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Properties of J– Regular modules

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Abstract

The present study introduces the concept of **J-pure** submodules as a generalization of pure submodules. We study some of its basic properties and by using this concept we define the class of J-regular modules, where an R-module M is called **J-regular** module if every submodule of M is J-pure submodule. Many results about this concept are proved.

Keywords: pure submodules, J-pure submodules, regular modules and J-regular modules.

المقاسات المنتظمة من النمط –J

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الخلاصة

في هذا البحث نقدم مفهوم المقاسات الجزئية النقية من النمط –J كتعميم لمفهوم المقاسات الجزئية النقية ويستخدم المفهوم هذا نعرف المقاسات المنتظمة من النمط –J إذ يقال ان المقاس M على الحلقة R بأنه منتظم من النمط –J اذا كان كل مقاس جزئي منه يكون نقياً من النمط –J أعطينا العديد من النتائج حول المفهوم هذا

1- Introduction

Throughout this paper, all rings are a commutative with identity and every R-module is a unitary. The notion pure submodule is well known and there are several authors deal with this concept. For example [1] and [2]. Let M be an R-module. A submodule N of M is called pure if the sequence $0 \rightarrow E \otimes N \rightarrow E \otimes M$ is exact for every R-module E. Cohn [1]. Equivalently if for each $\sum_{i=1}^n r_{ji} m_i \in N$, $r_{ji} \in R$, $m_i \in M$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$, there exist $x_i \in N$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^n r_{ji} m_i = \sum_{i=1}^n r_{ji} x_i$ for each j. A submodule N of an R-module M is called pure in M if $IN = N \cap IM$ for every ideal I of R [3]. Recall that an R- module M is called regular module if every submodule of M is pure [2]. M is called a Von Neumann regular module if every cyclic submodule of M is a direct summand of M, [4]. This paper is structured in two sections. In section one we give a comprehensive study of J-pure submodules. Some results are analogous to the properties of pure submodules. In section two, we study the concept of J-regular modules.

Recall that an R- module M is called F- regular if for each submodule of M is pure. (Equivalently) an R-module M is said to be F- regular R- module if for each $m \in M$, $r \in R$, there exist $t \in R$ such that $rm = rtrm$. [5]. The intersection of all maximal submodules of M denoted by $J(M)$ is called the Jacobson radical of M [4]. Recall that, a ring R is said to be a good ring if $J(R)M = J(M)$; M be an R- module. (Equivalently), if R is a good ring, then $J(M) \cap N =$

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$J(N)$, [4,p.234].

Recall that the annihilator of an element x of an R -module M denoted by $\text{ann}(x)$ is defined to be $\text{ann}(x) = \{r \in R: rx = 0\}$ and the annihilator of M denoted by $\text{ann}(M)$ is defined to be $\text{ann}(M) = \{r \in R: rx = 0 \text{ for every } x \in M\}$. Clearly $\text{ann}(x)$ and $\text{ann}(M)$ are ideals of R , [3]. An R -module M is simple if 0 and M are the only submodules of M , and an R -module M is said to be semisimple if M is a sum of simple modules (may be infinite). A ring R is semisimple if it is semisimple as an R -module [4]. It is known that over any ring R , a semisimple R -module is F -regular [6, 7].

It is clear that every F -regular module is J -regular, but the converse is not true (see Remarks and Examples (3.3) (1)).

2-Properties of J -pure submodules

In this section we introduce the concept of J -pure submodule. Also we investigate the basic properties of this type of submodules some of these properties are analogous to the properties of pure submodules.

Definition (2.1):

A submodule N of an R -module M is called a **J -pure** if N is pure in $J(M)$, i.e. for each ideal I of R , $IJ(M) \cap N = IN$, where $J(M)$ is the Jacobson radical of M .

Remarks and Examples (2.2):

(1) It is clear that every pure submodule is J -pure but the converse is not true in general. For example the submodule $\{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\}$ of the module Z_4 as Z -module is J -pure submodule since if $I = 2Z$ is an ideal of Z , then $I\{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} \cap \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = 2\{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} \cap \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = \{\bar{0}\}$.

On the other hand, $I\{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = 2\{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = \{\bar{0}\}$. By the similar simple calculation one can easily show that $IJ(Z_4) \cap \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = I\{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\}$ for every ideal $I = nZ$ of Z where n is any positive integer. Thus $\{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\}$ is a **J -pure** submodule of Z_4 but is not pure since if $I = 2Z$, then $IZ_4 \cap \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = 2Z_4 \cap \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\}$ but $I\{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = 2\{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = \{\bar{0}\}$.

(2) Every direct summand of an R -module M is J -pure, since every direct summand of M is a pure submodule in M , [2] hence by remark (1) is J -pure submodule. But, the converse is not true, for example the submodule $\{\bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}\}$ of the module Z_9 as Z -module. It is easily to check that $IJ(Z_9) \cap \{\bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}\} = I\{\bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}\}$ for each ideal I of Z . So, $\{\bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}\}$ is J -pure in Z_9 but not direct summand.

(3) Every nonzero cyclic submodule of the module Q as Z -module is not J -pure submodule.

Proof:

Let N be a cyclic submodule of Q as Z -module, generated by an element $\frac{a}{b}$ where a and b are two nonzero elements in Z . If we take an ideal $\langle n \rangle$ of Z where n is greater than one, then $\langle n \rangle \frac{a}{b} = \langle \frac{na}{b} \rangle$. Also $Q = \langle n \rangle Q$, because for any element $\frac{x}{y} \in Q$ we have $\frac{x}{y} = \frac{x}{ny} n \in \langle n \rangle Q$, thus $Q = \langle n \rangle Q$. Therefore $\langle n \rangle J(Q) \cap \langle \frac{a}{b} \rangle = \langle \frac{a}{b} \rangle$ implies that $\langle n \rangle Q \cap \langle \frac{a}{b} \rangle \neq \langle n \rangle \langle \frac{a}{b} \rangle$.

(4) If N_1 and N_2 are **J -pure** submodule of an R -module M , then $N_1 \cap N_2$ is not necessarily **J -pure**. For example: Let $M = Z_8 \oplus Z_2$ as a Z -module, and let $N_1 = Z_8 \oplus 0$ and $N_2 = Z(2, 1)$. It is easily seen that N_1 and N_2 are J -pure. But $N_1 \cap N_2 = \{(0, 0), (4, 0)\}$ is not J -pure.

(5) The sum of two J -pure submodules may not be J -pure. To show this consider $M = Z_4 \oplus Z_2$ as a Z -module, and let $A = Z(2, 1)$ and $B = Z(2, 0)$. It is easily seen that A is **pure**, hence it is **J -pure** and B is J -pure. But $A + B = \{(0, 0), (2, 0), (2, 1), (0, 1)\}$ is not J -pure.

Remark (2.3):

Let M be an R -module and N be a **J -pure** submodule of M . If B is a **J -pure** submodule of N , then B is a **J -pure** submodule of M .

Proof:

Let I be an ideal of R . Since N is a **J -pure** submodule in M and B is a **J -pure** submodule in N , then $IJ(M) \cap N = IN$ and $IJ(N) \cap B = IB$.

Now

$IJ(M) \cap B \subseteq IJ(M) \cap N = IN$, implies that $IJ(M) \cap B \subseteq IN$, then

$IJ(M) \cap B = (IJ(M) \cap B) \cap IN$

$= (IJ(M) \cap IN) \cap B$.
 $= I(J(M) \cap N) \cap B$ [since N is **J-pure** in M].
 Hence, $IJ(M) \cap B = IN \cap B = IB$ and $IB \subseteq IN \cap B \subseteq IJ(M) \cap B$.

Proposition (2.4):

Let R be a good ring. Suppose that M be an R -module and N is a J -pure submodule of M . If B is a J -pure submodule of M containing N , then N is a J -pure submodule of B .

Proof:

Let I be an ideal of R . Since N is **J-pure** submodule in M , hence $IJ(M) \cap N = IN$, now $IJ(B) \cap N \subseteq IJ(M) \cap N = IN$, implies that $IJ(B) \cap N \subseteq IN$. Since N is **J-pure** submodule in M , then $N \subseteq J(M)$ and $N \subseteq B$ implies that $N \subseteq J(M) \cap B$. Since R is a good ring, then $J(M) \cap B = J(B)$. [4]. Hence $IJ(B) \cap N = IN$.

Proposition (2.5):

Let M be an R -module and N is a **J-pure** submodule of M . If K is small a submodule of N , then $\frac{N}{K}$ is a J -pure submodule in $\frac{M}{K}$.

Proof:

Let I be an ideal of R . Since N is a J -pure submodule of M , then $IJ(M) \cap N = IN$

$$\begin{aligned}
 IJ\left(\frac{M}{K}\right) \cap \frac{N}{K} &= \frac{IJ(M)+K}{K} \cap \frac{N}{K} \quad [\text{since } J\left(\frac{M}{K}\right) = \frac{J(M)}{N}] \\
 &= \frac{(IJ(M) + K) \cap N}{K}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 IJ\left(\frac{M}{K}\right) \cap \frac{N}{K} &= \frac{(IJ(M) \cap N) + (K \cap N)}{K} \quad [\text{by Modular law}] \\
 &= \frac{IN+K}{K} = I\left(\frac{N}{K}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Proposition (2.6):

If N_1 is a **J-pure** submodule of M_1 and N_2 is a **J-pure** submodule of M_2 , then $N_1 \oplus N_2$ is J -pure submodule in $M_1 \oplus M_2$.

Proof:

Let $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ be an R -module, let I be an ideal of R . We have to show $IJ(M) \cap (N_1 \oplus N_2) = I(N_1 \oplus N_2)$. Let $x \in IJ(M) \cap (N_1 \oplus N_2)$, then $x = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i(a_i, b_i) = (x_1, x_2)$, where $a_i \in J(M_1)$, $b_i \in J(M_2)$ and $x_1 \in N_1, x_2 \in N_2$, so $(\sum_{i=1}^n r_i a_i, \sum_{i=1}^n r_i b_i) = (x_1, x_2)$ then $\sum_{i=1}^n r_i a_i = x_1 \in IN_1$, since N_1 is J -pure submodule of M_1 then $\sum_{i=1}^n r_i b_i = x_2 \in IN_2$, since N_2 is J -pure submodule of M_2 then $(\sum_{i=1}^n r_i a_i, \sum_{i=1}^n r_i b_i) \in IN_1 \oplus IN_2 = I(N_1 \oplus N_2)$. Hence $\sum_{i=1}^n r_i(a_i, b_i) \in I(N_1 \oplus N_2)$. Thus $(N_1 \oplus N_2)$ is J -pure submodule of $M_1 \oplus M_2$.

3- Basic Results for J-regular modules

In this section, we introduce and study the class of **J-regular** modules.

Definition (3.1):

An R -module M is said to be **J-regular** module if for each $m \in J(M)$, $r \in R$, there exists $t \in R$ such that $rm = rtrm$.

Proposition (3.2):

An R -module M is J -regular if and only if every submodule of $J(M)$ is pure.

Proof:

Suppose that M is a **J-regular** R -module and let N be any submodule of $J(M)$. For each $r \in R$, let $x \in IJ(M) \cap N$, then there exists $y \in J(M)$ such that $x = ry$. Since M is **J-regular**, then there exists $t \in R$ such $ry = rtry$. Put $e = tr$, then $ry = ery$ which implies that $x = ex$, but $x \in N$, so $x = ex \in IN$ and hence $IJ(M) \cap N \subseteq IN$. On the other hand, it is clear that $IN \subseteq IJ(M) \cap N$, thus $IJ(M) \cap N = IN$. Thus, N is a pure submodule of $J(M)$.

Conversely, assume that every submodule of $J(M)$ is pure. Let $x \in J(M)$ and $r \in R$ such that $Rrx = N$ which is a **J-pure** submodule of M , then $IJ(M) \cap N = IN$. For each $I \in R$. In particular, if $I = \langle r \rangle$ we get $rx \in IJ(M) \cap N \subseteq IN = rRrx$. Therefore there exists $t \in R$ such that $rt = x$, so M is J -regular R -module.

Remarks and Examples (3.3):

(1) It is clear that every F-regular module is **J-regular**, but the converse may not be true in general for example, the module Z_4 as Z -module is J-regular since every submodule of Z_4 is **J-pure** submodule in Z_4 , but Z_4 is not F-regular since the submodule $\{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\}$ of Z_4 is not pure, see remark and example (2.2)(1).

(2) The module Q as Z -modules are not J-regular modules, see remarks and examples (2.2) (3).

(3) The module Z_9 as Z -module is J-regular since every submodule of Z_9 is J-pure, but Z_9 is not regular since the submodule $\{\bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}\}$ is not pure, see remarks and examples (2.2) (2).

(4) It is clear that if N_1 and N_2 are two J-regular submodules of an R -module M , then $N_1 \cap N_2$ is J-regular submodules in M .

(5) It is not necessarily that if every submodule of an R -module M is J-regular implies M is J-regular. For example: the module Z_8 as Z -module is not J-regular. We know that $\langle \bar{4} \rangle$ is not J-pure submodule of Z_8 because $2.J(Z_8) \cap \langle \bar{4} \rangle = \langle \bar{4} \rangle$ while $2.\langle \bar{4} \rangle = \langle \bar{0} \rangle$, implies $2.J(Z_8) \cap \langle \bar{4} \rangle \neq 2.\langle \bar{4} \rangle$. While every proper submodule of Z_8 is J-regular, since $\langle \bar{2} \rangle \cong Z_4$ and $\langle \bar{4} \rangle \cong Z_2$ are J-regular modules.

(6) It is clear that, if every submodule N of an R -module M is **J-regular** with $J(M) = J(N)$, then M is **J-regular**.

(7) If $J(M) = 0$, then M is J-regular R -module. For example: In Z as Z -module, $J(M) = 0$, hence Z is J-regular R -module, but not regular.

(8) Every submodule N of J-regular R -module M such; that $J(N)$ is J-pure in M is J-regular.

Proof:

Let K be a submodule in N and I be an ideal of R . To show that K is J-pure in N , we have:

$$IJ(N) \cap K = (IJ(M) \cap N) \cap K \quad [\text{since } J(N) \text{ is } \mathbf{J-pure} \text{ in } M].$$

$$= IJ(M) \cap (N \cap K) = IJ(M) \cap K = IK \quad [\text{since } K \text{ is } \mathbf{J-pure} \text{ in } M].$$

Therefore, K is **J-pure** in N implies N is **J-regular**.

The following theorem shows that the cyclic J-pure submodules is enough to make the module be **J-regular**.

Theorem (3.4):

Let M be an R -module. The following statements are equivalent:

- (1) M is **J-regular** module.
- (2) Every cyclic submodule of M is J-pure submodule of M .
- (3) Every finitely generated submodule of M is **J-pure** submodule.
- (4) Every submodule of M is a **J-pure** submodule of M .

Proof:

(1) \Rightarrow (2) it follows by definition (2.1).

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Assume that every cyclic submodule of M is **J-pure**.

Let N be a submodule of $J(M)$ and I be an ideal of R . Let $x \in IJ(M) \cap N$, implies that $x \in IJ(M)$ and $x \in N$. Therefore $x \in IJ(M) \cap \langle x \rangle = I \langle x \rangle \subseteq IN$.

(1) \Rightarrow (3) It follows by definition (2.1), and the proof of (2) \Rightarrow (1).

(3) \Rightarrow (2) It is clear.

(1) \Leftrightarrow (4) It follows by proposition (2.2).

Proposition (3.5):

Let M and M' be R -modules; and $f: M \rightarrow M'$ be an R -epimorphism, $\ker f$ is small of M . If M is **J-regular** module, then M' is **J-regular**.

Proof:

Let $f: M \rightarrow M'$ be two R -epimorphism and $\ker f$ is small of M . To show that M' is **J-regular**. Let $y \in J(M')$, since $f: M \rightarrow M'$ be an R -epimorphism and $\ker f$ is small of M , then $f(J(M)) = J(M')$ [4] implies that $y \in f(J(M))$, then there exist $x \in J(M)$ such that $f(x) = y$. Since M is J-regular and $x \in J(M)$, then there exist $t \in R$ such that $rx = rtrx$ so

$$f(rx) = f(rtrx)$$

$$rf(x) = rtrf(x)$$

$$ry = rtry$$

Hence, M' is J-regular.

If M is F-regular R -module then $J(R).M = 0$, but if M is **J-regular** we have the following:

Proposition (3.6):

If M is **J-regular** R -module, then $J(R) \cdot J(M) = 0$.

Proof:

For each $0 \neq x \in J(M)$ and for each $0 \neq r \in J(R)$, there exist $t \in R$ such that $r t r x = r x$, then $r x (r t - 1) = 0$. Since $r \in J(R)$, then $(r t - 1)$ is invertible, hence, $r x = 0$ which implies that $J(R) \cdot J(M) = 0$.

Lemma (3.7):

Let $0 \neq x \in J(M)$. Then $\frac{R}{\text{ann}(x)}$ **regular ring** if and only if for each $r \in R$, there exist $t \in R$ such that $r x = r t r x$.

Proof:

\Rightarrow) Let $0 \neq x \in J(M)$, let $r \in R$, $\bar{r} \in \frac{R}{\text{ann}(x)}$ since $\frac{R}{\text{ann}(x)}$ is **regular ring**. Then there exist $\bar{t} \in \frac{R}{\text{ann}(x)}$, such that $\bar{r} x = \bar{r} \bar{t} \bar{r} x$ implies that $r - r t r \in \text{ann}(x)$, then $r x = r t r x$.

\Leftarrow) Let $0 \neq x \in J(M)$, let $r \in R$, since $r x = r t r x$ for some $t \in R$, implies that $r - r t r \in \text{ann}(x)$. Thus $\bar{r} x = \bar{r} \bar{t} \bar{r} x$, then $\frac{R}{\text{ann}(x)}$ is **regular ring**.

Proposition (3.8):

Let M be a **J-regular** R - module. Then $\frac{R}{\text{ann}(x)}$ is **regular ring** for each $x \in J(M)$.

Proof:

Let $x \in J(M)$, $r \in R$. Since M is **J-regular** R - module, then there exist $t \in R$ such that $r t r x = r x$, then $r - r t r \in \text{ann}(x)$. Thus $\bar{r} x = \bar{r} \bar{t} \bar{r} x$, which implies that $\frac{R}{\text{ann}(x)}$ is **regular ring**.

Theorem (3.9):

For any R -module M , The following statements are equivalent:

- (1) M is a **J-regular** R -module.
- (2) Every cyclic submodule of M is **J-regular**.
- (3) For every $0 \neq x \in J(M)$, $\frac{R}{\text{ann}(x)}$ **regular ring**.

Proof:

(1) \Rightarrow (2) It follows by Theorem (3.4).

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Let $0 \neq x \in J(M)$, and $r \in R$, then $P = \langle r x \rangle$ the submodule generated by $r x$. By (2), P is J - pure, then there exist $y = r x$ has a solution in P , i.e. There exist $z \in P$ such that $y = r x = r z$, $z \in P$ implies that $z = t r x$; $t \in R$, hence $r x = r t r x$. By lemma (3.7), $\frac{R}{\text{ann}(x)}$ **regular ring**.

(3) \Rightarrow (1) Let N be any submodule of M , and I an ideal in R . Let $x \in N \cap IJ(M)$, $x = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i x_i$, $r_i \in I$, $x_i \in J(M)$. By lemma (3.7), for each I , there exist $t \in R$ such that $r_i x_i = r_i t_i r_i x_i$. If we put $e_i = t_i r_i$, and $e = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - e_i)$, then it can easily be seen that $e \in I$, $e^2 x_i = e_i x_i$, $r_i x_i = e_i r_i x_i$ and $e e_i x_i = e_i x_i$. Thus $e x = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i r_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n e e_i r_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i x_i = x$. Hence $x \in IN$ and $N \cap IJ(M) \subseteq IN$. Thus, N is J - pure.

Proposition (3.10):

Let M be an R -module. If $\frac{R}{\text{ann}(J(M))}$ is a regular ring, then M is **J-regular**.

Proof:

Let $0 \neq x \in J(M)$, since $\text{ann}(J(M)) \subseteq \text{ann}(x)$, for each $x \in J(M)$, so there exist an R – epimorphism $\varphi: \frac{R}{\text{ann}(J(M))} \rightarrow \frac{R}{\text{ann}(x)}$ defined by $\varphi(r + \text{ann}(J(M))) = r + \text{ann}(x)$. Since $\frac{R}{\text{ann}(J(M))}$ is regular ring, then $\frac{R}{\text{ann}(x)}$ is a regular ring, then by Theorem (3.9). Therefore M is **J-regular**.

Consequently, it is J -regular. Furthermore, it is known that over a local ring, every F -regular module is semisimple [8]. We can generalize the latest statement as the following.

Proposition (3.11):

If M is a **J-regular** module over a local ring, then $J(M)$ is a semisimple R - module.

Proof:

Let I be the only maximal ideal of R . Since M is J -regular, then for each $0 \neq x \in J(M)$ we have that $R/\text{ann}(x)$ is J -regular local ring, which implies that $R/\text{ann}(x)$ is a field [9] hence, $\text{ann}(x)$ is a maximal ideal, so $I = \text{ann}(x)$ for each $0 \neq x \in J(M)$. Therefore, $I = \text{ann}(x) = \text{ann}(J(M))$. On the other hand, $R/I \simeq R/\text{ann}(J(M))$ is a field, which implies that $J(M)$ is a vector space over the field $R/\text{ann}(J(M))$ is simple ring. Then $J(M)$ is a semisimple R -module over the ring $R/\text{ann}(J(M))$. Thus, $J(M)$ is a semisimple R -module. [4].

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