

ON MODULES WITH LIFTING PROPERTIES

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We have studied the lifting property on a direct sum of completely indecomposable and cyclic hollow modules over a ring R in [8].

In this note, we shall define the lifting property of decompositions with finite direct summands in §1 and give characterizations of this in terms of endomorphism rings of R -modules in §2. We shall study, in §3, R -modules with lifting properties and show that they are very closed to R -modules with direct decomposition of completely indecomposable and cyclic hollow modules when R is right noetherian.

We shall give the dual results for the extending property and its applications in the forthcoming papers.

1. Definitions

Throughout this paper we assume that a ring R contains an identity and every R -module M is a unitary right R -module. We recall here definitions in [8].

If $\text{End}_R(M)$ is a local ring, we call M a *completely indecomposable module*. We denote the Jacobson radical and an injective envelope of M by $J(M)$ and $E(M)$, respectively. By \bar{M} we denote $M/J(M)$. If N is a submodule of M and $N/J(N)$ is canonically monomorphic into $M/J(M)$, then we mean \bar{N} both $N/J(N)$ and the image of $N/J(N)$ into $M/J(M)$.

If $J(M)$ is a unique maximal and small submodule in M , we call M a *cyclic hollow module* (actually M is cyclic). If, for each simple submodule A of \bar{M} , there exists a completely indecomposable and cyclic hollow direct summand M_1 of M such that $\bar{M}_1 = A$, then we say M has *the lifting property of simple modules (modulo radical)*. More generally, if for any direct summand B of \bar{M} , there exists a direct summand M' of M such that $\bar{M}' = B$, we say M has *the lifting property of direct summands (modulo radical)*. Finally if, for any finite decomposition of \bar{M} ; $\bar{M} = C_1 \oplus C_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus C_n$, there exists a decomposition of M ; $M = M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus M_n$ such that $\bar{M}_i = C_i$, we say M has *the lifting property of decompositions with finite direct summands (modulo radical)*. If the above property is satisfied for any direct decompositions, we say M has *the lifting property of decompositions (modulo radical)*.

We recall the definition in [8].

(E-I) *Every epimorphism of M onto itself is an isomorphism.*

Let $\{M_\alpha\}_I$ be a set of completely indecomposable modules. We assume each M_α satisfies (E-I). We shall define a relation \leq in $\{M_\alpha\}_I$. If $M_\alpha \approx M_\beta$, we put $M_\alpha \equiv M_\beta$. If there exists an epimorphism of M_α to M_β , we put $M_\alpha \geq M_\beta$. Then \leq defines a partial order in $\{M_\alpha\}_I$. We refer the reader for other definitions to [8]. We call briefly lifting property modulo radical lifting property.

2. Lifting property on direct sums

Let $\{M_\alpha\}_I$ be a set of completely indecomposable modules and $M = \sum_I \oplus M_\alpha$. In this section we shall study the lifting property of M when each M_α is a cyclic hollow module.

First we shall quote a well known property on semi-perfect module [11].

Proposition 1. *Let P be a projective module. We assume that $P/J(P)$ is semi-simple and $J(P)$ is small in P . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1) P is semi-perfect.
- 2) P has the lifting property of simple modules.
- 3) P has the lifting property of decompositions.

Proof. It is clear from [11], Theorem 4.3 or [5], Lemma 6 and [6], Proposition 1.

We shall give an example which shows that the assumption on $J(P)$ is necessary in the above proposition.

Let R be the ring of infinite lower-triangular and column finite matrices over a field K and let $\{e_{ii}\}$ be the set of matrix units. Then $P = \sum_I^{\infty} \oplus e_{ii}R$ is a projective module with $P/J(P)$ semisimple. Since $\overline{e_{ii}R} \approx \overline{e_{jj}R}$ for $i \neq j$, P has trivially the lifting property of decompositions. However, $J(P)$ is not small in P by [7] and so P is not semi-perfect.

In the above proposition, the lifting property of simple modules implies that P has a decomposition $P = \sum_I \oplus P_\alpha$ and the P_α are cyclic hollow and completely indecomposable modules. However this fact is not true in general for any module N with $N/J(N)$ semi-simple. We shall study this problem in the next section.

Thus, we assume from now on that $M = \sum_I \oplus M_\alpha$ and the M_α are cyclic hollow and completely indecomposables. We give one remark on any R -module M' .

Proposition 2. *Let M' be an R -module. Let N_1 and N_2 be completely indecomposable direct summands of M' . If $\bar{N}_1 = \bar{N}_2$ in \bar{M}' , N_1 is isomorphic to N_2 .*

Proof. Let $M' = N_1 \oplus N'_1 = N_2 \oplus N'_2$. Since N_1 has the exchange property

satisfies (E-I). Then M has the lifting property of simple modules if and only if $S/J_0(S)$ is a subring $\prod_i T(\dots, I_{i_1}, \dots, I_{i_2}, \dots)$ in \bar{S} via the natural monomorphism $S/J_0(S) \rightarrow \bar{S}$.

REMARK. Since there exists a cyclic hollow module Q such that $\text{End}_R(Q) \rightarrow \text{End}(\bar{Q}_R, \bar{Q}) \rightarrow 0$ is not exact, we need the restriction $\Delta'(\xi)$.

We shall consider the case $\bar{S} = S/J_0(S)$ after the following theorem.

Theorem 1. Let $\{M_\alpha\}_I$ be a set of completely indecomposable and cyclic hollow modules. We put $M = \sum_I \oplus M_\alpha$ and assume $\{M_\alpha\}_I$ is a semi- T -nilpotent set

[3]. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- 1) M has the lifting property of simple modules.
- 2) M has the lifting property of direct summands.
- 3) Every direct summand of M has the above property.

Proof. 2) \rightarrow 3). (see [8], the proof of Proposition 2). Let $M = T_1 \oplus T_2$ and $\bar{T}_1 = A \oplus B$. We put $C = A \oplus \bar{T}_2$. Then from 2) we obtain direct summands K_i such that $M = K_1 \oplus K_2$ and $\bar{K}_1 = C$. Since $\{M_\alpha\}_I$ is semi- T -nilpotent, K_1 has the exchange property in M by [10], Theorem. Hence, $M = K_1 \oplus T'_1 \oplus T'_2$; $T'_i \subseteq T_i$. Since $\bar{T}'_2 \subseteq \bar{T}_2 \subseteq C = \bar{K}_1$, $\bar{T}'_2 = 0$ and so $T'_2 = 0$ by [10] and the assumption. Accordingly, $M = K_1 \oplus T'_1$ and $T_1 = T'_1 \oplus (T_1 \cap K_1)$. On the other hand, since $\bar{M} = \bar{K}_1 \oplus \bar{T}'_1 = C \oplus \bar{T}'_1$, $A \cap \bar{T}'_1 = 0$ and $\bar{T}_1 \cup \bar{K}_1 \subseteq \bar{T}_1 \cap \bar{K}_1 = \bar{T}_1 \cap (A \oplus \bar{T}_2) = A$. Hence, $A = \bar{T}_1 \cap \bar{K}_1 \oplus (A \cap \bar{T}'_1) = \bar{T}_1 \cap \bar{K}_1$ and $T_1 \cap K_1$ is a direct summand of T_1 . 3) \rightarrow 1). It is clear.

1) \rightarrow 2). Since \bar{M} is semi-simple, we may assume $\bar{M} = A \oplus B$ and $A = \sum_X \oplus A_\alpha$ with A_α simple. We assume X is a well ordered set. We show by induction that for each $\alpha > \beta \geq \kappa$ there exists a summand N_κ of M such that $\sum_{\kappa \leq \beta} \oplus N_\kappa$ is a direct summand of M , $\{N_\kappa\}_{\kappa \leq \beta} \subseteq \{N_{\kappa'}\}_{\kappa' \leq \beta'}$ if $\beta \leq \beta'$ and $\sum_{\kappa \leq \beta} \oplus \bar{N}_\kappa = \sum_{\kappa \leq \beta} \oplus A_\kappa$. If $\alpha = 1$, we have $N_1 = M_1$ by 1). Since $\sum_{\beta < \alpha} \oplus N_\beta$ is locally direct summand of M , by [9], Lemma 3 and [10], Theorem, it is a direct summand of M ; $M = \sum_{\beta < \alpha} \oplus N_\beta \oplus N$ and $\sum_{\beta < \alpha} \oplus \bar{N}_\beta = \sum_{\beta < \alpha} \oplus A_\beta$. Put $A' = \sum_{\beta < \alpha} \oplus A_\beta \oplus A_\alpha$. Then $A' = \sum_{\beta < \alpha} \oplus A_\beta \oplus (A' \cap \bar{N})$ and $A' \cap \bar{N} \approx A_\alpha$ is simple. Hence, there exists a direct summand N_α of N such that $\bar{N}_\alpha = A' \cap \bar{N}$ by [8], Proposition 2. Therefore, $\sum_{\beta < \alpha} \oplus N_\beta \oplus N_\alpha$ is a direct summand of M and $\sum_{\beta < \alpha} \oplus \bar{N}_\beta \oplus \bar{N}_\alpha = \sum_{\beta < \alpha} \oplus A_\beta \oplus (A' \cap \bar{N}) = A'$.

In the following theorem we consider an R -module M which has less assumptions.

Theorem 2. Let $\{M_\alpha\}_I$ be a set of R -modules with $M_\alpha/J(M_\alpha)$ simple (not

necessarily either hollow or completely indecomposable). We put $M = \sum_I \oplus M_\alpha$.

Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- 1) M has the lifting property of decompositions with finite direct summands.
- 2) M has the lifting property of decompositions with two direct summands.
- 3) $\text{Hom}_R(\bar{M}_\alpha, \bar{M}_\beta)$ is lifted to $\text{Hom}_R(M_\alpha, M_\beta)$ for $\alpha \neq \beta$ in I .
- 4) $\bar{S} = S/J_0(S)$ (under the assumption (#)), where $S = \text{End}_R(M)$, $\bar{S} = \text{End}_R(\bar{M})$

and $J_0(S) = \text{Hom}_R(M, J(M))$.

Proof. 1)→2). It is clear.

2)→3). Let f be in $\text{Hom}_R(\bar{M}_1, \bar{M}_2)$ and $\bar{M}_1(f) = \{\bar{x} + f(\bar{x}) \mid x \in M_1\}$. Then $\bar{M} = \bar{M}_1(f) \oplus (\bar{M}_2 \oplus \bar{M}_3 \oplus \dots)$. By 2) we obtain a decomposition of M ; $M = N_1 \oplus N_2$ such that $\bar{N}_1 = \bar{M}_1(f)$ and $\bar{N}_2 = (\bar{M}_2 \oplus \bar{M}_3 \oplus \dots)$. Let $\pi_i: M \rightarrow N_i$ and $\rho_i: M \rightarrow M_i$ projections with respect to the decompositions $M = \sum_{i=1}^2 \oplus N_i$ and $M = \sum_I \oplus M_\alpha$, respectively. Put $g = \rho_2 \pi_1|_{M_1} \in \text{Hom}_R(M_1, M_2)$. Let m be in M_1 . Then $m = \sum_{i=1}^2 \pi_i(m)$ and $\pi_1(m) = \sum_I \rho_\alpha(\pi_1(m))$. Hence, since $\bar{m} = \sum \overline{\pi_i(m)}$ and $\overline{\pi_1(m)} = \bar{x} + f(\bar{x})$ for some $x \in M_1$, $\bar{m} = \bar{x}$. Accordingly, $\bar{g}(\bar{m}) = \overline{g(m)} = \overline{\rho_2 \pi_1(m)} = \rho_2(\bar{x} + f(\bar{x})) = f(\bar{x}) = f(\bar{m})$. Hence, f is lifted to g .

3)→4). We assume (#). Let $\varphi: \bar{M}_\alpha \approx \bar{M}_{\rho(\alpha)}$ and $\alpha \neq \rho(\alpha)$. For any $g \in \text{End}_R(\bar{M}_\alpha)$, $g = \varphi^{-1}(\varphi g)$. Then φ^{-1} , φg are lifted to $H \in \text{Hom}_R(M_{\rho(\alpha)}, M_\alpha)$ and $H \in \text{Hom}_R(M_\alpha, M_{\rho(\alpha)})$ by 3), respectively. Hence, g is lifted to FH . Therefore, $\bar{S} = S/J_0(S)$ by 3).

4)→1). First we shall show 4)→2). Let $\bar{M} = A \oplus B$ and $\bar{M} = A \oplus \sum_P \oplus \bar{M}_\delta$. Now, $M = \sum_{I-P} \oplus M_\gamma \oplus \sum_P \oplus M_\delta$. Let π be the projection of \bar{M} onto $\sum_P \oplus \bar{M}_\delta$ with respect to the decomposition $\bar{M} = A \oplus \sum_P \oplus \bar{M}_\delta$. Since $\bar{S} = S/J_0(S)$, we can choose, from the representation of column finite matrices, a homomorphism $f: M \rightarrow \sum_P \oplus M_\delta$ such that $\bar{f} = -\pi$. We put $M_1(f) = \{x + f(x) \mid x \in \sum_{I-P} \oplus M\} \subseteq M$. Then $M = M_1(f) \oplus \sum_P \oplus M_\delta$ and $\bar{M}_1(f) = A$. Next we take the projection π' of \bar{M} onto A with respect to the decomposition $\bar{M} = A \oplus B$. Since $A = \overline{M_1(f)}$, there exists $g: M \rightarrow M_1(f)$ such that $\bar{g} = -\pi'$ (note $M_1(f) \approx \sum_{I-P} \oplus M_\gamma$ and $M = M_1(f) \oplus \sum_P \oplus M_\delta$). Put $M_2(g) = \{y + g(y) \mid y \in \sum_P \oplus M_\delta\}$. Then $M = M_1(f) \oplus M_2(g)$ and $\overline{M_2(g)} = B$. Next we shall show 4)→1). Since $M_1(f) \approx \sum_{I-P} \oplus M_\gamma$ and $\overline{M_2(g)} \approx \sum_P \oplus M_\delta$, we can prove it by induction on number of summand (note that 4) is satisfied for the direct summand $M_2(g)$).

REMARK. We know, from the proof and the remark before (#), that 1)~3) are equivalent without (#).

Corollary 1. *Let $\{M_\alpha\}_I$ and M be as above. We assume further each M_α is completely indecomposable and $\{M_\alpha\}_I$ is semi- T -nilpotent. Then the above conditions 1)~4) are equivalent to*

5) M has the lifting property of direct decompositions.

Proof. 5)→1). It is clear.

1)→5). We shall use the same method in the proof 1)→2) of Theorem 1. Let $\bar{M} = \sum_I \oplus B_\gamma$. We shall prove it by transfinite induction on L . We assume L is a well ordered set. We assume that for each $\rho \leq \beta < \alpha$ there exist direct summands N_ρ such that $M = \sum_{\rho < \beta} \oplus N_\rho \oplus M'$ and $\bar{N}_\rho = B_\rho$. We note that every direct summand of M is a direct sum of completely indecomposable modules by [10], Theorem. Since $T = \sum_{\rho < \alpha} \oplus N_\rho$ is a locally direct summand, T is a direct summand of M by [9], say $M = T \oplus M'$. Now $\bar{M} = \sum_{\rho < \alpha} \oplus B_\rho \oplus \sum_{\alpha < \gamma} \oplus B_\gamma$, $M = T \oplus M'$ and $\bar{T} = \sum_{\rho < \alpha} \oplus \bar{N}_\rho = \sum_{\rho < \alpha} \oplus B_\rho$. Then we know from the proof 4)→1) of the theorem that there exists a decomposition $M = T \oplus M'(g)$ and $\bar{M}'(g) = \sum_{\alpha < \gamma} \oplus B_\gamma$. $M'(g)$ has also the lifting property of decompositions with two direct summands by the theorem. Hence, we obtain a direct summand N_α of M such that $\bar{N}_\alpha = B_\alpha$ and $M = \sum_{\beta < \alpha} \oplus N_\beta \oplus M''$.

If M_α is a cyclic hollow module with $(E-I)$, then $\text{Hom}_R(M_\alpha, J(M_\alpha)) = J(\text{End}_R(M_\alpha))$. Hence, under the condition in Theorem 2, $J_0(S) \subseteq J(S)$ if and only if $\{M_\alpha\}_I$ is a semi- T -nilpotent set by [5], Proposition 2. If $J(M)$ is small in M , $\{M_\alpha\}_I$ is semi- T -nilpotent by [7], Corollary 1 to Proposition 1.

Corollary 2. *Let $\{M_\alpha\}_I$ and M be as above. We assume each M_α is a cyclic hollow module with $(E-I)$. We assume one of the following.*

- i) $J_0(S) \subseteq J(S)$.
- ii) $\{M_\alpha\}_I$ is a semi- T -nilpotent set.
- iii) $J(M)$ is small in M (e.g. R is right perfect).

Then the conditions in Theorem 2 are equivalent to 5).

Proof. Let $\bar{M} = \sum_I \oplus A_\alpha$ with A_α simple and let N_α be a direct summand of M such that $\bar{N}_\alpha = A_\alpha$. Then the inclusion map $i: \sum_I N_\alpha \rightarrow M$ modulo $J(M)$ gives an isomorphism to \bar{M} . Hence, i is an isomorphism if $J_0(S) \subseteq J(S)$ (cf. [3]).

Corollary 3. *We further assume in Theorem 2 that $M_\alpha \approx M_1$ for all α in I . Then the conditions in Theorem 2 are equivalent to*

- 6) M has the lifting property of simple modules.

3. Modules with lifting property

In this section, we shall study R -modules M with lifting property and $M/J(M)$ semi-simple.

Theorem 3. *Let M be an R -module with $M/J(M)$ semi simple. We assume that M has the lifting property of simple module and satisfies one of the following conditions.*

- 1) M has the lifting property of decomposition with two direct summands.
- 2) $\bar{S} = S/J_0(S)$, where $S = \text{End}_R(M)$, $\bar{S} = \text{End}_R(\bar{M})$ and $J_0(S) = \text{Hom}_R(M, J(M))$.
- 3) For any cyclic hollow and completely indecomposable direct summand N of M and an element f in $\text{Hom}_R(N, M)$, if $f: \bar{N} \rightarrow \bar{M}$ is a monomorphism, so is f .
- 4) For any two direct summands M_1, M_2 as in 3) and $f \in \text{Hom}_R(M_1, M_2)$, if f is an epimorphism, then f is an isomorphism.

Then M contains a submodule M' satisfying the following.

- a) $M' = \sum_I \oplus M_\alpha$; the M_α are cyclic hollow and completely indecomposables.
- b) M' has the lifting property of simple modules and decompositions with finite direct summands.
- c) $\sum_I \oplus M_\alpha$ is a locally direct summand of M .
- d) $M = M' + J(M)$.

Conversely, if M contains a submodule M' above, M has the lifting property of simple modules. Furthermore, if each M_α satisfies (E-I), then M satisfies 3) and 4).

Proof. We assume M has the lifting property of simple modules. Let \mathcal{N} be the set of submodules N of M such that $N = \sum_J \oplus N_\gamma$; the N_γ are cyclic hollow and completely indecomposable and N is a locally direct summand of M (with respect to $\sum_J \oplus N_\gamma$). Since M has the lifting property of simple modules, \mathcal{N} is not empty. We can define a partial order in \mathcal{N} by the members of direct summands of N . Then we can find a maximal element, say $M' = \sum_I \oplus M_\alpha$, in \mathcal{N} by Zorn's lemma. Since N is a locally direct summand, $\bar{M}' \subseteq \bar{M}$.

Case 1). We put $\bar{M} = \bar{M}' \oplus K$ and show $K = 0$. If $K \neq 0$, we have a simple submodule A such that $\bar{M} = \bar{M}' \oplus K' \oplus A$. Since M has the lifting property of decompositions with two direct summands, $M = L \oplus N$ and $\bar{L} = \bar{M}' \oplus K'$, $\bar{N} = A$. Let J be any finite subset of I . Then $M = \sum_J \oplus N_\gamma \oplus P$. Since $\sum_J \oplus N_\gamma$ has the exchange property by [1], Lemma 3.10 and [12], Proposition 1, $M = \sum_J \oplus N_\gamma \oplus L' \oplus N''$, where $L' = L' \oplus L''$ and $N = N' \oplus N''$. Since $\bar{N} = \bar{N}' \oplus \bar{N}'' = A$, $N' = 0$ or $\bar{N}'' = 0$. If $\bar{N}' = 0$, $\bar{M} = \sum_J \oplus \bar{N}_\gamma \oplus \bar{L}' \subseteq \bar{L}$. Hence $\bar{N}' \neq 0$, and so $\bar{N}'' = 0$. On the other hand, N'' is isomorphic to a direct ummand of $\sum_J \oplus N_\gamma$.

Hence $N''=0$ and so $N=N'$. Therefore, $\sum_I \oplus N_\gamma \oplus N$ is a direct summand of M , which contradicts the maximality of M' in N . Therefore, $M=M'+J(M)$. M' has the lifting property of simple modules by [8], Theorem 2 and Proposition 2. Next we shall show that M' has the lifting property of decompositions with finite direct summands. Let N_1, N_2 be in $\{N_\alpha\}_I$, then $N_1 \oplus N_2$ is a direct summand of M by c), say $M=N_1 \oplus N_2 \oplus M^*$. We can apply the argument in the proof of Theorem 2 to the decomposition $M=N_1 \oplus N_2 \oplus M^*$, instead of $M=\sum_I \oplus M_\alpha$. Hence, $\text{Hom}_R(\bar{N}_1, \bar{N}_2)$ is lifted to $\text{Hom}_R(N_1, N_2)$. Therefore, M' has the lifting property of decompositions with finite direct summands by Theorem 2 and has the lifting property of simple modules by [8], Theorem 2 and Proposition 2.

Case 2). We also show $K=0$. Put $N_0=\sum_J \oplus N_i$ for a finite subset J of I . Then $M=N_0 \oplus P$ and $\bar{M}=\bar{N}_0 \oplus \bar{P}=\bar{N}_0 \oplus \sum_{I-J} \oplus \bar{N}_\gamma \oplus K$. Let π' be the projection of \bar{M} onto \bar{N}_0 with respect to the latter decomposition and $\pi=\pi'|_{\bar{P}}$. Since $\bar{S}=S/J_0(S)$ and

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Hom}_R(N_0, N_0) & \text{Hom}_R(P, N_0) \\ \text{Hom}_R(N_0, P) & \text{Hom}_R(P, P) \end{pmatrix},$$

there exists $f \in \text{Hom}_R(P, N_0)$ with $\bar{f}=-\pi$. Then $M=P(f) \oplus N_0$ and $\bar{P}(f)=\sum \oplus \bar{N}_\delta \oplus K$ (cf. the proof of Theorem 2). We assume $K \neq 0$ and K_α is a simple component of K . Since \bar{M} has the lifting property of simple modules, there exists a direct summand M_α of M such that $\bar{M}_\alpha=K_\alpha$. M_α has the exchange property and so $M=M_\alpha \oplus P(f)' \oplus N_0$ and $P(f)' \subseteq P(f)$, since $\bar{M}_\alpha \subseteq \bar{P}(f)$. Hence, $M_\alpha \oplus N_0$ is a direct summand of M for any finite subset J of I . Hence, $M_\alpha \oplus N_0$ is a locally direct summand of M , which is a contradiction. Therefore, $K=0$ and $\bar{M}=\bar{M}'$. It is clear that every direct summand of M satisfies the condition 2). Hence, M' has the lifting property of simple modules and decompositions with finite direct summands by Theorem 2 (note the remark before (#)).

Cases 3) or 4). Let M_α be a cyclic hollow and completely indecomposable direct summand of M with $\bar{M}_\alpha=A_\alpha$. Put $M'=\sum_I M_\alpha$. Then $\bar{M}'=\bar{M}$. We shall show $\sum_I M_\alpha$ is a direct sum (cf. [8], Theorem 1). Let $\sum_{i=1}^n M_i=M(n)$ be any finite sum in $\sum_I M_\alpha$. We show $M(n)=\sum_{i=1}^n \oplus M_i$ and $M(n)$ is a direct summand of M by induction on n . If $n=1$, it is clear. We assume $M=M(n-1) \oplus T$. Let π be the projection of M onto T and $f=\pi|_{M_n}$. Since $f(M_n) \in J(T)$, $\bar{f}(\bar{M}_n)$ is a simple component of \bar{T} and T has the lifting property by [8], Proposition 2 and so there exists a cyclic hollow and completely indecomposable direct summand T_1 of T such that $\bar{T}_1=\bar{f}(\bar{M}_n)$. Let $T=T_1 \oplus T_2$ and π_1 the projection of T onto T_1 . Put $g=\pi_1 f$. Then $g(\bar{M}_n)=\bar{T}_1$. Hence, g is a monomorphism and so g is a mono-

morphism by 3) or 4). Accordingly, $M = M_n \oplus \ker \pi_1 \pi = M_n \oplus T_2 \oplus M(n-1) = M(n) \oplus T_2$ and $M(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \oplus M_i$. Cases 3) and 4) imply that $\{M_\alpha\}_I$ satisfies (E-I). Hence, M' has the lifting property of decompositions with finite direct summands by Theorems 1 and 2. Conversely, we assume M has the submodule M' . Since $M' = \sum_I \oplus M_\alpha$ is a locally direct summand of M , $\bar{M} = \sum_I \oplus \bar{M}_\alpha = \bar{M}'$. Let A be a simple submodule of \bar{M} . Then there exists a finite subset J of I such that $A \subseteq \sum_J \oplus \bar{M}_\gamma$. Since M' has the lifting property of simple module, $\sum_J \oplus M_\gamma$ contains a direct summand N with $\bar{N} = A$ by [8], Proposition 2 and so N is also a direct summand of M . Finally we assume that each M_α satisfies (E-I). Let N_α be any direct summand of M as in 3). Since $\bar{M} = \bar{M}'$, there exists a direct summand M_α of M' such that $\bar{M}_\alpha = \bar{N}_\alpha$. Hence, $M_\alpha \approx N_\alpha$ by Proposition 2. Accordingly, 4) is satisfied by Theorem 2. Let f be as in 3). Since $\bar{M} = \bar{M}'$ and M' has the lifting property of simple modules, there exists a direct summand T_α with $T_\alpha = f(N)$. T_α is cyclic and so T_α is contained in a direct summand $\sum_J \oplus M_\alpha$ of M by c). Hence, T_α is a direct summand of M . Let π be the projection of M onto T_α . Then $\pi f: N_\alpha \rightarrow T_\alpha$ is an isomorphism by the above and Theorem 2. Hence, f is a monomorphism.

Corollary. *Let R be a right artinian ring and M an R -module. Then M has the lifting property of decompositions if and only if M has the lifting property of decompositions with two direct summands.*

Proof. If R is right artinian, every R -module N with $N/J(N)$ simple is a cyclic hollow and completely indecomposable module. Hence, if M has the lifting property of decompositions with two direct summands, then M has the lifting property of simple modules and so $M = \sum_I \oplus M_\alpha$ by the theorem, where the M_α are cyclic hollow modules. Hence, M has the lifting property of decompositions by Corollary 2 to Theorem 2.

REMARKS 1. We note that if $J(M)$ is small in M , $M = M'$ in Theorem 3. If further each M_α satisfies (E-I), then all conditions 1)~4) in Theorem 3 are equivalent when M has the lifting property of simple modules.

2. We assume $M = M' \oplus K$ with $K = J(K)$. Then M satisfies 1) and 2) if M' satisfies a) and b). We do not know whether this fact is true or not without assumptions.

3. Let Z be the ring of integers and p a prime. Put $M = \sum_I \oplus Z/p^i \oplus E(Z/p)$ and $N = (Z/p^i)^{(I)} \oplus E(Z/p)$, where $(Z/p^i)^{(I)}$ is the direct sum of $|I|$ -copies of Z/p^i . Then M has the lifting property of simple modules but not of decompositions and N has the lifting property of decompositions.

Next we shall study R -modules satisfying the lifting property of simple

modules.

Proposition 4. *Let M be an R -module. We assume that M is countably generated, $M/J(M)$ is semi-simple and $J(M)$ is small in M . Then if M has the lifting property of simple modules, $M = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \oplus M_i$ with M_i indecomposable.*

Proof. Let $\{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n, \dots\}$ be a set of generators. Since $J(M)$ is small, we may assume $m_i \notin J(M)$ for all i . Further we may assume $\overline{m_i R}$ is simple. We assume there exists a set of indecomposable direct summands M_i such that $M(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \oplus M_i$ is a direct summand of M and $\sum_{i=1}^n \overline{m_i R} \subseteq \overline{M(n)}$. Let $M = M(n) \oplus T$ and $m_{n+1} = x + t$; $x \in M(n)$, $t \in T$. If $t \notin J(T)$, there exists an indecomposable direct summand $M_{t_{n+1}}$ of T such that $\overline{M_{t_{n+1}}} = \overline{tR}$ by [8], Proposition 2. Hence, there exists a direct summand $M(n+1)$ of M such that $\overline{M(n+1)} \supseteq \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \overline{m_i R}$. Accordingly, $\bigcup_n M(n) = \sum_1^{\infty} \oplus M_i = M$, since $J(M)$ is small in M .

Lemma 1. *Let M be an R -module and let $\sum_{I_1} \oplus N_{\alpha_1}, \sum_{I_2} \oplus N_{\alpha_2}, \dots$ be submodules in M . We assume that the N_{α_i} are completely indecomposable and $\sum_{I_i} \oplus N_{\alpha_i}$ is a locally direct summand of M for all i . If $N_{\alpha_i} \approx N_{\alpha_j}$ for any $\alpha_i \in I_i$ and any $\alpha_j \in I_j$, $\sum_i \sum_{I_i} \oplus N_{\alpha_i}$ is a locally direct summand of M .*

Proof. Let J_i be any finite subset of I_i . Then $M = \sum_{J_i} \oplus N_{\alpha_i} \oplus M(i)$. Since $\sum_{J_1} \oplus N_{\alpha'_1}$ has the exchange property, $M = \sum_{J_1} \oplus N_{\alpha'_1} \oplus \sum_{J_2} \oplus N_{\alpha'_2} \oplus M^*(2)$ where $M^*(2) \subseteq M(2)$, since $N_{\alpha'_1} \approx N_{\alpha'_2}$. Repeating this argument, we know $\sum_i \sum_{I_i} \oplus N_{\alpha_i}$ is a locally direct summand of M .

Corollary. *Let M be an R -module such that $M/J(M) = \sum_I \oplus A_{\alpha}$ with A_{α} simple and $A_{\alpha} \approx A_{\beta}$ for $\alpha \neq \beta \in I$. Then M has the lifting property of simple modules if and only if M contains a submodule M' which has the lifting property of simple modules and satisfies a), c) and d).*

Proof. If M has the lifting property of simple modules, we obtain a cyclic hollow and completely indecomposable module M_{α} with $\overline{M_{\alpha}} = A_{\alpha}$. Then $M_{\alpha} \approx M_{\beta}$ if $\alpha \neq \beta$. Hence, $\sum_I M_{\alpha} = M'$ satisfies a), c) and d) by Lemma 1. The remaining part is clear.

Theorem 4. *Let M be an R -module with $M/J(M)$ semi-simple. We assume every cyclic direct summand of M is noetherian (e.g. R is right noetherian). Then M has the lifting property of simple modules if and only if M contains a submodule M' such that a) $M' = \sum_I \oplus M_{\alpha}$; the M_{α} are cyclic hollow and completely indecomposable*

ble, b) M' has the lifting property of simple modules, c) $\sum_I \oplus M_\alpha$ is a locally direct summand of M and d) $M=M'+J(M)$.

Proof. "If" part is clear from Theorem 3. We assume M has the lifting property of simple modules. Let M_1, M_2 be completely indecomposable and cyclic hollow direct summands of M , say $M=M_1 \oplus N_1=M_2 \oplus N_2$. Then $M_1 \approx M_2$ or $M=M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus N'_2$ by Lemma 1. In the latter case, since $M_1 \oplus M_2$ has the lifting property of simple modules by [8], Proposition 2, $M_1 \leq M_2$ or $M_1 \geq M_2$ if $\bar{M}_1 \approx \bar{M}_2$ by [8], Theorem 2. Therefore, we may assume in any cases $M_1 \geq M_2$ or $M_1 > M_2$ whenever $\bar{M}_1 \approx \bar{M}_2$. We note that every cyclic direct summand satisfies (E-I) by the assumption. Now let $\{M_\gamma\}_L$ be a representative set of cyclic hollow and completely indecomposable direct summands of M with $\bar{M}_\gamma \approx \bar{M}_{\gamma_0}$ for all $\gamma \in L$ (γ_0 is fixed). Then $\{M_\gamma\}_L$ is a linearly ordered set with respect to \geq . Since M_γ is noetherian, we have the minimal member M_1 and a finite chain $M_\gamma > M_{\gamma-1} > \dots > M_1$. Hence, L is well ordered and so we may assume $\{M_\gamma\}_L = \{M_n\}$ with $M_n > M_{n-1}$. We define the set N_1 of submodules of M : $N_1 = \{T = \sum_{\alpha \in I_1'} \oplus M_{1\alpha} \mid T \text{ is a locally direct summand of } M \text{ and } M_{1\alpha} \approx M_1 \text{ for all } \alpha \in I_1'\}$. Let $T_1 = \sum_{I_1} \oplus M_{1\alpha}$ be a maximal member in N_1 . Then $\bar{M} = \bar{T} \oplus K_1$ and $\bar{T} = \sum_{I_1} \oplus \bar{M}_{1\alpha}$. Let A_1 be a simple submodule of \bar{M} not contained in \bar{T}_1 . Since M has the lifting property of simple modules, there exists a completely indecomposable and cyclic hollow direct summand N_1 of M such that $\bar{N}_1 = A_1$. We shall show $N_1 \approx M_1$. Let J_1 be any finite subset of I_1 . Then $M = \sum_{J_1} \oplus M_{1\alpha} \oplus M'$. Let $\pi_{M'}: M \rightarrow M'$ be the projection. Since $\bar{N}_1 \subseteq \sum_{J_1} \oplus \bar{M}_1$, $\bar{N} \approx \pi_{M'}(\bar{N}_1)$ and so M' contains a cyclic hollow direct summand N'_1 with $\bar{N}'_1 = \pi_{M'}(\bar{N}_1)$ say $M' = N'_1 \oplus M''$ by [8], Proposition 2. Then $M = \sum_{J_1} \oplus M_{1\alpha} \oplus M'' \oplus N'_1$. Let $\pi: M \rightarrow N'_1$ and $\pi': M' \rightarrow N'_1$ be the projections, respectively. Then $\pi(\bar{N}_1) = \pi'(\pi_{M'}(\bar{N}_1)) = \pi'(\bar{N}'_1) = \bar{N}'_1$. Hence, $\pi|_{N_1} \rightarrow N'_1$ is an epimorphism. If $N_1 \approx M_1$, $N'_1 \approx M_1$ since M_1 is minimal and so $\pi|_{N_1}$ is an isomorphism by (E-I). Therefore, $M = N_1 \oplus \ker \pi = N_1 \oplus \sum_{J_1} \oplus M_{1\alpha} \oplus M''$. Since J_1 is any finite subset of I_1 , $N_1 \oplus T_1$ is a locally direct summand of M and $N_1 \approx M_1$, which contradicts the maximality of T_1 in N_1 . Hence, $N_1 \approx M_1$. Now $\bar{M} = \bar{T}_1 \oplus K_1$ and $M_2 \oplus T_1$ is a locally direct summand of M by Lemma 1. Let $N_2 = \{T = \sum_{I_1} \oplus M_{1\alpha} \oplus \sum_{I_2} \oplus M_{2\beta} \mid T \text{ is a locally direct summand of } M \text{ and } M_{2\beta} \approx M_2\}$. Let T_2 be a maximal member in N_2 . Then $\bar{M} = \bar{T} \oplus \sum_{I_2} \oplus \bar{M}_{2\beta} \oplus \bar{K}_2$. Let A_2 be a simple submodule not contained in \bar{T}_2 and N_2 a cyclic hollow direct summand of M with $\bar{N}_2 = A_2$. Since $A_2 \not\subseteq \bar{T}_1$, $N_2 \approx M_1$ by the above. Let J_1 and J_2 be

any finite subsets of I_1 and I_2 , respectively, and $M = \sum_{\gamma_1} \oplus M_{1\omega} \oplus \sum_{\gamma_2} \oplus M_{2\beta} \oplus M^*$. Let $\pi_{M^*}: M \rightarrow M^*$ be the projection. Since $\bar{N}_2 = A_2 \not\subseteq \bar{T}_2$ and $\overline{\sum_{\gamma_1} \oplus M_{1\omega} \oplus \sum_{\gamma_2} \oplus M_{2\beta}} \subseteq \bar{T}_2$, $\overline{\pi_{M^*}(N_2)} \not\subseteq \bar{T}_2$. Let N'_2 be a cyclic hollow direct summand of M^* with $\bar{N}'_2 = \overline{\pi_{M^*}(N_2)}$. Since $\overline{\pi_{M^*}(N_2)} \not\subseteq \bar{T}_1$, $N'_2 \not\approx M_1$ from the above. We obtain the epimorphism $\pi|_{N_2} \rightarrow N'_2$ similarly to the above. If, since $N'_2 \not\approx M_1$, $N_2 \approx M_2$, we have a contradiction. Hence, $N_2 \approx M_i$ ($i=1, 2$). Since L is well ordered, using inductively the above, we obtain a locally direct summand $T(\gamma_0) = \sum_{I_1} \oplus M_{1\omega_1} \oplus \sum_{I_2} \oplus M_{2\omega_2} \oplus \cdots \sum_{I_n} \oplus M_{n\omega_n} \oplus \cdots$, which has the lifting property of simple modules and each $M_{i\omega_i}$ is a cyclic hollow and completely indecomposable direct summand of M . Let $\{S_\gamma\}_P$ be the representative set of simple modules in \bar{M} . For each S_γ we can obtain $T(\gamma)$ as above. Then $\sum_P T(\gamma)$ is a locally direct summand of M by Lemma 1 and $\bar{M} = \sum_P \overline{T(\gamma)}$ from the above argument. Thus $M' = \sum \oplus T(\gamma)$ is the desired submodule of M by [8], Theorem 2.

Corollary. *Let R be a right artinian ring and M an R -module. Then M has the lifting property of simple modules if and only if $M = \sum_I \oplus M_\omega$ with M_ω indecomposable hollow and $\{M_\omega\}$ satisfies the conditions in [8], Theorem 2.*

Proof. If R is right artinian, $J(M)$ is small in M and $M/J(M)$ is semi-simple.

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