



## Modules that Have a $\delta$ -supplement in Every Extension

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**Abstract.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module. In this paper, we define modules with the properties  $(\delta-E)$  and  $(\delta-EE)$ , which are generalized version of Zöschinger's modules with the properties  $(E)$  and  $(EE)$ , and provide various properties of these modules. We prove that the class of modules with the property  $(\delta-E)$  is closed under direct summands and finite direct sums. It is shown that a module  $M$  has the property  $(\delta-EE)$  if and only if every submodule of  $M$  has the property  $(\delta-E)$ . It is a known fact that a ring  $R$  is perfect if and only if every left  $R$ -module has the property  $(E)$ . As a generalization of this, we prove that if  $R$  is a  $\delta$ -perfect ring then every left  $R$ -module has the property  $(\delta-E)$ . Moreover, the converse is also true on  $\delta$ -semiperfect rings.

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### 1. Introduction

In this paper  $R$  is an associative ring with identity and all modules are unital left  $R$ -modules. Let  $M$  be a module  $X \leq M$  means that  $X$  is a submodule of  $M$  or  $M$  is an extension of  $X$ . Recall that a submodule  $N \leq M$  is called *small*, denoted by  $N \ll M$ , if  $N + L \neq M$ , for all proper submodules  $L$  of  $M$ . We call  $T$  a *supplement* of  $N$  in  $M$  if  $M = T + N$  and  $T \cap N$  is small in  $T$ . A module  $M$  is called *supplemented* if every submodule of  $M$  has a supplement in  $M$  [14].  $L \leq M$  is said to be *essential* in  $M$ , denoted by  $L \trianglelefteq M$ , if  $L \cap K \neq 0$  for each nonzero submodule  $K \leq M$ . The *singular submodule* of a module  $M$  (denoted by  $Z(M)$ ) is  $Z(M) = \{x \in M \mid Ix = 0 \text{ for some ideal } I \trianglelefteq R\}$ . A module  $M$  is called *singular* if  $Z(M) = M$ . Every submodule and every factor module of a singular module is singular. We refer to [6] for the further properties of singular modules.

In [15], Zhou introduced the concept of  $\delta$ -small submodules as a generalization of small submodules. A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is said to be  $\delta$ -small in  $M$  (denoted by  $N \ll_{\delta} M$ ) if whenever  $M = N + K$  and  $\frac{M}{K}$  is singular, we have  $M = K$ . And we denote the sum of all  $\delta$ -small submodules of  $M$  by  $\delta(M)$ . A submodule  $L$  of  $M$  is called a  $\delta$ -supplement of

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$N$  in  $M$  if  $M = N + L$  and  $N \cap L \ll_{\delta} L$  and  $M$  is called  $\delta$ -supplemented in case every submodule of  $M$  has a  $\delta$ -supplement in  $M$  [7].

For a module  $M$  consider the following conditions:

(E) :  $M$  has a supplement in every extension.

(EE) :  $M$  has ample supplements in every extension.

The concept of these modules with these properties was first introduced by Zöschinger [16]. Adapting his concept in [4], Çalşıcı and Türkmen introduced modules with the properties (CE) and (CEE) as a generalization of the properties (E) and (EE). In addition, in [9] the authors worked on modules that have a weak supplement in every extension and in [5] Eryılmaz introduced modules that have a  $\delta$ -supplement in every torsion extension.

In this paper we investigate the structure of modules with the properties ( $\delta$ -E) and ( $\delta$ -EE) as a generalization of Zöschinger's modules with the properties (E) and (EE). We prove that a module has the property ( $\delta$ -EE) if and only if every submodule has the property ( $\delta$ -E). We show that every direct summand and  $\delta$ -small cover of  $M$  with the property ( $\delta$ -E) has the property ( $\delta$ -E). Using the property ( $\delta$ -E), we present a relation between  $\delta$ -perfect rings and modules with the property ( $\delta$ -E), which are a generalization of perfect rings, that is,  $R$  is a  $\delta$ -perfect ring, then every left  $R$ -module has the property ( $\delta$ -E). Moreover we obtain that if every left  $R$ -module has the property ( $\delta$ -E), then  $R$  is a  $\delta$ -semiperfect ring.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we begin by stating the following lemmas and theorems for the completeness.

### 2.1. $\delta$ -Small Submodules

**Lemma 1.** ([15, Lemma 1.2]). *Let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . The following are equivalent:*

1.  $N \ll_{\delta} M$ .
2. If  $X + N = M$ , then  $M = X \oplus Y$  for a projective semisimple submodule  $Y$  with  $Y \subseteq N$ .
3. If  $X + N = M$  with  $\frac{M}{X}$  Goldie torsion, then  $X = M$ .

**Lemma 2.** ([15, Lemma 1.3]). *Let  $M$  be a module.*

1. For submodules  $N, K, L$  of  $M$  with  $K \subseteq N$ , we have
  - (a)  $N \ll_{\delta} M$  if and only if  $K \ll_{\delta} M$  and  $\frac{N}{K} \ll_{\delta} \frac{M}{K}$ .
  - (b)  $N + L \ll_{\delta} M$  if and only if  $N \ll_{\delta} M$  and  $L \ll_{\delta} M$ .
2. If  $K \ll_{\delta} M$  and  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a homomorphism, then  $f(K) \ll_{\delta} N$ .  
In particular, if  $K \ll_{\delta} M \subseteq N$ , then  $K \ll_{\delta} N$ .

3. Let  $K_1 \subseteq M_1 \subseteq M$ ,  $K_2 \subseteq M_2 \subseteq M$  and  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Then  $K_1 \oplus K_2 \ll_{\delta} M_1 \oplus M_2$  if and only if  $K_1 \ll_{\delta} M_1$  and  $K_2 \ll_{\delta} M_2$ .

## 2.2. $\delta$ -Supplemented Modules

**Lemma 3.** ([7, Prop.2.7]). *Let  $U$  and  $V$  be submodules of a module  $M$ . Assume that  $V$  is a  $\delta$ -supplement of  $U$  in  $M$ . Then*

1. If  $W + V = M$  for some  $W \subseteq U$ , then  $V$  is a  $\delta$ -supplement of  $W$  in  $M$ .
2. If  $K \ll_{\delta} M$ , then  $V$  is a  $\delta$ -supplement of  $U + K$  in  $M$ .
3. For  $K \ll_{\delta} M$  we have  $K \cap V \ll_{\delta} V$  and so  $\delta(V) = V \cap \delta(M)$ .
4. For  $L \subseteq U$ ,  $\frac{V+L}{L}$  is a  $\delta$ -supplement of  $\frac{U}{L}$  in  $\frac{M}{L}$ .
5. If  $\delta(M) \ll_{\delta} M$ , or  $\delta(M) \subseteq U$  and if  $p : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{\delta(M)}$  is the canonical projection, then  $\frac{M}{\delta(M)} = p(U) \oplus p(V)$ .

In [7], a projective module  $P$  is called a *projective  $\delta$ -cover* of a module  $M$  if there exists an epimorphism  $f : P \rightarrow M$  with  $\text{Ker}(f) \ll_{\delta} M$ , and a ring  $R$  is called  *$\delta$ -perfect* (resp.,  *$\delta$ -semiperfect*) if every  $R$ -module (resp., every simple  $R$ -module) has a projective  $\delta$ -cover. In addition, a module  $M$  is called  *$\delta$ -lifting* if for any  $N \leq M$ , there exists a decomposition  $M = A \oplus B$  such that  $A \leq N$  and  $N \cap B$  is  $\delta$ -small in  $B$  since  $B$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .

**Theorem 4.** [7, Theorem3.3]. *The following are equivalent for a ring  $R$  :*

1.  $R$  is  $\delta$ -semiperfect.
2. Every finitely generated module is  $\delta$ -supplemented.
3. Every finitely generated projective module is  $\delta$ -supplemented.
4. Every finitely generated projective module is  $\delta$ -lifting.
5. Every left ideal of  $R$  has a  $\delta$ -supplement in  ${}_R R$ .

**Theorem 5.** [7, Theorem 3.4]. *The following statements are equivalent for a ring  $R$  :*

1.  $R$  is  $\delta$ -perfect.
2. Every module is  $\delta$ -supplemented.
3. Every projective module is  $\delta$ -supplemented.
4. Every projective module is  $\delta$ -lifting.

### 3. Modules with the Properties $(\delta-E)$ and $(\delta-EE)$

In this section, we define the concept of modules with the properties  $(\delta-E)$  and  $(\delta-EE)$ .

**Definition 1.** A module  $M$  has the property  $(\delta-E)$  if it has a  $\delta$ -supplement in each module in which it is contained as a submodule.

**Definition 2.** A module  $M$  has the property  $(\delta-EE)$  if it has ample  $\delta$ -supplements in each module in which it is contained as a submodule, where  $U \leq M$  has ample  $\delta$ -supplements in  $M$  if for every  $V \leq M$  with  $U + V = M$ , there is a  $\delta$ -supplement  $V'$  of  $U$  with  $V' \leq V$ .

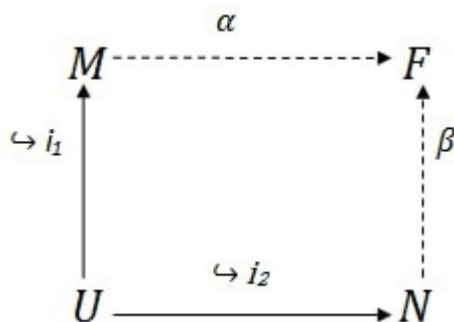
It is clear that every module with the property  $(E)$  has the property  $(\delta-E)$ . Also there exists the same relation between modules with the properties  $(EE)$  and  $(\delta-EE)$ . At the end of this section, we shall give an example of a module which has the property  $(\delta-E)$  but not  $(E)$ .

Zöschinger proved in [16] that a module has the property  $(EE)$  if and only if every submodule has the property  $(E)$ . We give an analogous characterization of our modules with the following proposition.

**Proposition 1.** A module  $M$  has the property  $(\delta-EE)$  if and only if every submodule of  $M$  has the property  $(\delta-E)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a module and  $N$  be any extension of  $M$ . Suppose that for a submodule  $X \leq N$ ,  $X + M = N$ . By hypothesis, the submodule  $X \cap M$  of  $M$  has a  $\delta$ -supplement  $V$  in  $X$ , that is,  $(X \cap M) + V = X$  and  $(X \cap M) \cap V \ll_{\delta} V$ . Then,  $N = M + X = M + [(X \cap M) + V] = M + V$  and  $M \cap V = M \cap (V \cap X) = (X \cap M) \cap V \ll_{\delta} V$ . Hence,  $V$  is a  $\delta$ -supplement of  $M$  in  $N$  such that  $V \leq X$ .

Conversely, let  $U$  be a submodule of  $M$  and  $N$  be any module containing  $U$ . Then we can draw the following pushout:



$i_1$  and  $i_2$  are inclusion homomorphisms in this diagram. Additionally  $\alpha : M \rightarrow F$  and  $\beta : N \rightarrow F$  are monomorphisms by the properties of push out (see, for example, [11, Exercise 5.10]). Let  $\alpha(M) = M' \subseteq F$  and  $\beta(N) = N' \subseteq F$ . Then it can be easily shown

that  $F = M' + N'$ . So by using hypothesis,  $M' \cong M$  has a  $\delta$ -supplement  $V$  in  $F$  such that  $V \leq N'$ , that is,  $M' + V = F$  and  $M' \cap V \ll_{\delta} V$ . Hence,

$$(M' \cap N') + V = (N' \cap M') + V = N' \cap (M' + V) = N' \cap F = N', \text{ and}$$

$$(M' \cap N') \cap V = M' \cap (N' \cap V) = M' \cap V \ll_{\delta} V.$$

So  $V$  is a  $\delta$ -supplement of  $M' \cap N'$  in  $N'$ . Now we will show that  $\beta^{-1}(V)$  is a  $\delta$ -supplement of  $U$  in  $N$ . We have an isomorphism  $\tilde{\beta} : N \rightarrow N'$  defined as  $\beta(x) = \tilde{\beta}(x)$  for all  $x \in N$ , since  $\beta$  is a monomorphism. Using this, we obtain  $\beta^{-1}(V)$  is a  $\delta$ -supplement of  $\beta^{-1}(M' \cap N')$  in  $\beta^{-1}(N')$  since  $V$  is a  $\delta$ -supplement of  $M' \cap N'$  in  $N'$ . It can be seen that  $\beta^{-1}(V) = \beta^{-1}(V)$ ,  $\beta^{-1}(N') = N$  and  $\beta^{-1}(M' \cap N') = U$ . Thus  $\beta^{-1}(V)$  is a  $\delta$ -supplement of  $U$  in  $N$ .

**Corollary 1.** *A module with the property ( $\delta$ -EE) has the property ( $\delta$ -E) and it is also  $\delta$ -supplemented.*

Recall that  $R$  is a (right)  $\delta$ - $V$  ring if for any right  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $\delta(M) = 0$  (see, [13]).

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $R$  be  $\delta$ - $V$  ring and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

1.  $M$  has the property ( $\delta$ -E).
2.  $M$  is injective.

*Proof.* (1)  $\implies$  (2) : Suppose that  $M$  has the property ( $\delta$ -E). Let  $N$  be any extension of  $M$ . So, there exists a  $\delta$ -supplement  $V$  of  $M$  in  $N$ , that is,  $M + V = N$  and  $M \cap V \ll_{\delta} V$  and so  $M \cap V \leq \delta(V)$ . Since  $R$  is a  $\delta$ - $V$  ring,  $\delta(V) = 0$ . So,  $N = M \oplus V$ . Therefore,  $M$  is injective.

(2)  $\implies$  (1) : is clear.

Now we show that the property ( $\delta$ -E) is preserved by direct summands in the following proposition:

**Proposition 3.** *Every direct summand of any module with the property ( $\delta$ -E) has the property ( $\delta$ -E).*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a module with the property ( $\delta$ -E),  $U$  be a direct summand of  $M$  and  $N$  be any extension of  $U$ . Then there exists a submodule  $A$  of  $M$  such that  $M = U \oplus A$ . By hypothesis,  $M$  has a  $\delta$ -supplement  $V$  in  $A \oplus N$  such that  $(A \oplus U) + V = A \oplus N$  and  $(A \oplus U) \cap V \ll_{\delta} V$ . Let  $g : A \oplus N \rightarrow N$  be the projection onto  $N$ . Then

$$N = g(A \oplus N) = g((A \oplus U) + V) = g(A \oplus U) + g(V) = U + g(V), \text{ and}$$

$$g((A \oplus U) \cap V) = U \cap g(V) \ll_{\delta} g(V).$$

Hence,  $g(V)$  is a  $\delta$ -supplement of  $U$  in  $N$ .

**Proposition 4.** *Let  $A \leq B$ . If  $A$  and  $\frac{B}{A}$  have the property  $(\delta-E)$ , so does  $B$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be any extension of  $B$ . So, there is a  $\delta$ -supplement  $\frac{V}{A}$  of  $\frac{B}{A}$  in  $\frac{N}{A}$  and a  $\delta$ -supplement  $T$  of  $A$  in  $V$ . We have  $\delta$ -small epimorphisms  $f : T \rightarrow \frac{V}{A}$  and  $g : \frac{V}{A} \rightarrow \frac{N}{B}$  that

$Ker f = T \cap A \ll_{\delta} T$  and  $Ker g = \frac{V}{A} \cap \frac{B}{A} \ll_{\delta} \frac{V}{A}$ . Then,  $g \circ f : T \rightarrow \frac{N}{B}$  is a  $\delta$ -small epimorphism such that  $T \cap B = Ker (g \circ f) \ll_{\delta} T$ . Moreover, we have

$$B + T = (B + A) + T = B + (A + T) = B + V = N$$

since  $\frac{V}{A}$  is a  $\delta$ -supplement of  $\frac{B}{A}$  in  $\frac{N}{A}$ . This completes the proof.

**Corollary 2.** *If  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  have the property  $(\delta-E)$ , so does  $M_1 \oplus M_2$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow M_1 \oplus M_2 \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow 0$  be a short exact sequence. Result follows by Proposition 4.

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow M \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$  be a short exact sequence. If  $K$  and  $L$  have the property  $(\delta-E)$ , so does  $M$ . If the sequence splits the converse is also true.*

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be any extension of  $M$ . So  $\frac{N}{K}$  is an extension of  $\frac{M}{K}$  and is a well known fact that  $\frac{M}{K} \cong L$ . Then there exists a  $\delta$ -supplement  $\frac{V}{K}$  for  $\frac{M}{K}$  in  $\frac{N}{K}$ , that means  $\frac{M}{K} + \frac{V}{K} = \frac{N}{K}$  and  $\frac{M}{K} \cap \frac{V}{K} \ll_{\delta} \frac{V}{K}$  for some  $\frac{V}{K} \leq \frac{N}{K}$ . Since  $K \leq V$  and  $K$  has the property  $(\delta-E)$ ,  $K + K' = V, K \cap K' \ll_{\delta} K'$  for some  $K' \leq V$ . Hence,  $N = M + V = M + K + K' = M + K'$ . Now we claim that  $M \cap K' \ll_{\delta} K'$ . For this let  $M \cap K' + T = K'$  with  $\frac{K'}{T}$  is singular.  $K + M \cap K' + T = K + K'$  and by the modular law  $(K + K') \cap M + T = V$ . Following this,  $V \cap M + T = V$  is obtained. It can be easily seen written that  $\frac{V \cap M}{K} + \frac{T + K}{K} = \frac{V}{K}$ , additionally,  $\frac{V}{T + K}$  is singular since,

$$\frac{V}{T + K} = \frac{K + K'}{T + K} = \frac{K + (K' + T)}{T + K} = \frac{(T + K) + K'}{T + K} \cong \frac{K'}{(T + K) \cap K'} = \frac{K'}{T + (K \cap K')} \leq \frac{K'}{T}$$

and  $\frac{M}{K} \cap \frac{V}{K} \ll_{\delta} \frac{V}{K}$ . So  $\frac{T + K}{K} = \frac{V}{K}$  and of course  $T + K = V$ .  $(T + K) \cap K' = K'$  can be seen and by the modular law,  $T + (K \cap K') = K'$  is obtained. This provides  $T = K'$  since  $K \cap K' \ll_{\delta} K'$  and  $\frac{K'}{T}$  is singular. Moreover, suppose that the sequence splits, Then  $K$  and  $L$  have the property  $(\delta-E)$  by corollary 2.

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $M_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$  be any finite collection of modules and  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus \dots \oplus M_n$ . Then  $M$  has the property  $(\delta-E)$  if and only if  $M_i$  has the property  $(\delta-E)$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .*

*Proof.* It can be proved easily for  $n = 2$  by using the previous theorem and can be generalized on  $n$ .

We give the following known lemma for the completeness.

**Lemma 6.** *Every simple submodule  $S$  of a module  $M$  is either a direct summand of  $M$  or small in  $M$  (see in [10])*

**Proposition 6.** *Every simple module has the property  $(\delta-E)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S$  be a simple module and  $N$  be any extension of  $S$ . Then by Lemma 4,  $S \ll N$  and so  $S \ll_{\delta} N$  or  $S \oplus S' = N$  for a submodule  $S' \leq N$ . If  $S \ll_{\delta} N$ , then  $N$  is a  $\delta$ -supplement of  $S$  in  $N$  or if  $S$  is a direct summand of  $N$  then  $S'$  is a  $\delta$ -supplement of  $S$  in  $N$ . So in each case  $S$  has a  $\delta$ -supplement in  $N$ . This means that  $S$  has the property  $(\delta-E)$ .

**Theorem 7.** *Every module with composition series has the property  $(\delta-E)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $0 = M_0 \leq M_1 \leq M_2 \leq \dots \leq M_{n-1} \leq M_n = M$  be any composition series of a module  $M$ . We shall prove the theorem by induction on  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $n = 1$ , then  $M = M_1$  is simple, and so  $M$  has the property  $(\delta-E)$  by Proposition 6. Assume that this is true for each  $k \leq n - 1$ . Then  $M_{n-1}$  has the property  $(\delta-E)$ . Since  $\frac{M_n}{M_{n-1}}$  has the property  $(\delta-E)$  as a simple module,  $M$  has the property  $(\delta-E)$  by Proposition 4.

**Corollary 4.** *A finitely generated semisimple module has the property  $(\delta-E)$ .*

In the following proposition we will prove that modules with the property  $(\delta-E)$  are closed under factor modules, under a special condition.

**Proposition 7.** *Let  $A \leq B \leq C$  with  $\frac{C}{A}$  injective. If  $B$  has the property  $(\delta-E)$ , so does  $\frac{B}{A}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be any extension of  $\frac{B}{A}$ . So we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows since  $\frac{C}{A}$  is injective, (see in [10]).

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{\hookrightarrow} & B & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & B/A \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow id & & \downarrow h & & \hookrightarrow \downarrow f \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & P & \xrightarrow{g} & N \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

Since  $h$  is monic and  $B$  has the property  $(\delta-E)$ ,  $B \cong h(B)$  has a  $\delta$ -supplement  $V$  in  $P$ , that is,  $h(B) + V = P$  and  $h(B) \cap V \ll_{\delta} V$ . We claim that  $g(V)$  is a  $\delta$ -supplement of  $\frac{B}{A}$  in  $N$ .

$$\frac{B}{A} + g(V) = (f\sigma)(B) + g(V) = g(h(B)) + g(V) = g(P) = N, \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{B}{A} \cap g(V) = f(\sigma(B)) \cap g(V) = g[h(B) \cap V] \ll_{\delta} g(V)$$

since  $h(B) \cap V \ll_{\delta} V$  and  $g$  is a homomorphism.

A ring  $R$  is left perfect if and only if every left  $R$ -module has the property (E) (see [16]). Now we show only one side of this fact is valid for  $\delta$ -perfect rings.

**Proposition 8.** *If  $R$  is a  $\delta$ -perfect ring, then every left  $R$ -module has the property ( $\delta$ -E).*

*Proof.* Suppose that a ring  $R$  is  $\delta$ -perfect. Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $N$  be any extension of  $M$ .  $N$  is  $\delta$ -supplemented since  $R$  is  $\delta$ -perfect. So  $M$  has a  $\delta$ -supplement in  $N$  as a submodule of  $N$ . Hence,  $M$  has the property ( $\delta$ -E).

**Proposition 9.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. If every left  $R$ -module has the property ( $\delta$ -E), then  $R$  is a  $\delta$ -semiperfect ring.*

*Proof.* Since every left  $R$ -module has the property ( $\delta$ -E), every ideal of  $R$  also has the property ( $\delta$ -E) as a submodule of  ${}_R R$ . So every ideal of  $R$  has a  $\delta$ -supplement in  ${}_R R$ . Hence  $R$  is  $\delta$ -semiperfect by [6, Theorem 3.3].

**Example 1.** Let  $F$  be a field,

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} F & F \\ 0 & F \end{pmatrix}, R = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n, x, x, \dots) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, x_i \in M_2(F), x \in I\}$$

with component-wise operations,  $R$  is a ring. By Example 4.3 in [15],  $R$  is a  $\delta$ -perfect ring that is not perfect. And so  ${}_R R$  is an example of a module that has the property ( $\delta$ -E) but not have the property (E).

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