

## $SI_0^*$ -RINGS AND $SI_0^*$ -MODULES

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**ABSTRACT:** This paper is a continuation of study of  $I_0^*$ -modules. We provide several characterization of module which it is endomorphism ring is a principal right (left)  $I_0^*$ -ring. New results obtained include necessary and sufficient conditions of module to be a principal right (left)  $I_0^*$ -module ( $I_0^*$ -module). Connectio between a principal right (left) module (module) and its endomorphism ring studied. Several basic properties of subsets  $\Delta^*[M, N]$ ,  $\nabla^*[M, N]$ ,  $T_r^*[M, N]$ ,  $J_r^*[M, N]$  of bi-module  $[M, N]$  are proved, for every two modules  $M, N$  include when  $T_r^*[M, N]$  is equal  $J_r^*[M, N]$ .

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### 1. Introduction

The concept of  $I_0$ -rings was introduced by Nicholson in [8]. Recall that a ring  $R$  is an  $I_0$ -ring if, for every  $a \in R$  there exists  $b \in R$  such that  $bab = b$ . The concept of  $I_0$ -ring was extended by Hakmi to the module theory in [5]. Later, Zhou in [12] studied when the bi-module  $[M, N]$  is an  $I_0$  module. In [1] Abyzov introduced the notion of  $I_0^*$ -modules as dual to  $I_0$  modules.

In this paper, we study the notion of  $I^*$ -rings and modules. In section 2, we prove that for a module  $M$ ,  $E_M$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -ring if and only if for every non essential principal right ideal  $\alpha E_M$  of  $E_M$ ,  $Im(\alpha)$  contained in a direct summand of  $K \neq M$  of  $M$ . Also, for a module  $N$ ,  $E_N$  is principal left  $I_0^*$ -ring if and only if for every non-essential principal left ideal  $E_N \alpha$  of  $E_N$ ,  $Ker(\neq)$  contains a non-zero direct summand of  $N$ . In section 3, we study the concept of a principal right (left)  $I_0^*$ -bi-module  $[M, N]$  as a natural generalization of the notion of right (left) (endomorphism) ring. It is proved that  $[M, N]$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -bi-module if and only if  $T_r^*[M, N] = J_r^*[M, N]$ . Thus, a ring  $R$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -ring if and only if  $T_r^*(R) = J_r^*(R)$ . Basic properties of  $J_r^*[M, N]$  and  $T_r^*[M, N]$  are proved in this section. In section 4, we prove that, if for a module  $N$ ,  $\nabla^*(E(N)) = J_r^*(E(N))$ , then  $E_N$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -ring. It is also proved that, for a retractable module  $N$ , then  $E_N$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -ring if and only if  $N$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -

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module and  $\nabla^*(E_N) = J_r^*(E_N)$ . Also if  $M$  is a co-retractable module, then  $E_M$  is a principal left  $I_0^*$ -ring if and only if  $M$  is a principal  $I_0^*$ -module and  $\Delta^*(EM) = J_l^*(E_M)$ . Basic properties of  $\nabla^*[M, N]$  and  $\Delta^*[M, N]$  are proved in this section.

Throughout this paper,  $R$  will be an associative  $R$ -ring with unity and modules are unitary right  $R$ -modules. For right  $R$ -modules  $M$  and  $N$ , we use the notation  $E_M = \text{End}_R(M)$  and  $[M, N] = \text{hom}_R(M, N)$ . Thus,  $[M, N]$  is an  $(E_N, E_M)$ -bi-module. Let  $M_R$  be a module and  $N$  be a sub module of  $M$ . We say  $N$  is small in  $M$  if, whenever  $K$  is a sub module of  $M$  with  $N + K = M$ , then  $K = M$ . Dually,  $N$  is large in  $M$  if,  $N \cap K$  implies  $K = 0$ , [6]. If  $M$  is an  $R$ -module, the radical of  $M$ , denoted  $J(M)$ , is defined to be the intersection of all maximal sub modules of  $N$ , [6]. We also denote for every sub module  $N$  of  $R$ -module  $M$  and  $\ell(a) = \{x : x \in R; xa = 0\}$ ,  $r(a) = \{x : x \in R; ax = 0\}$  for every  $a \in R$ .

## 2. Principal $I_0^*$ Rings

**Lemma 2.1.** For any ring  $R$  the following are equivalent:

1. For every non-essential principal right ideal  $aR$  of  $R$ , there is an idempotent  $1 \neq e \in R$  such that  $aR \subseteq eR$ .
2. For every non-essential principal right ideal  $aR$  of  $R$ , there is an idempotent such that  $0 \neq f \in R$ .
3. For every non-essential principal right ideal  $aR$  of  $R$ , there is an idempotent  $1 \neq g \in R$  such that  $a = ga$ .

**Proof.** Obvious.

We say that a ring  $R$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -ring, if it satisfies the conditions of Lemma 2.1. Similarly, we can define a principal left  $I_0^*$ -ring. A ring  $R$  is called a principal  $I_0^*$ -ring if it is a principal left and right  $I_0^*$ -ring. A ring  $R$  is (Von Neumann) regular, if for every  $a \in R$ ,  $a \in aRa$ , it is clear that every regular ring is a principal  $I_0^*$ -ring. Also, the ring of integers  $Z$  is a principal  $I_0^*$ -ring, because  $\{0\}$  is a unique non-essential ideal in  $Z$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** For every module the following are equivalent:

1.  $E_M$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -ring.
2. For every non-essential principal right ideal  $\alpha \in E_M$  of  $E_M$ ,  $Im(\alpha)$  contained in a direct summand of  $N \neq M$  of  $M$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $\alpha \in E_M$  with  $\alpha E_M$  non-essential in  $E_M$ , then  $\alpha = e\alpha$  for some idempotent  $1 \neq e \in E_M$ . So  $Im(\alpha) \subseteq Im(e)$  and  $Im(e) \neq M$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $\alpha \in E_M$  be non-essential in  $E_M$ , then by assumption  $Im(\alpha) \subseteq N$  for some direct summand of  $N \neq M$  of  $M$ . Let  $e : M \rightarrow N$  be the projection onto  $N$ . Since for every,  $m \in M$ ,  $\alpha(m) \in N = e(M)$ ,  $\alpha = e\alpha$  by Lemma 2.1 our proof is completed.

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $M_R$  be a module. Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $E_M$  is a principal left  $I_0^*$ -ring.
2. For every non-essential principal left ideal  $E_M\alpha$  of  $E_M$ ,  $Ker(\alpha)$  contains a non-zero direct summand of  $M$ .

**Proof.** Is dual as in Lemma 2.2.

Recall that a module  $M_R$  is co-retractable [3], if for every proper sub module  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $\ell_{E_M}(N) \neq 0$ . Also, recall that a module is retractable [9], if  $hom_R(M, N) \neq 0$  for every sub module  $N \neq 0$  of  $M$ .

Let  $M_R$  be a module and  $E_M = End_R(M)$ . Following Wisbauer [11], a module  $M$  is called semi-injective if for every  $\alpha \in E_M$ ,  $E_M\alpha = \ell_{E_M}(Ker(\alpha))$ .

Also, a module  $M$  is called semi-projective if for every  $\alpha \in E_M$ ,  $\alpha E_M = hom_R(M, Im(\alpha))$ . In [5] it is proved that, if  $M$  is a semi-projective retractable module, then for every  $\alpha \in E_M$ ,  $\alpha E_M$  is large in  $E_M$  if and only if  $I_M(\alpha)$  is large in  $M$ , [5, Lemma 5.1]. Also, if  $M$  is a semi-injective co-retractable module, then for every  $\alpha \in E_M$ ,  $E_M\alpha$  is large in  $E_M$  if and only if  $Ker(\alpha)$  is small in  $M$ , [5, Lemma 5.7].

Using Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3, we obtain the following results.

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $M_R$  be a semi-projective retractable module. Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $E_M$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -ring.
2. For every non-essential principal right ideal  $\alpha E_M$  of  $E_M$ ,  $Im(\alpha)$  contained in a direct summand  $N \neq M$  of  $M$ .
3. For every  $\alpha \in E_M$  with  $Im(\alpha)$  non-essential in  $M$ ,  $Im(\alpha)$  contained in a direct summand  $N \neq M$  of  $M$ .

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $M_R$  be a semi-injective co-retractable module. Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $E_M$  is a principal left  $I_0^*$ -ring.
2. For every non-essential principal left ideal  $E_M\alpha$  of  $E_M$ ,  $Ker(\alpha)$  contains a non-zero direct summand of  $M$ .
3. For every  $\alpha \in E_M$  with  $Ker(\alpha)$  not small in  $M$ ,  $Ker(\alpha)$  contains a non-zero direct summand of  $M$ .

### 3. Principal $I_0^*$ -Modules

Recall that a module  $M_R$  is an  $I_0^*$ -module [1], if every non-essential sub module  $N$  of  $M$  contained in a direct summand  $K \neq M$  of  $M$ . Here we say that a module  $M_R$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$  module if for every  $\alpha \in E_M$  with

$Im(\alpha)$  is non-essential in  $M$ ,  $Im(\alpha)$  contained in a direct summand  $K \neq M$  of  $M$ . Also, we say that a module  $M_R$  is a principal left  $I_0^*$ -module if for every  $\alpha \in E_M$  with  $Ker(\alpha)$  is not small in  $M$ ,  $Ker(\alpha)$  contains a non-zero direct summand of  $M$ . In [5] it is proved that, if  $M$  is a semi-injective co-retractable module, then  $Ker(\alpha)$  is small in  $M$  if and only if  $E_M\alpha$  is essential in  $E_M$  for every  $\alpha \in E_M$  [5, Lemma 5.7]. Also, if  $M$  is a semi-projective retractable module, then  $Im(\alpha)$  is essential in  $M$  if and only if  $\alpha E_M$  is essential in  $E_M$  for every  $\alpha \in E_M$  [5, Lemma 5.1].

From previous definitions and corollaries 2.4, 2.5 we derive the following:

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $M_R$  be a semi-projective retractable module. Then the following statements are equivalent:

1. The module  $M$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -module.
2. The ring  $E_M$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -ring.

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $M_R$  be a semi-injective co-retractable module. Then the following are equivalent:

1. The module  $M$  is a principal left  $I_0^*$ -module.
2.  $E_M$  is a principal left  $I_0^*$ -ring.
4.  $I_0^*$ -Bi-modules.

Let  $M_R, N_R$  modules and  $[M, N] = hom_R(M, N)$ , then  $[M, N]$  is an  $(E_N, E_M)$ -bi-module. Following [12], the Total of  $[M, N]$  is a non-empty subset of  $[M, N]$  given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tot}[M, N] &= \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha[N, M] \text{ contains no nonzer idempotents of } E_N\} \\ &= \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; [N, M]\alpha \text{ contains no nonzer idempotents of } E_M\} \end{aligned}$$

Toward this subset we define:

$$\begin{aligned} T_r^*[M, N] &= \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; [N, M] \subseteq eE_N \text{ for some } 1 \neq e^2 = e \in E_N\} \\ T_l^*[M, N] &= \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; [N, M]\alpha \subseteq E_M e \text{ for some } 1 \neq e^2 = e \in E_N\} \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that  $T_r^*[M, N]$  and  $T_l^*[M, N]$  are non-empty subsets in  $[M, N]$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** Let  $M_R, N_R, W_R$  are modules. Then:

1.  $T_r^*[M, N] \cdot [W, M] \subseteq T_r^*[W, N]$ .
2.  $[N, W] \cdot T_l^*[M, N] \subseteq T_l^*[M, W]$ .

**Proof.** (1) Let  $\alpha \in T_r^*[M, N]$  and  $\beta \in [W, M]$ , then  $\alpha\beta[N, W] \subseteq \alpha[N, M] \subseteq eE_N$  for some  $1 \neq e^2 = e \in E_N$ . Similarly, we can prove (2).

Let  $M_R, N_R$  are modules. Following [12], the Jacobson radical of  $[M, N]$  is an ideal given as follows:

$$J[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha\beta \in J(E_N) \text{ for all } \beta \in [N, M]\}$$

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Toward this ideal we define:

$$J_r^*[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha[N, M] \text{ is non-essential in } E_N\}$$

$$J_l^*[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \alpha[N, M] \text{ is non-essential in } E_M\}$$

It is clear that if  $N \neq 0$ , then  $J_r^*[M, N]$  is non-empty subset in  $[M, N]$  and if  $M \neq 0$ , then  $J_l^*[M, N]$  is non-empty subset in  $[M, N]$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $M_R, N_R, W_R$  are modules. Then the following hold:

1.  $J_r^*[M, N] \cdot [W, M] \subseteq J_r^*[W, M]$ .
2.  $[N, W] \cdot J_l^*[M, N] \subseteq J_l^*[M, W]$ .

**Proof.** (1) Let  $\alpha \in J_r^*[M, N]$  and  $\beta \in [W, M]$ , then  $\alpha\beta[N, W] \subseteq \alpha[N, M]$ . Since  $\alpha[N, M]$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ ,  $\alpha\beta[N, W]$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ . Similarly, we can prove (2).

**Lemma 4.3.** Let  $M_R, N_R$  are modules. Then the following hold:

1.  $T_r^*[M, N] \subseteq J_r^*[M, N]$ .
2.  $T_l^*[M, N] \subseteq J_l^*[M, N]$ .

**Proof.**

1. Let  $\alpha \in T_r^*[M, N]$ , then  $\alpha[N, M] \subseteq eE_N$  for some  $1 \neq e^2 = e \in E_N$ , so  $(1_N - e)E_N \neq 0$  and  $\alpha[N, M] \cap (1_N - e)E_N = 0$ . This shows that  $\alpha[N, M]$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ , so  $\alpha \in J_r^*[M, N]$ . Similarly, we can prove (2).

**Proposition 4.4.** Let  $M_R, N_R$  are modules. Then the following are equivalent:

1. For every  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  such that the right ideal  $\alpha[N, M]$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ , there is an idempotent  $1 \neq e \in E_N$  such that  $\alpha[N, M] \subseteq eE_N$ .
2. For every  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  such that the right ideal  $\alpha[N, M]$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ , there is an idempotent  $0 \neq e \in E_N$  such that  $e \in \ell_{E_N}(\alpha[N, M])$ .
3. For every  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  such that the right ideal  $\alpha[N, M]$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ , there is a direct summand  $K \neq N$  of  $N$  such that  $Im(\alpha\beta) \subseteq K$  for all  $\beta \in [N, M]$ .
4. For every  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  such that the right ideal  $\alpha[N, M]$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ , there is a direct summand  $K \neq N$  of such that  $\sum_{\beta \in [N, M]} Im(\alpha\beta) \subseteq K$ .
5. For every  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  such that the right ideal  $\alpha[N, M]$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ , there is an idempotent  $1 \neq e \in E_N$  such that  $Im(\alpha\beta) \subseteq K$  for all  $\beta \in [N, M]$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  such that the right ideal is non-essential in  $E_N$ , then  $\alpha[N, M] \subseteq eE_N$  for some idempotent  $1 \neq e \in E_N$ . So

$$1_N - e \in \ell_{E_N}(eE_N) \subseteq \ell_{E_N}(\alpha[N, M])$$

and  $1_N - e \in E_N$  is a non-zero idempotent.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  such that a right ideal  $\alpha[N, M]$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ , then  $e \in \ell_{E_N}(\alpha[N, M])$  for some idempotent  $0 \neq e \in E_N$ . So  $Im(\alpha\beta) \subseteq Ker(e)$  for all  $\beta \in [N, M]$  and  $Ker(e) \neq N$  is a direct summand of  $N$ , hence  $e \neq 0$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Obvious. (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  such that a right ideal is non-essential in  $E_N$ , then  $\sum_{\beta \in [N, M]} Im(\alpha\beta) \subseteq K$  for some direct summand  $K \neq N$  of  $N$ . Let  $e : N \rightarrow K$  be the projection onto  $K$ , then  $1_N - e \in E_N$  is an idempotent and  $Im(\alpha\beta) \subseteq K = Im(e) = Ker(1_N - e)$ , so  $(1_N - e)\alpha\beta = 0$ . This shows that  $\alpha[N, M] \subseteq eE_N$ . (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) and (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) are clear.

Let  $M_R, N_R$  are modules. We say that a bi-module  $[M, N]$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$  bi-module, if it satisfies the conditions of Proposition 4.4. Similarly, we can define a principal left  $I_0^*$  bi-module of the form  $[M, N]$ .

Note that from previous definitions we derive the following:

**Corollary 4.5.** Let  $M_R$  be a module. Then a ring  $E_M$  is a principal right (left)  $I_0^*$ -ring if  $[M, N]$  and only if is a principal right (left)  $I_0^*$ -bi-module.

**Lemma 4.6.** Let  $M_R, N_R$  are modules. If there is an epimorphism  $\lambda \in [N, M]$ , then the following are equivalent:

1.  $[M, N]$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -bi-module.
2. For every  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  such that the right ideal  $\alpha[N, M]$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ , there is an idempotent  $1 \neq e \in E_N$  such that  $\alpha = e\alpha$ .
3. For every  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  such that the right ideal  $\alpha[N, M]$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ , there is a direct summand  $K \neq N$  of  $N$  such that  $Im(\alpha) \subseteq K$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  such that the right ideal  $\alpha[N, M]$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ , then by Proposition 4.4  $\alpha\beta = e\alpha\beta$  for some idempotent  $1 \neq e \in E_N$  and for all  $\beta \in [N, M]$ . Since  $\lambda \in [N, M]$ ,  $\alpha\lambda = e\alpha\lambda$ . Let  $m \in M$ , since  $\lambda$  is an epimorphism  $\lambda(x) = m$  for some  $x \in N$ , so  $\alpha(m) = \alpha\lambda(x) = e\alpha\lambda(x) = e\alpha(m)$ , and so  $\alpha = e\alpha$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). It is clear. (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  such that the right ideal  $\alpha[N, M]$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ , then by assumption  $Im(\alpha) \subseteq K$  for some direct summand  $K \neq N$  of  $N$ , so for all  $\beta \in [N, M]$ ,  $Im(\alpha\beta) \subseteq K$  by Proposition 4.4 our proof completed.

Note that from Lemma 4.6 we derive the following:

**Corollary 4.7.** Let  $N_R$  be a module. Then the following are equivalent:

1. The ring  $E_N$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -ring.
2. For every  $\alpha \in E_N$  such that the right ideal  $\alpha E_N$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ ,  $\alpha = e\alpha$  for some idempotent  $1 \neq e \in E_N$ .
3. For every  $\alpha \in E_N$  such that the right ideal  $\alpha \in E_N$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ ,

$Im(\alpha) \subseteq K$  for some direct summand  $K \neq N$  of  $N$ .

**Lemma 4.8.** Let  $M_R, N_R$  are modules. If there is a monomorphism  $\lambda \in [N, M]$ , then the following are equivalent:

1.  $[M, N]$  is a principal left  $I_0^*$ -bi-module.
2. For every  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  such that the left ideal  $[N, M]\alpha$  is non-essential in  $E_M$  there is an idempotent  $1 \neq e \in E_M$  such that  $\alpha = \alpha e$ .
3. For every  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  such that the left ideal  $[N, M]\alpha$  is non-essential in  $E_M$  there is a non-zero direct summand  $K$  of  $N$  such that  $K \subseteq Ker(\alpha)$ .

**Proof.** Is dual as in Lemma 4.6.

Note that from Lemma 4.8 we derive the following:

**Corollary 4.9.** Let  $M_R$  be a module. Then the following are equivalent:

1. The ring  $E_M$  is a principal left  $I_0^*$ -ring.
2. For every  $\alpha \in E_M$  such that the left ideal  $E_M\alpha$  is non-essential in  $E_M$ ,  $\alpha = \alpha e$  for some idempotent  $1 \neq e \in E_M$ .
3. For every  $\alpha \in E_M$  such that the left ideal  $E_M\alpha$  is non-essential in  $E_M$ ,  $Ker(\alpha)$  contains a non-zero direct summand of  $M$ .

**Lemma 4.10.** Let  $M_R, N_R$  are modules. Then the following hold:

1. If there is an epimorphism  $\lambda \in [N, M]$  and  $E_N$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -ring, then  $[M, N]$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -bi-module.
2. If there is a monomorphism  $\lambda \in [N, M]$  and  $E_M$  is a principal left  $I_0^*$ -ring, then  $[M, N]$  is a principal left  $I_0^*$ -bi-module.

**Proof.** (1) Let  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  such that  $\alpha[N, M]$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ . Since  $\alpha\lambda \in E_N$ ,  $\alpha\lambda E_N$  is non-essential in  $E_N$  by assumption  $\alpha\lambda E_N \subseteq eE_N$  for some idempotent  $1 \neq e \in E_N$ , so  $\alpha\lambda = e\alpha\lambda$ . In addition, since for every  $m \in M$  there is  $x \in N$  such that  $\lambda(x) = m$ ,  $\alpha(m) = \alpha\lambda(x) = e\alpha\lambda(x) = e\alpha(m)$ , thus  $\alpha = e\alpha$ , so by Lemma 4.6 our proof completed. Similarly we can prove (2).

**Theorem 4.11.** Let  $M_R, N_R$  are modules. Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $[M, N]$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -bi-module.
2.  $T_r^*[M, N] = J_r^*[M, N]$ .

In particular,  $E_M$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -ring if and only  $T_r^*(E_M) = J_r^*(E_M)$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2).  $T_r^*[M, N] \subseteq J_r^*[M, N]$  by Lemma 4.3. Let  $\alpha \in J_r^*[M, N]$ , then  $\alpha[N, M]$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ , by assumption  $\alpha[N, M] \subseteq eE_N$  for some idempotent  $1 \neq e \in E_N$ , so  $\alpha \in T_r^*[M, N]$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  such that  $\alpha[N, M]$  is non-essential in, then  $\alpha \in J_r^*[M, N] = T_r^*[M, N]$ , so  $\alpha[N, M] \subseteq gE_N$  for some idempotent  $1 \neq g \in E_N$ .

**Theorem 4.12.** Let  $M_R, N_R$  are modules. Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $[M, N]$  is a principal left  $I_0^*$ -module.

$$2. \quad T_l^*[M, N] = J_l^*[M, N]$$

In particular,  $E_M$  is a principal left  $I_0^*$ -ring if and only if  $T_l^*(E_M) = J_l^*(E_M)$ .

**Proof.** Is dual as in Theorem 4.11.

### 5. (Co-) Singular Subsets

Let  $M_R, N_R$  are modules. Following [12], the singular ideal of  $[M, N]$  given as follows:

$$\Delta[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \text{Ker}(\alpha) \text{ is essential in } M\}$$

The co-singular ideal of  $[M, N]$  is

$$\nabla[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \text{Ker}(\alpha) \text{ is small in } N\}$$

Toward this ideal we define:

$$\Delta^*[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \text{Ker}(\alpha) \text{ is non-small in } M\}$$

$$\nabla^*[M, N] = \{\alpha : \alpha \in [M, N]; \text{Im}(\alpha) \text{ is non-essential in } N\}$$

It is clear that if  $M \neq 0$ , then  $\Delta^*[M, N]$  is a non-empty subset in  $[M, N]$  and if  $N \neq 0$ , then  $\nabla^*[M, N]$  is a non-empty subset in  $[M, N]$ .

**Lemma 5.1.** Let  $M_R, N_R, W_R$  be modules. Then the following hold:

1.  $[N, W] \cdot \Delta^*[M, N] \subseteq \Delta^*[M, W]$ .
2. If there is a monomorphism  $\lambda \in [N, M]$  then  $T_l^*[M, N] \subseteq \Delta^*[M, N]$ .
3.  $T_l^*(E_M) \subseteq \Delta^*(E_M)$ .

**Proof.** (1) Let  $\beta \in [N, W]$  and  $\alpha \in \Delta^*[M, N]$ . Since  $\text{Ker}(\alpha) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\alpha\beta)$  and  $\text{Ker}(\alpha)$  is non-small in  $M$ ,  $\text{Ker}(\beta\alpha)$  is non-small in  $M$ .

(2) Let  $\lambda \in [N, M]$  be is a monomorphism and  $\alpha \in T_l^*[M, N]$ , then  $[N, M] \alpha \subseteq E_M e$  for some idempotent  $1 \neq e \in E_M$ . Since  $\lambda\alpha = \lambda\alpha e$  and  $\lambda$  monomorphism,  $\alpha = \alpha e$  and  $\text{Ker}(e) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\alpha)$ . Hence  $e \neq 1$ ,  $\text{Ker}(e)$  is non-small in  $M$ , so  $\text{Ker}(\alpha)$  is non-small in  $M$ , thus  $\alpha \in \Delta^*[M, N]$ . (3) Follows from (2) for  $M = N$ .

**Lemma 5.2.** Let  $M_R, N_R, W_R$  be modules. Then the following hold:

1.  $\nabla^*[M, N] \cdot [W, M] \subseteq \nabla^*[W, N]$ .
2. If there is an epimorphism,  $\lambda \in [N, M]$ , then  $T_r^*[M, N] \subseteq \nabla^*[M, N]$ .
3.  $T_r^*(E_M) \subseteq \nabla^*(E_M)$ .

**Proof.** Is dual as in Lemma 5.1.

Following [2], recall that a module  $M_R$  is an  $I_0$ -module, if every non-small sub module of  $M$  contains a nonzero direct summand of  $M$ .

**Proposition 5.3.** Let  $M_R$  be an  $I_0$ -module. Then the following hold:

1. For every  $N \in \text{mod} - R$ ,  $\Delta^*[M, N] \subseteq T_l^*[M, N]$ .



2. For every  $N \in \text{mod} - R$ ,  $\Delta^*[M, N] \subseteq J_l^*[M, N]$ .
3.  $\Delta^*(E_M) = T_1^*(E_M)$ .
4. If  $\Delta^*(E_M) = J_l^*(E_M)$ , then  $E_M$  is a principal left  $I_0$ -ring.

**Proof.** (1) Let  $\alpha \in \Delta^*[M, N]$ . Since  $\text{Ker}(\alpha)$  is non-small in  $M$  and  $M$  is an  $I_0$ -module,  $K \subseteq \text{Ker}(\alpha)$  for some direct summand  $K \neq 0$  of  $M$ . Let  $e : M \rightarrow K$  be the projection onto  $K$ , then  $\alpha \neq 0$  and  $\beta\alpha = \beta\alpha(1_M - e) \in E_M(1_M - e)$  for all. So  $[N, M]\alpha \subseteq E_M(1_M - e)$  where  $1_M - e \neq 1$  is an idempotent of  $E_M$ , therefore  $\alpha \in T_1^*[M, N]$ . (2) Follows from Lemma 4.3 and (1). (3) Follows from Lemma 5.1 and (1) for  $M = N$ . (4) Let  $\alpha \in E_M$  such that  $E_M\alpha$  is non-essential in  $E_M$ , then  $\alpha \in J_l^*(E_M) = \Delta^*(E_M)$  and so  $\text{Ker}(\alpha)$  is non-essential in  $M$ . Since  $M$  is an  $I_0$ -module,  $e(M) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\alpha)$  where  $0 \neq e^2 = e \in E_M$ . Hence  $\alpha e \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha = \alpha(1_M - e)$  and  $1 \neq 1_M - e \in E_M$  is idempotent. So  $E_M\alpha \subseteq E_M(1_M - e)$  and our proof completed.

Following [cite{Ab}], recall that a module  $M_R$  is an module, if every non-essential sub module of  $M$  contained in a direct summand  $K \neq M$  of  $M$ .

**Proposition 5.4.** Let  $N_R$  be an  $I_0^*$ -module. Then the following hold:

1. For every  $M \in \text{mod} - R$ ,  $\Delta^*[M, N] \subseteq T_r^*[M, N]$ .
2. For every  $M \in \text{mod} - R$ ,  $\nabla^*[M, N] \subseteq J_r^*[M, N]$ .
3.  $\nabla^*[E_N] = T_r^*[E_N]$ .
4. If  $\nabla^*[E_N] = J_r^*[E_N]$ , then  $E_N$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -ring.

Proof. Is dual as in Proposition 5.3.

**Lemma 5.5.** Let  $M_R, N_R$  be modules and  $\alpha \in [M, N]$ . Then:

1. If  $N$  is retractable and  $\alpha[N, M]$  is essential in  $E_N$ , then  $\text{Im}(\alpha)$  is essential in  $N$ .
2. If  $M$  is co-retractable and  $[N, M]\alpha$  is essential in  $E_M$ , then  $\text{Ker}(\alpha)$  is small in  $M$ .

**Proof.** (1) Let  $K$  be a sub module of  $N$  such that  $\text{Im}(\alpha) \cap K = 0$ . Suppose that  $K \neq 0$ , since  $N$  is retractable,  $[N, K] = \text{hom}_R(N, K) \neq 0$ . Let  $\lambda \in \alpha[N, M] \cap [N, K]$ , then  $\text{Im}(\lambda) \subseteq \text{Im}(\alpha) \cap K = 0$ , so  $\lambda = 0$ . Hence  $\alpha[N, M]$  is essential in  $E_N$ ,  $[N, K] = 0$  a contradiction, so  $K \neq 0$ . (2) Is dual as in (1).

**Lemma 5.6.**

- (I) Let  $N_R$  be a retractable module. Then for every  $M \in \text{mod} - R$ ,

$$\nabla^*[M, N] \subseteq J_r^*[M, N]$$

In particular,  $\nabla^*(E_N) = J_r^*(E_N)$ .

- (II) Let  $M_R$  be a co-retractable module. Then for every  $N \in \text{mod} - R$ ,

$$\Delta^*[M, N] \subseteq J_r^*[M, N]$$

In particular,  $\Delta^*(E_M) = J_l^*(E_M)$ .

**Proof.** Obvious by Lemma 5.5.

**Theorem 5.7.** Let  $N_R$  be a retractable module. Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $N$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -module and  $\nabla^*(E_N) = J_r^*(E_N)$ .
2.  $E_N$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -ring.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $\alpha \in E_N$  such that  $\alpha E_N$  is non-essential in  $E_N$ , then by assumption  $Im(\alpha)$  is non-essential in  $N$ . So  $Im(\alpha) \subseteq e(N)$  for some idempotent  $1_N \neq e \in E_N$  and so  $\alpha E_N = \subseteq e E_N$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Since  $N$  is retractable, by Lemma 5.6 we have  $\nabla^*(E_N) \subseteq J_r^*(E_N)$ . Let  $\alpha \in J_r^*(E_N)$ , since  $\alpha E_N$  is non-essential in  $E_N$  and by assumption,  $\alpha E_N \subseteq e E_N$  for some idempotent  $1_N \neq e \in E_N$ , so  $Im(\alpha) \subseteq Im(e)$ , where  $Im(e) \subseteq N$  is a direct summand of  $N$ . Hence  $Im(\alpha) \cap Im(1_N - e) = 0$ ,  $Im(\alpha)$  is non-essential in  $N$ , so  $\alpha \in \nabla^*(E_N)$ . Let  $\lambda \in E_N$  such that  $Im(\lambda)$  is non-essential in  $N$ , then  $\lambda \in J_r^*(E_N)$ , so  $\lambda E_N$  is non-essential in  $E_N$  by assumption  $\lambda E_N \subseteq g E_N$  for some idempotent  $1_N \neq e \in E_N$ , therefore  $Im(\lambda) \subseteq Im(g)$ , where  $Im(g) \neq N$  is a direct summand of  $N$ , thus  $N$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -module and our proof is completed.

**Theorem 5.8.** Let  $M_R$  be a co-retractable module. The following are equivalent:

1.  $M$  is a principal left  $I_0^*$ -module and.
2.  $E_M$  is a principal left  $I_0^*$ -ring.

**Proof.** Is dual as in Theorem 5.8.

**Proposition 5.9.** Let  $F_R$  be a free module. Then for every  $M \in \text{mod } -R$ ,  $J_r^*[M, F] = \nabla^*[M, F]$ . In particular  $J_r^*(E_F) = \nabla^*(E_F)$ .

**Proof.** Since any free module is retractable, so by Lemma 5.6 we only need to show that  $J_r^*[M, F] \subseteq \nabla^*[M, F]$ . Let  $\alpha \in J_r^*[M, F]$ , then  $\alpha[F, M]$  is non-essential in  $E_F$ .

So there exists a right ideal  $I \neq 0$  of  $E_F$  such that  $\alpha[F, M] \cap I \neq 0$ . Since  $I \neq 0$ , there is  $\beta \in I$  such that  $Im(\beta) \neq 0$  and  $[F, Im(\beta)] = \text{hom}_R(F, Im(\beta)) \neq 0$  hence  $F$  is retractable. So there is  $0 \neq \lambda \in [F, Im(\beta)]$  and  $\lambda E_F \subseteq \beta E_F \subseteq I$ , hence  $Im(\lambda) \subseteq Im(\beta)$  and  $F$  is free, since  $\alpha[F, M] \cap \lambda E_F \subseteq \alpha[F, M] \cap I = 0$ ,  $\alpha[F, M] \cap \lambda E_F = 0$ . On the other hand, since  $F$  is free and retractable,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{hom}_R(F, Im(\alpha) \cap Im(\lambda)) &= \text{hom}_R(F, Im(\alpha)) \cap \text{hom}_R(F, Im(\lambda)) \\ &= \alpha[F, M] \cap \lambda E_F = 0 \end{aligned}$$

therefore  $Im(\alpha) \cap Im(\lambda) = 0$ . This shows that  $Im(\alpha)$  is non-essential in  $F$ ,

hence  $Im(\lambda) \neq 0$ , so  $\alpha \in \nabla^*[M, F]$ .

**Proposition 5.10.** Let  $Q_R$  be an injective co-retractable module. Then for every  $N \in \text{mod } -R$ ,  $J_i^*[Q, N] = \Delta^*[Q, N]$ . In particular,  $J_i^*(E_Q) = \Delta^*(E_Q)$ .

**Proof.** Is dual as in Proposition 5.9.

**Theorem 5.11.** For any free module  $F_R$  the following are equivalent:

1.  $F$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -module.
2.  $E_F$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -ring.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since any free module is retractable, by Proposition 5.9 we have

$$\Delta^*(E_F) = J_r^*(E_F)$$

and by Theorem 5.7 follows that  $E_F$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -ring. (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Obvious by Theorem 5.7.

It is easy to check that the Theorem 5.11 is true for any projective module  $P \neq 0$  such that  $J(P) = 0$ .

**Theorem 5.12.** Let  $Q_R$  be an injective co-retractable module. Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $Q$  is a principal left  $I_0^*$ -module.
2.  $E_Q$  is a principal left  $I_0^*$ -ring.

**Proof.** Is dual as in Theorem 5.11.

**Corollary 5.13.** Let  $F_R$  be a free module. Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $[M, F]$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -bi-module, for all  $M \in \text{mod } -R$ .
2.  $J_r^*[M, F] = T_r^*[M, F]$  for all  $M \in \text{mod } -R$ .
3.  $J_r^*[M, F] = \nabla^*[M, F]$  for all  $M \in \text{mod } -R$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Obvious by Theorem 4.12. (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Follows from Proposition 5.9. (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $\alpha \in [M, F]$  such that  $\alpha[F, M]$  is non-essential in  $E_F$ , then by Lemma 5.5  $Im(\alpha)$  is non-essential in  $F$ , so by assumption  $\alpha \in T_r^*[M, F]$  and  $\alpha[F, M] \subseteq eE_F$  for some idempotent  $1_F \neq e \in E_F$ , this shows that  $[M, F]$  is a principal right  $I_0^*$ -bi-module.

**Corollary 5.14.** Let  $Q_R$  be an injective co-retractable module. Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $[Q, N]$  is a principal left  $I^*$ -bi-module, for all.
2.  $J_i^*[Q, N] = T_i^*[Q, N]$ , for all  $N \in \text{mod } -R$ .
3.  $T_i^*[Q, N] = \Delta^*[Q, N]$ , for all  $N \in \text{mod } -R$ .

**Proof.** Is dual as in Corollary 5.13.

Following [7], recall a module  $N_R$  is locally injective if, for every sub module  $A \subseteq N$ , which is non-essential in  $N$ , there exists an injective sub module  $0 \neq Q \subseteq N$  with  $A \cap Q = 0$ . Also, recall a module  $M_R$  is locally

projective if, for every sub module  $B \subseteq M$ , which is non small in  $M$ , there exists a projective direct summand  $0 \neq P \subseteq M$  with  $P \subseteq B$ .

**Proposition 5.15.**

- (I) Let  $M_R$  be a locally projective module. Then for every  $N \in \text{mod} - R$ ,  $\Delta^*[M, N] \subseteq T_l^*[M, N]$ . In particular  $\Delta^*(E_M) = T_l^*(E_M)$ .  
 (II) Let  $N_R$  be a locally injective module. Then for every  $M \in \text{mod} - R$ ,  $\nabla^*[M, N] \subseteq T_r^*[M, N]$ . In particular,  $\nabla^*(E_N) = T_r^*(E_N)$ .

**Proof.** (I) Let  $\alpha \in \Delta^*[M, N]$ , then  $\text{Ker}(\alpha)$  is non small in  $M$ , so  $P \subseteq \text{Ker}(\alpha)$  for some projective direct summand  $P \neq 0$  of  $M$ . Suppose that  $e : M \rightarrow P$  the projection onto  $P$ , then  $\alpha e = 0$  and so  $\alpha = \alpha(1_M - e)$ . Since

$$[N, M]\alpha = [N, M]\alpha(1_M - e) \subseteq E_M(1_M - e)$$

where  $1 \neq (1_M - e) \in E_M$  is an idempotent,  $\alpha \in T_l^*[M, N]$ . Thus for  $M = N$ ,  $\Delta^*(E_M) \subseteq T_l^*(E_M)$  and by Lemma 5.1 our proof is completed. Similarly we can prove (II).

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