2^\infty}$ . Since  $\text{Hom}(Q, Z_{2^\infty}) = 0$  and  $\text{Hom}(Z_{2^\infty}, Q) = 0$ , then  $S = \text{End}(M) = \begin{pmatrix} \text{End}Q & 0 \\ 0 & Z_{2^\infty} \end{pmatrix}$ . Assume that  $f \in S$ , hence  $f = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 & 0 \\ 0 & f_2 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $f_1 \in \text{End}(Q), \in f_2 \text{End}(Z_{2^\infty})$ , and  $\text{Ker}(f) \leq_{\text{ess}} E(M)$ . But  $\text{Ker}(f) = \text{Ker}f_1 \oplus \text{Ker}f_2$ , so  $\text{Ker}f_1 \leq_{\text{ess}} Q$  and  $\text{Ker}f_2 \leq_{\text{ess}} Z_{2^\infty}$ . Since  $Q$  and  $Z_{2^\infty}$  are  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular modules, then  $f_1(Q) \ll Q$  and  $f_2(Z_{2^\infty}) \ll Z_{2^\infty}$ . Hence  $f(M) = f_1(Q) \oplus f_2(Z_{2^\infty}) \ll Q \oplus Z_{2^\infty} = E(M)$ , so that  $E(M)$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

2- Let  $M = Z_{p^\infty} \oplus Z_p$  as a  $Z$ -module that is not  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.  $\text{End}(M) = \begin{pmatrix} \text{End}(Z_{p^\infty}) & \text{Hom}(Z_p, Z_{p^\infty}) \\ 0 & Z_p \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $\begin{pmatrix} P^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{End}(M)$   $\text{Ker}\varphi \simeq Z_{p^2} \oplus Z_p \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ , but  $\varphi(M) = Z_{p^\infty} \oplus 0 \not\ll M$ . Also,  $E(M) = Z_{p^\infty} \oplus Z_{p^\infty}$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

Now we ask if  $M$   $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular. Then  $E(M)$  a  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular. However we have the following:

**Remark 3.5**

1- Let  $M$  be a nonsingular (hence  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular). Then  $E(M)$  is  $K$ -nonsingular.

**Proof:** Since  $M$  nonsingular, then this implies that  $E(M)$  is nonsingular. Hence  $E(M)$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

2- Let  $M$  be a polyform extending module. Then  $\bar{M}$  (quasi-injective hull of  $M$ ) is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

**Proof:** By [4, Proposition 2.4.22],  $\bar{M} \oplus M$  is a Rickart module, so it is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular by Remarks and Examples 1.2(3). Hence  $\bar{M}$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular by Proposition 2.1.

3- Let  $R$  be a polyform ring. Then  $E(R)$  is an  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular  $R$ -module.

**Proof:**  $R$  is polyform, implies  $R$  is nonsingular by [5, Proposition 2.7]. Hence  $E(R)$  is nonsingular and so  $(R)$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

4- Let  $M$  be a prime  $R$ -module. Then  $\bar{M}$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

**Proof:** Since  $M$  is prime, then  $\bar{M}$  is polyform. Hence  $\bar{M}$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular by Remarks and Examples 1.2(9).

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is multiplication if, for each  $N \leq M$ , there exists an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $N = MI$  [3].

**Theorem 3.6:** Let  $M$  be a finitely generated faithful multiplication  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular if and only if  $R$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, where  $R$  is a commutative ring .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$  Let  $f \in \text{End}(R)$  with  $\text{Ker}(f) \leq_{\text{ess}} R$ . Then there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $f(a) = ar$  for each  $a \in R$ . Hence  $\text{Ker}(f) = \text{ann}_R(r) \leq_{\text{ess}} R$ . Define  $g: M \mapsto M$  by  $g(m) = mr$  for each  $m \in M$ .  $g$  is well-defined homomorphism and  $\text{Ker}g = \text{ann}_M(r)$ . But , since  $M$  is a faithful multiplication finitely generated module, then  $\text{ann}_M(r) = \text{Mann}_R(r)$  and hence  $\text{ann}_M(r) \leq_{\text{ess}} M$  [ 3, Theorem 2.13 ], that

is  $\text{Ker}g \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ . But  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, so that  $g(M) = Mr \ll M$ . It follows that  $\langle r \rangle = f(R) \ll R$  [12, Proposition 1.1.8]. Thus  $R$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

$\Leftarrow$  Let  $f \in \text{End}(M)$  with  $\text{Ker}(f) \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ . Since  $M$  is a finitely generated multiplication, then there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $f(m) = mr$ , for each  $m \in M$ .

Define  $g: R \rightarrow R$  by  $g(a) = ra$  for each  $a \in R$ . Then  $\text{Ker}g = \text{ann}_R(r)$  and  $g(R) = \langle r \rangle$ . But  $\text{Ker}(f) = \text{ann}_M(r) = \text{ann}_R(r) \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ , which implies that  $\text{Ker}g = \text{ann}_R(r) \leq_{\text{ess}} M$  [3, Theorem 2.13]. It follows that  $g(R) = \langle r \rangle \ll R$  (since  $R$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular). Thus  $f(M) = Mr \ll M$  [1, Proposition 1.1.8] and so  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

**Corollary 3.7:** Let  $M$  be a faithful finitely generated multiplication  $R$ -module (where  $R$  is a commutative ring). Then the followings are equivalent:

- 1-  $M$  is a  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular module;
- 2-  $R$  is a  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular ring;
- 3-  $\text{End}(M)$  is a  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular ring;
- 4- For each  $N \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ ,  $\text{ann}N \ll R$ ;
- 5- For each  $I \leq_{\text{ess}} R$ ,  $\text{ann}I \ll R$ .

Proof: (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (2) It follows by Theorem 3.6.

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) Since  $M$  is a finitely generated faithful multiplication module, then  $\text{End}(M) \simeq \frac{R}{\text{ann}(M)} \simeq R$  and so the result is obtained.

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (5) It follows by Theorem 2.11.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Let  $N \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ . Since  $M$  is a faithful multiplication, then  $N = MI$  for some essential ideal  $I$  of  $R$  [11, Theorem 2.13]. Also,  $\text{ann}_R N = \text{ann}_R I$  because  $M$  is a faithful multiplication. By (5),  $\text{ann}_R I \ll R$ , hence  $\text{ann}_R N \ll R$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) Let  $I \leq_{\text{ess}} R$ . Then  $N = MI \leq_{\text{ess}} M$  [11, Theorem 2.13]. By (4),  $\text{ann}_R N \ll R$ . But  $M$  is a faithful multiplication, so  $\text{ann}_R N = \text{ann}_R I$ . Thus  $\text{ann}_R I \ll R$ .

Notice that  $M = Z \oplus Z$  as  $Z$ -module is not a multiplication module and it is not  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular, but the ring  $Z$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

**Corollary 3.8:** If  $M$  is a local faithful  $R$ -module, then  $R$  is a  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

**Proof:** Since  $M$  is local faithful, then  $M$  is hollow and cyclic. Hence  $M$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular (by Remarks and Examples 1.2(2)) and, by Theorem 3.6,  $R$  is  $S$ - $K$ -nonsingular.

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