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Z-Small Submodules and Z-Hollow Modules

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Abstract

A submodule F of an R -module E is called small in E if whenever $F + W = E$, for some submodule W of E , implies $W = E$. In this paper, we introduce the notion of Z -small submodule, where a proper submodule F of an R -module E is said to be Z -small in E if $F + W = E$, such that $W \supseteq Z_2(E)$, then $W = E$, where $Z_2(E)$ is the second singular submodule of E . We give some properties of Z -small submodules. Moreover, by using this concept, we generalize the notions of hollow modules, supplement submodules, and supplemented modules into Z -hollow modules, Z -supplement submodules, and Z -supplemented modules. We study these concepts and provide some of their relations.

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المقاسات الجزئية الصغيرة من النمط Z و المقاسات المجوفة من النمط Z

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الخلاصة

يقال للمقاس الجزئي F من المقاس E متى ما كان $W+F=E$ لمقاس جزئي ما W من E يؤدي الى $W=E$. في بحثنا هذا أعطينا تعريف المقاس الجزئي الصغير من النمط Z ، حيث المقاس الجزئي الفعلي F من المقاس E يقال له انه مقاس جزئي صغير من النمط Z في E اذا كان $F+W=E$ و $Z_2(E) \subseteq W$ فإن $W=E$ ، حيث $Z_2(E)$ هو المقاس الجزئي المنفرد الثاني في E . كذلك اعطينا تاعاماً للمفاهيم: المقاس المجوف، المقاسات الجزئية، المقاس الجزئي المكمل والمقاسات المكمل الى المقاسات المجوفة من النمط Z والمقاسات الجزئية المكمل من النمط Z والمقاسات المكمل من النمط Z . تم دراسة هذه المفاهيم وقد أعطينا بعض العلاقات المتعلقة بهم.

1. Introduction

In this paper, all rings are associative with identity and all modules are unital left R -modules, unless otherwise specified. Let R be a ring and E be a module. A proper submodule F of E is called small ($F \ll E$), if $F + W = E$, where $W \leq E$ implies $W = E$ [1], [2]. As a generalization of this concept, we introduce Z -small submodule, where a proper submodule F of E is said to be Z -small of E ($F \ll_Z E$), if $F + W = E$ and $W \supseteq Z_2(E)$, then $W = E$, where $Z_2(E)$ is the second singular submodule of E (or Goldie torsion) defined by $Z(\frac{E}{Z(E)}) = \frac{Z_2(E)}{Z(E)}$, where $Z(E) = \{x \in E: xI = 0, \text{ for some essential ideal } I \text{ of } R\}$. In fact, $Z(E) = \{x \in E: \text{ann}(x) \leq_{\text{ess}} R\}$ where $\text{ann}(x) = \{r \in R: rx = 0\}$ [3].

In section two of this paper, we study this concept and provide some examples and basic properties of

these submodules and other related concepts .

In section three, we introduce and study the notions of Z-hollow modules and Z-supplement modules as generalizations of hollow modules and supplement modules, respectively , where a non zero R-module E is called Z-hollow module if every proper submodule is Z-small and a submodule F of an R-module E is called Z-supplement of a submodule W in E if $F + W = E$ and $F \cap W \ll_z F$. We give some examples and properties for these two concepts .

2 . Z-small submodules

In this section , we introduce the notion of Z-small submodule and give its basic properties .

Let E be an R-module. Recall that $Z(E) = \{x \in E : \text{ann}(x) \leq_{\text{ess}} R\}$ is called singular submodule of E , where $\text{ann}(x) = \{r \in R : rx = 0\}$. If $Z(E) = E$, then E is called a singular module . If $Z(E) = 0$, then E is called a nonsingular module [3].

Definition (2.1) : Let E be an R-module and N be a submodule of E . N is said to be Z-small in E (briefly $N \ll_z E$) , if $N + B = E$, such that $B \supseteq Z_2(E)$, then $B = E$,

where $Z_2(E)$ is the second singular submodule defined by $Z(\frac{E}{Z(E)}) = \frac{Z_2(E)}{Z(E)}$ [3] .

Remarks and Examples (2.2)

1) $(0) \ll_z E$.

Proof : Suppose that $(0) + B = E$, $B \supseteq Z_2(E)$, hence $B = E$. Therefore, $(0) \ll_z E$.

2) It is clear that every small submodule is Z-small , but the converse is not true in general; for example: in the Z-module Z_6 , every proper submodule of Z_6 is Z-small since, for every proper submodule A of Z_6 , there is a submodule B of Z_6 such that $A + B = Z_6$ with $B \not\supseteq Z_2(Z_6) = Z_6$ and $Z_6 \neq B$. But every proper submodule of Z_6 is not small in Z_6 .

3) In the Z-module, $N = 3Z$ is not Z-small , since if we take $B = 2Z$ as a submodule of Z , then $N + B = Z$ and $B \supseteq Z_2(Z) = 0$. But $B \neq Z$.

4) If $N \ll_z E$ and $A < N$, then $A \ll_z E$.

Proof : Assume that $A + B = E$ and $B \supseteq Z_2(E)$, hence $N + B = E$. Since $N \ll_z E$, then we have $B = E$. Therefore, $A \ll_z E$.

5) If X , Y are submodules of a module E such that $X \ll_z Y$, then $X \ll_z E$.

Proof : suppose that $X \neq 0$ and $X + B = E$, such that $B \supseteq Z_2(E)$, where $B < E$. Therefore, $(X + B = E) \cap Y$, thus $X + B \cap Y = Y$. Now , since $B \supseteq Z_2(E)$, then we have $B \cap Y \supseteq Z_2(E) \cap Y$. But $Z_2(E) \cap Y = Z_2(Y)$ [4] , hence $B \cap Y \supseteq Z_2(Y)$. Since $X \ll_z Y$, thus $B \cap Y = Y$, which implies that $Y \subset B$, so $X \subset B$. Therefore $X + B = B$. But $X + B = E$, thus $B = E$ and hence $X \ll_z E$.

6) If $K \leq L \leq E$ and $K \ll_z L$, then it is not necessarily that $L \ll_z E$, as the following example shows:

Consider the Z-module Z . If $K = 0$ and $L = 2Z$, then $K \ll_z Z$, but L is not Z-small in Z .

7) Let $A < E$ and $B < E$, where E is an R-module . Then $A \ll_z E$ and $B \ll_z E$ if and only if $A + B \ll_z E$.

Proof : (\Rightarrow) Suppose that $A \ll_z E$ and $B \ll_z E$ and suppose that $A + B + C = E$ with $C \supseteq Z_2(E)$. Thus $A + (B + C) = E$. Since $C \supseteq Z_2(E)$, then $C + B \supseteq Z_2(E)$. But $A \ll_z E$, thus $E = C + B$. Also , since $C \supseteq Z_2(E)$ and $B \ll_z E$, we have $C = E$.

(\Leftarrow) Now suppose that $A + B \ll_z E$. To prove that $A \ll_z E$, suppose that $A + C = E$ and $C \supseteq Z_2(E)$. Then $A + B + C = E$. But $A + B \ll_z E$, thus $E = C$ and hence $A \ll_z E$. Similarly, we can prove $B \ll_z E$.

8) Let A_i be proper submodule of an R-module E , $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$. Then , $A_i \ll_z E$, for every i , if and only if $\sum_{i=1}^n A_i \ll_z E$.

Proof : It is clear by (7) .

Proposition (2.3):

Let $f : E \rightarrow \hat{E}$ be an R-homomorphism and $N \ll_z E$, then $f(N) \ll_z \hat{E}$.

Proof: Let $f(N) + B = \hat{E}$ with $B \supseteq Z_2(\hat{E})$. Now, for every $x \in \hat{E}$, $f(x) \in \hat{E}$, so $f(x) = f(n) + b$, where $n \in N$ and $b \in B$. Thus $b = f(x) - f(n) = f(x - n) \in B$, then $(x - n) \in f^{-1}(B)$. Therefore $x = n + (x - n) \in N + f^{-1}(B)$, hence $\hat{E} = N + f^{-1}(B)$. Now , $B \supseteq Z_2(\hat{E})$ we have $f^{-1}(B) \supseteq f^{-1}(Z_2(\hat{E}))$. But $f^{-1}(Z_2(\hat{E})) \supseteq Z_2(E)$ (One can easily show this) . Therefore $f^{-1}(B) \supseteq Z_2(E)$, so $f^{-1}(B) = E$ (since $N \ll_z E$) . $f^{-1}(B) = f^{-1}(E) \cap B$, so that $f^{-1}(E) = f^{-1}(E) \cap B$, that is $f^{-1}(E) \subseteq B$. Since $f(N) \subseteq f^{-1}(E)$, then $f(N) \subseteq B$. On the other hand , we have $f(N) + B = \hat{E}$, hence $B = \hat{E}$ and hence

$f(N) \ll_z \dot{E}$.

Corollary (2.4) :

Let N, K be submodules of an R -module E , such that $K \leq N$ and $N \ll_z E$. Then $\frac{N}{K} \ll_z \frac{E}{K}$.

Proof : Let $\pi: E \rightarrow \frac{E}{K}$ be an R -homomorphism . Since $N \ll_z E$, then by proposition (2.3) , $\pi(N) \ll_z \frac{E}{K}$, which implies that $\frac{N}{K} \ll_z \frac{E}{K}$.

Corollary (2.5) :

Let E be an R -module and $H \leq N \leq L \leq E$, such that $\frac{L}{H} \ll_z \frac{E}{H}$, then $\frac{L}{N} \ll_z \frac{E}{N}$.

Proof : Let $f: \frac{E}{H} \rightarrow \frac{E}{N}$ be a map defined by $f(x+H) = x+N, \forall x \in E$. It is clear that f is an epimorphism . Since $\frac{L}{H} \ll_z \frac{E}{H}$, then $f(\frac{L}{H}) \ll_z \frac{E}{N}$, which implies that $\frac{L}{N} \ll_z \frac{E}{N}$.

Remark (2.6) :

If H is a proper submodule of an R -module E and $K \ll_z E$, where $K \leq H$ and $\frac{H}{K} \ll_z \frac{E}{K}$, then it is not necessarily that $H \ll_z E$, as the following example shows :

Consider the Z -module Z . If $H = \langle 2 \rangle$, $K = \langle 4 \rangle$, $\langle 4 \rangle + \langle 2 \rangle = \langle 2 \rangle$ with $\langle 2 \rangle \supseteq Z_2(\langle 2 \rangle)$, then $K \ll_z H$, $\frac{H}{K} = \frac{\langle 2 \rangle}{\langle 4 \rangle} \simeq Z_2$, $\frac{E}{K} = \frac{Z}{\langle 4 \rangle} \simeq Z_4$. One can easily show that $\frac{H}{K} \ll_z \frac{E}{K}$. But H is not Z -small of E , since $\langle 2 \rangle + \langle 3 \rangle = Z$ and $\langle 3 \rangle \supseteq Z_2(Z) = 0$, but $Z \neq \langle 3 \rangle$.

Proposition (2.7) :

Let $E = E_1 \oplus E_2$ and $N < E$, such that $N = H_1 \oplus H_2$, where $H_1 \leq E_1$ and $H_2 \leq E_2$. Then $N \ll_z E$ if and only if $H_1 \ll_z E_1$ and $H_2 \ll_z E_2$.

Proof : (\Rightarrow) Let $\rho_1: E_1 \oplus E_2 \rightarrow E_1$ be the natural projection and suppose that $N \ll_z E$. Then $\rho_1(N) \ll_z E_1$ (by proposition 2.3) . Thus, $H_1 \ll_z E_1$. Similarly, $H_2 \ll_z E_2$.

(\Leftarrow) Let $i_1: E_1 \rightarrow E_1 \oplus E_2$ be the inclusion map . Thus, $i_1(E_1) \ll_z E_1 \oplus E_2$, which implies that $H_1 \ll_z E$, by proposition (2.3) . Also, $i_2: E_2 \rightarrow E_1 \oplus E_2$, $i_2(E_2) = H_2 \ll_z E$ (by proposition 2.3) . Thus $H_1 + H_2 \ll_z E$ (by remark and example 2.2 , 7) . Thus $N \ll_z E$.

Lemma (2.8) :

Let E be an R -module and $H < N < E$. If $N \ll_z E$ and N is a direct summand of E , then $H \ll_z N$.

Proof : Since N is a direct summand of E , then $E = N \oplus L$, for some $L < E$. But $H \ll_z E$ and $H = H \oplus (0)$, thus by proposition (2.7) , $H \ll_z N$.

Proposition (2.9) :

Let E be an R -module and $T \leq H \leq E$, such that $T \ll_z E$, and H is a direct summand of E , then $T \ll_z H$.

Proof : Let $T + B = H$ and $B \supseteq Z_2(H)$, where $B \subseteq H$. Since $H \leq^\oplus E$, then $H \oplus C = E$. Hence, $E = (T + B) \oplus C = T + (B \oplus C)$ and $(B \oplus C) \supseteq Z_2(H) \oplus C$. But $Z_2(H) \oplus C \supseteq Z_2(H) \oplus Z_2(C) = Z_2(E)$ [7 and 4 , proposition 2.2.13] , so $(B \oplus C) \supseteq Z_2(E)$ and , since $T \ll_z E$, then $E = B \oplus C$. But $H \oplus C = E$, $B \subseteq H$, therefore $B = H$ and $T \ll_z H$.

Proposition (2.10) :

Let A be a singular submodule of an R -module E . Then A is a Z -small in E .

Proof : Let $A + B = E$ and $B \supseteq Z_2(E)$. Since A is singular , then $A = Z_2(A)$. But $Z_2(A) = Z_2(E) \cap A$, so $A \subseteq Z_2(E)$. Hence $A \subseteq B$. Then $B = E$, therefore $A \ll_z E$.

We need the following definition for the following proposition .

Recall that " an R -module E is said to be prime if $\text{ann}(x) = \text{ann}(y)$, for every non-zero element x, y in E " [5] .

Definition (2.11) : [6]

A submodule H of E is said to be t -essential in E (denoted by $H \leq_{\text{tes}} E$) , if for every submodule L of E , $H \cap L \leq Z_2(E)$ implies that $L \leq Z_2(E)$.

Remark (2.12) : [7]

" $Z_2(E) = \{x \in E: \text{ann}_R \leq_{\text{tes}} R\}$, where $\text{ann}_R(x) = \{r \in R: rx = 0\}$ " .

Proposition (2.13) :

If E is prime and $Z_2(E) \neq 0$, then $A \ll_z E$, for every proper submodule A of E .

Proof : Let $A + B = E$ and $B \supseteq Z_2(E)$. Since $Z_2(E) \neq 0$, then there exists $x \in Z_2(E)$, hence $\text{ann}(x) \leq_{\text{tes}} E$. But E is prime , so for every $a \in A$ and $a \in Z_2(E)$, $\text{ann}(a) = \text{ann}(x)$, hence

$\text{ann}(a) \leq_{\text{tes}} E$ and $a \in Z_2(E)$. This implies that $A \subseteq Z_2(E)$, thus $A + B \subseteq Z_2(E) + B$. But $E = A + B$ and $B \supseteq Z_2(E)$, so that $B = E$. Hence $A \ll_z E$.

Example (2.14) :

The last Proposition is not true for small submodules; for example : let $E = Z_2 \oplus Z_2$ as Z -module is prime and $Z_2(E) \neq 0$. All proper submodules of E are Z -small, but note that $N = Z_2 \oplus (0)$ is not small. In the following proposition, we show that the two concepts of small submodules and Z -small submodules are equivalent if the module is nonsingular.

Proposition (2.15) :

Let E be a nonsingular module and $H < E$, then $H \ll E$ if and only if H is Z -small submodule of E .

Proof : (\Rightarrow) It is clear by remarks and examples (2.2, 2).

(\Leftarrow) Let $H + L = E$, $L \leq E$, $L \not\subseteq (0)$. Since E is nonsingular, then $Z_2(E) = 0$, hence $L > Z_2(E)$. But $H \ll_z E$, so that $L = E$, therefore $H \ll E$.

Note (2.16) :

If $f: E \rightarrow \acute{E}$ is epimorphism, then it is not necessarily that $f^{-1}(Z_2(\acute{E})) = Z_2(E)$; for example : Let $\pi: Z \rightarrow \frac{Z}{\langle 2 \rangle} \simeq Z_2$, where Z and Z_2 are Z -modules and π is epimorphism. Notice that $Z_2(Z) = 0$ and $Z_2(Z_2) = Z_2$, but $\pi^{-1}(Z_2) = Z \neq Z_2(Z) = 0$.

Hence, in general, if we have $f: E \rightarrow \acute{E}$ being an epimorphism, such that E is nonsingular module, and \acute{E} is singular module, then $f^{-1}(Z_2(\acute{E})) \neq Z_2(E)$.

Recall that " a module E is a multiplication, if for every submodule H of E , $H = (H: E)E$, where $(H: E) = \{r \in R: rE \subseteq H\}$ " [8].

Proposition (2.17) : [9, p 18]

Let E be a finitely generated faithful multiplication module over a commutative ring R , and I, J be ideals of R , then

- 1) $E Z_2(R) = Z_2(E)$.
- 2) If $I \leq_{\text{tes}} R$, then $E I \leq_{\text{tes}} E$.
- 3) If $K \leq_{\text{tes}} E$ and $K = E I$, then $I \leq_{\text{tes}} R$.
- 4) If $I \leq_{\text{tes}} J$, then $E I \leq_{\text{tes}} E J$, and the converse is hold if R is regular.

Proposition (2.18) :

Let E be a finitely generated faithful multiplication R -module and $H \leq E$. Then $H \ll_z E$ if and only if $(H: E) \ll_z R$.

Proof : (\Rightarrow) Suppose that $H \ll_z E$. To prove that $(H: E) \ll_z R$, suppose that $(H: E) + I = R$, where I is an ideal of R and $I \supseteq Z_2(R)$. Then $(H: E)E + IE = E$ and hence $H + IE = E$. Now, since $Z_2(R) \subseteq I$, then $Z_2(R)E \subseteq IE$. But by proposition (2.17) we have $Z_2(R)E = Z_2(E)$, so $Z_2(E) \subseteq IE$. Since $H \ll_z E$, then $E = IE$ and hence $R = I$, [8]. Thus $(H: E) \ll_z R$.

(\Leftarrow) suppose that $H + K = E$ and $K \supseteq Z_2(E)$. We want to prove that $K = E$. Since E is multiplication, then $H = (H: E)E$ and $K = (K: E)E$. Thus, $(H: E)E + (K: E)E = E$. Also, since E is finitely generated faithful multiplication module, then we have $(H: E) + (K: E) = R$ [8] and $Z_2(E) = Z_2(R)E$, by proposition (2.17). Thus, $Z_2(R)E \subseteq K$, which implies that $Z_2(R)E \subseteq (K: E)E$. Therefore $Z_2(R) \subseteq (K: E)$ and since $(H: E) \ll_z R$, then $R = (K: E)$. Hence $E = (K: E)E = K$ and therefore $H \ll_z E$.

Remark (2.19) :

The condition that E is faithful cannot be dropped from the part (\Rightarrow) of proposition (2.18), as the following example shows : If E is the Z -module Z_{12} and $H = \langle 4 \rangle$, then $H \ll_z E$, but $(H: E) = 4Z$ is not Z -small in Z .

3. Z-Hollow modules

In this section, we introduce the Z -hollow module as a generalization of hollow module and study some of its basic properties.

Recall that an R -module $E \neq 0$ is called hollow module if every proper submodule of E is small in E [1].

Now, we define the Z -hollow modules.

Definition (3.1) :

An R -module $E \neq 0$ is called Z -hollow if every proper submodule of E is Z -small.

Remarks and Examples (3.2) :

- 1) Z_6 as Z -module is Z -hollow since every proper submodule of Z_6 is Z -small.

Z as Z -module is not Z -hollow since $3Z$ is not Z -small in Z , as we show in remarks and examples (2.2, 3).

2) It is clear that every hollow module is Z -hollow, but the convers is not true; for example the Z -module Z_6 is Z -hollow but not hollow.

Proposition (3.3) :

The epimorphic image of Z -hollow module is Z -hollow module.

Proof : Let E be a Z -hollow module, \acute{E} be a module, and $f : E \rightarrow \acute{E}$ be an epimorphism. Suppose that \acute{H} is a proper submodule of \acute{E} , such that $\acute{H} + \acute{K} = \acute{E}$ and $\acute{K} \supseteq Z_2(\acute{E})$. Since f is an epimorphism, then $f(Z_2(E)) \subseteq Z_2(\acute{E})$. Now, notice that $f^{-1}(\acute{H}) < E$ because if $f^{-1}(\acute{H}) = E$, then $f(f^{-1}(\acute{H})) = f(E) = \acute{E}$ and hence $\acute{H} = \acute{E}$, which is a contradiction. Thus $f^{-1}(\acute{H}) < E$. Also, $Z_2(E) \subseteq f^{-1}(f(Z_2(E))) \subseteq f^{-1}(Z_2(\acute{E})) \subseteq f^{-1}(\acute{K})$. Hence $f^{-1}(\acute{K}) \supseteq Z_2(E)$. Now, since E is Z -hollow, thus $f^{-1}(\acute{H}) \ll_z E$ and we get $E = f^{-1}(\acute{K})$. Hence $f(f^{-1}(\acute{K})) = f(E) = \acute{E}$, since f is epimorphism $f(f^{-1}(\acute{K})) = \acute{K}$. Thus $\acute{K} = \acute{E}$ and hence \acute{E} is Z -hollow module.

Corollary (3.4) :

Let E be an R -module. If E is Z -hollow module, then $\frac{E}{H}$ is Z -hollow for every proper submodule H of E .

Corollary (3.5) :

A direct summand of a Z -hollow module is Z -hollow module.

Proof : Let E be a Z -hollow R -module and H be a direct summand of E . Hence $E = H \oplus K$, for some submodule K of E . Then by the second isomorphism theorem $\frac{E}{K} \simeq H$. By corollary (3.4), H is Z -hollow.

Proposition (3.6) :

Let E be a finitely generated faithful multiplication R -module. Then E is Z -hollow if and only if R is Z -hollow.

Proof: It follows by proposition (2.18).

Proposition (3.7) :

Let E be an R -module $E \neq 0$. Then E is Z -hollow module if and only if there exists $H \ll_z E$ and $\frac{E}{H}$ is Z -hollow.

Proof : (\Rightarrow) It follows directly by taking $H = 0$.

(\Leftarrow) To prove that E is Z -hollow, let $A < E$ and assume that $A + B = E$ with $B \supseteq Z_2(E)$. We must prove that $B = E$. Now, $\frac{E}{H} = \frac{A+H}{H} + \frac{B+H}{H}$, but $B + H \neq E$ (since $H \ll_z E$) and so $\frac{B+H}{H} \neq \frac{E}{H}$. Then $\frac{B+H}{H} \supseteq \frac{Z_2(E)+H}{H}$. But $\frac{Z_2(E)+H}{H} \supseteq Z_2(\frac{E}{H})$. To show that let $x + H \in Z_2(\frac{E}{H})$, so $\text{ann}(x + H) \leq_{\text{tes}} R$. But $x + (0) \subseteq x + H$, hence $\text{ann}(x + (0)) \supseteq \text{ann}(x + H)[10]$. Therefore $\text{ann}(x + (0)) = \text{ann}(x) \leq_{\text{tes}} R$, and hence $x \in Z_2(E)$. Thus $x + H \in \frac{Z_2(E)+H}{H}$, then $\frac{B+H}{H} \supseteq Z_2(\frac{E}{H})$, but $\frac{E}{H}$ is Z -hollow, so $\frac{B+H}{H} = \frac{E}{H}$. Hence $B + H = E$, but $H \ll_z E$, so $B = E$. Therefore E is Z -hollow module.

Recall that " a submodule H of E is called fully invariant if for each endomorphism from E to E , $f(H) \subseteq H$ ", [3, p.4].

" An R -module E is called duo if every submodule of E is fully invariant " [11].

Proposition (3.8) :

Let E_1 and E_2 be R -modules, $E = E_1 \oplus E_2$, such that E is a duo module. Then E is Z -hollow if and only if E_1 and E_2 are Z -hollow modules, provided that $H \cap E_i \neq E_i$ for each $i = 1, 2, H < E$.

Proof : (\Rightarrow) It follows directly by (3.5).

(\Leftarrow) Let $H < E$. Since H is fully invariant, then $H = (H \cap E_1) \oplus (H \cap E_2)$ by [11, lemma 3.1]. Now, $(H \cap E_1)$ and $(H \cap E_2)$ are proper submodules of E_1 and E_2 respectively. But E_1 and E_2 are Z -hollow modules, thus $H \cap E_1 \ll_z E_1$ and $H \cap E_2 \ll_z E_2$. Then by proposition (2.7), $H = (H \cap E_1) \oplus (H \cap E_2) \ll_z E$. Thus E is a Z -hollow module.

Recall that " an R -module E is called distributive if for all $H, K, L \leq E$, $H \cap (L + K) = (H \cap L) + (H \cap K)$ " [12].

Proposition (3.9) :

Let $E = E_1 \oplus E_2$ be a distributive R -module such that $E_1, E_2 \leq E$. Then E is a Z -hollow if and only if

E_1 and E_2 are Z -hollow, provided that for each $H < E$, $H \cap E_i \neq E_i$, $\forall i=1, 2$.

Proof : (\Rightarrow) It follows by corollary (3.5).

(\Leftarrow) Let $H < E$. Since E is distributive, then $H = (H \cap E_1) \oplus (H \cap E_2)$ and then by the same proof of proposition (3.8), $H \ll_z E$. Thus E is Z -hollow.

Recall that a submodule K of an R -module E is called supplement of V if $E = K + V$ and V is a minimal element in the set of submodules H , where $H \leq E$ with $V + H = E$. Equivalently, a submodule K of E is called supplement of V if $K + V = E$ and $K \cap V \ll K$ [13, 14].

An R -module E is called supplemented if every submodule of E is supplement.

Let E be an R -module, then E is called amply supplemented module if, for any two submodules H and F of E with $H + F = E$, F has a supplement of H in E .

Definition (3.10) :

A submodule K of an R -module E is called Z -supplement of V if $K + V = E$ and $K \cap V \ll_z K$.

An R -module E is called Z -supplemented if every submodule of E is Z -supplement.

Let E be an R -module, then E is called amply Z -supplemented module if, for any two submodule H and F of E with $H + F = E$, F has a Z -supplement of H in E .

It is clear that every supplement submodule is Z -supplement, but the converse is not true; for example : $K = \langle 2 \rangle$, $V = \langle 3 \rangle$ in the Z -module Z_{12} . $K + V = Z_{12}$, $K \cap V = \langle 6 \rangle$ and is Z -small in K , but it is not small in K .

An R -module E is called Z -lifting if for any submodule N of E , there exist submodules K , H of E such that $E = K \oplus H$ with $K \leq N$ and $N \cap H \ll_z N$ [15].

Proposition (3.11) :

Every Z -hollow module is amply Z -supplemented.

Proof : Let E be a Z -hollow, then E is Z -lifting [15]. Also, since every Z -lifting is Z -amply supplemented, thus E is Z -amply supplemented.

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