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# $e^*$ -Essential submodule

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**Abstract.** The purpose of this paper is to introduce a new concept in a module M over a ring R, this concept is called  $e^*$ -essential submodule, which is a generalization of an essential submodule. We will introduce some examples and properties about this concept such that, what is the inverse image of  $e^*$ -essential submodule, the intersection of  $e^*$ -essential submodules and direct sum of  $e^*$ -essential submodules. We will show the relationship between  $e^*$ -essential submodule and Noetherian R-module. Also we will define  $e^*$ -closed submodule with some properties

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## 1. Introduction

Let R be a ring with identity, M be a right R-module and E(M) be the injective hull of M. A submodule N of an R-module M is called a small submodule of M ( $N \ll M$ ) if for any submodule A of M such that M = N + A, then A = M [5]. Leonard defines a module M to be small if it is a small submodule of some R-module and he shows that M is small if and only if M is small in its injective hull [1]. Recall that a submodule A of R-module B is called essential in B if every nonzero submodule of B has nonzero intersection with A [5], [3] and [4].

Oscan in [2], introduced the concept of cosingular submodule as the following:  $Z^*(M) = \{m \in M | mR \ll E(M)\}$ . An R-module M is called cosingular  $Z^*(M) = M$ .

As in [6], we will used the Oscan presented to generalize the essential submodule, to introduce the concepte  $e^*$ -essential and investigate some properties.

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### 2. $e^*$ -Essential submodule

### Definition 1.

- Let M be R-module, a submodule A of M is said to be  $e^*$ -essential if  $A \cap B \neq 0$  for each nonzero cosingular submodule B of M. denoted by  $A \leq_{e^*} B$ .
- A right ideal B of a ring R is  $e^*$ -essential in R if and only if B is  $e^*$ -essential submodule of  $R_R$ .
- An R-homomorphism  $f: A \to B$  is said  $e^*$ -essential if and only if, Im(f) is  $e^*$ -essential submodule in B.
- We may deduce the following from the definition:
  - 1.  $A \leq_{e^*} M$  if  $A \cap K = 0$ , then K = 0 where K is cosingular submodule in M.
  - 2. If  $M \neq 0$  and  $L \leq_{e^*} M$  then  $L \neq 0$ .

# Examples and Remarks 1.

- Every essential submodule is e\*-essential, but the converse need not to be true in general. For example, in Z<sub>6</sub> as Z<sub>6</sub>-module, the only cosingular submodule of Z<sub>6</sub> is {\overline{0}}. Hence every submodule K of Z<sub>6</sub> is e\*-essential, since K ∩ {\overline{0}} = 0. Therefore, {\overline{0}, \overline{2}, \overline{4}} is e\*-essential which is not essential submodule in Z<sub>6</sub> as Z<sub>6</sub>-module since there is a nonzero submodule {\overline{0}, \overline{3}} but {\overline{0}, \overline{2}, \overline{4}} ∩ {\overline{0}, \overline{3}} = 0.
- 2. For any R-module M, we have  $M \leq_{e^*} M$ .
- 3. Every nonzero submodule of  $\mathbb{Z}$  as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module is cosingular [2]. Hence,  $n\mathbb{Z} \cap m\mathbb{Z} = nm\mathbb{Z} \neq 0$  for each  $n \neq 0$  and  $m \neq 0$ . So that every submodule of  $\mathbb{Z}$  is  $e^*$ -essential.
- 4. In  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module every submodule is cosingular [2], but  $\{\overline{0}, \overline{2}, \overline{4}\}$  is not  $e^*$ -essential since  $\{\overline{0}, \overline{2}, \overline{4}\} \cap \{\overline{0}, \overline{3}\} = 0$  where  $\{\overline{0}, \overline{3}\}$  a nonzero cosingular submodule.
- 5. The image of  $e^*$ -essential need not be  $e^*$ -essential for example. Let  $f: \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}_2$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -homomorphism defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \overline{0} & \text{if } x \text{ even} \\ \overline{1} & \text{if } x \text{ odd} \end{cases}$  So  $f(2\mathbb{Z}) = \{\overline{0}\}$ . Hence,  $2\mathbb{Z}$  is  $e^*$ -essential in  $\mathbb{Z}$  but  $\{\overline{0}\}$  is not  $e^*$ -essential in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ , since  $\{\overline{0}\} \cap \mathbb{Z}_2 = 0$  where  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  is nonzero cosingular.
- 6. The quotient submodule of  $e^*$ -essential submodule need not to be  $e^*$ -essential, for example:  $2\mathbb{Z}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is  $e^*$ -essential submodule of  $\mathbb{Z}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , but  $\frac{2\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}} = 0$  not  $e^*$ -essential submodule of  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

In the following lemma, gives a property of cosingular submodule

**Lemma 1.** If K is cosingular submodule of B and  $B \le A \le M$ , then K is cosingular in A.

Proof. Since K is cosingular submodule of B by **Lemma 2.2** in [2]  $Z^*(K) = K \cap Z^*(B)$  and again since B is a submodule of A. So that,  $Z^*(K) = K \cap (B \cap Z^*(A))$ , from hypothesis  $Z^*(K) = K$ . Hence,  $K \leq Z^*(A)$ . Therefore,  $Z^*(K) = K \cap Z^*(A) = K$ , i.e. K is cosingular in A.

Now, we will prove some properties which  $e^*$ -essential submodule satisfied:

**Proposition 1.** Let  $A \leq B \leq M$ , then  $A \leq_{e^*} M$  if and only if  $A \leq_{e^*} B \leq_{e^*} M$   $Proof. \Rightarrow$ ) Let  $K \neq 0$  be a cosingular submodule of B, hence  $K \leq M$  since  $A \leq_{e^*} M$ . Therefore  $A \cap K \neq 0$ . Hence,  $A \leq_{e^*} B$ . Now, for  $B \leq_{e^*} M$ , let  $0 \neq L$  be a consigular submodule of M. Hence,  $A \cap L \neq 0$  and since  $A \leq B$  so that,  $B \cap L \neq 0$ .  $\Leftrightarrow$ ) Let N be a nonzero cosingular submodule of M. Since  $B \leq_{e^*} M$ . Hence,  $B \cap N \neq 0$ , so that  $B \cap N$  is a nonzero cosingular submodule of B (since  $B \cap N \leq N$  and by **Lemma 2.2** in [2]  $Z^*(B \cap N) = (B \cap N) \cap Z^*(N) = (B \cap N) \cap N = B \cap N$ . Since  $A \leq_{e^*} B$  then  $A \cap B \cap N \neq 0$  and  $A \cap N \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $A \leq_{e^*} M$ .

Corollary 1. If  $A_1 \leq A_2 \leq A_3 \leq M$  and  $A_1 \leq_{e^*} M$ , then  $A_2 \leq_{e^*} A_3$ . Proof. Let L be a nonzero cosingular in  $A_3$ . By **Lemma 1**, we have that L is cosingular in M and since  $A_1 \leq_{e^*} M$ . Thus,  $A_1 \cap L \neq 0$  and since  $A_1 \leq A_2$ . Therefore,  $A_2 \cap L \neq 0$ , i.e.  $A_2 \leq_{e^*} A_3$ .

**Proposition 2.** Let  $f: M \to M'$  be R-homomorphism, if  $A \leq_{e^*} M'$ , then  $f^{-1}(A) \leq_{e^*} M$ . Proof. Let  $A \leq_{e^*} M'$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(A) \leq M$ , suppose that  $f^{-1}(A)$  is not  $e^*$ -essential submodule of M, i.e. there exists a nonzero cosingular submodule B of M such that  $f^{-1}(A) \cap B = 0$ . Since  $\ker(f|_B) = f^{-1}(A) \cap B = 0$ . Thus,  $B \cong f(B)$ . Also, we have that  $A \cap f(B) = 0$  since if not, i.e. there exists  $0 \neq x = f(b) \in A \cap f(b)$ . Hence,  $0 \neq b \in f^{-1}(A) \cap B$  which is contradiction. Since B is cosingular by **lemma 2.6** in [2], f(B) is cosingular also  $A \leq_{e^*} M'$ . Hence, f(B) = 0 which is contradiction. Therefore,  $f^{-1}(A) \leq_{e^*} M$ .

**Proposition 3.** If  $A \leq_{e^*} B \leq M$  and  $A' \leq_{e^*} B' \leq M$ , then  $A \cap A' \leq_{e^*} B \cap B'$ . Proof. Let K be a nonzero cosingular submodule of  $B \cap B'$ . By **Lemma 1** K be a nonzero cosingular submodule of B and B'. Since  $A \leq_{e^*} B$ . So that,  $A \cap K \neq 0$  and since  $A \cap K$  is a nonzero submodule of cosingular K. Hence,  $A \cap K$  is cosingular. But,  $A' \leq_{e^*} B'$ . Hence,  $A' \cap (A \cap K) \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $A \cap A' \leq_{e^*} B \cap B'$ .

**Corollary 2.** Let  $B_j \leq_{e^*} M$  for each j = 1, ..., n, then  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n \leq_{e^*} M$  Proof. The prove by induction on n.

**Proposition 4.** Let  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  with  $K_1 \leq M_1$  and  $K_2 \leq M_2$ , then  $K_1 \leq_{e^*} M_1$  and  $K_2 \leq_{e^*} M_2$  if and only if,  $K_1 \oplus k_2 \leq_{e^*} M$ 

- Proof.  $\Rightarrow$ ) There exists an R-homomorphism  $\rho_1: M_1 \oplus M_2 \to M_1$  and  $\rho_2: M_1 \oplus M_2 \to M_2$  which define by  $\rho_1(m_1, m_2) = m_1$  and  $\rho_2(m_1, m_2) = m_2$ . By **Proposition 2**  $\rho_1^{-1}(K_1) = K_1 \oplus M_2 \leq_{e^*} M_1 \oplus M_2$  and  $\rho_2^{-1}(K_2) = M_1 \oplus K_2 \leq_{e^*} M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Hence, by **Proposition 3**  $K_1 \oplus M_2 \cap M_1 \oplus K_2 = K_1 \oplus k_2 \leq_{e^*} M$
- $\Leftarrow$ ) There exists an R-homomorphism  $J_1: M_1 \to M_1 \oplus M_2$  and  $J_2: M_2 \to M_1 \oplus M_2$  which define by  $J_1(m_1) = (m_1, 0)$  and  $J_2(m_2) = (0, m_2)$ . By **Proposition 2**  $J_1^{-1}(K_1 \oplus k_2) = K_1 \leq_{e^*} M_1$  and  $J_2^{-1}(K_1 \oplus k_2) = K_2 \leq_{e^*} M_2$ .

In the following proposition we will give a characterization of  $e^*$ -essential submodule.

**Proposition 5.** Let M be R-module and  $N \leq M$ , then N is  $e^*$ -essential submodule of M if and only if  $N \cap xR \neq 0$  for each nonzero cyclic cosingular submodule of M.

 $Proof. \Rightarrow) Clear.$ 

 $\Leftarrow$ ) Let N be a submodule of M and K be a nonzero cosingular submodule of M. Hence, there exists  $0 \neq x \in K$  with  $xR \leq K$ , also  $Z^*(xR) = xR$ . So by hypothesis  $N \cap xR \neq 0$ . Hence,  $N \cap K \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $N \leq_{e^*} M$ .

In the following proposition shows that, the composition of  $e^*$ -essential R-monomorphism is also  $e^*$ -essential R-monomorphism.

**Proposition 6.** Let  $f: A \to B$  and  $g: B \to C$  are  $e^*$ -essential R-monomorphism. Then,  $g \circ f: A \to C$  is also  $e^*$ -essential R-monomorphism.

Proof. Let L be cosingular submodule of C such that  $Im(g \circ f) \cap L = 0$ . Since g is monomorphism  $0 = \ker g = g^{-1}(0) = g^{-1}(Im(g \circ f) \cap L)$ . Hence  $g^{-1}(Im(g \circ f)) \cap g^{-1}(L) = Im(f) \cap g^{-1}(L) = 0$ . Since  $g^{-1}$  is R-homomorphism and L is cosingular submodule of C. Hence  $g^{-1}(L)$  is cosingular submodule of B and since  $Im(f) \leq_{e^*} B$ . Thus,  $g^{-1}(L) = 0$  and  $Im(g) \cap L = 0$ . Since  $g: B \to C$  is  $e^*$ -essential. Therefore, L = 0 i.e.  $g \circ f$  is  $e^*$ -essential R-monomorphism.

In the following proposition we will give another characterization of Noetherian R-module. Also, it is show the relationship between  $e^*$ -essential submodule and Noetherian R-module.

**Proposition 7.** An R-module M is Noetherian if and only if, every  $e^*$ -essential submodule of M is finitely generated.

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ ) Clear.

 $\Leftarrow$ ) Let A be an essential submodule of M. Hence, A is  $e^*$ -essential and by the hypothsis A is a finitely generated. Hence, every essential submodule is finitely generated by [3]. Therefore, M is Noetherian.

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### 3. $e^*$ -Closed submodule

**Definition 2.** A submodule A of R-module C is said to be  $e^*$ -closed submodule of C, if A has no proper  $e^*$ -essential extension inside C. denoted by  $A \leq_{e^*C} C$ .

## Examples and Remarks 2.

- 1. For any module M. 0 and M always  $e^*$ -closed.
- 2. In  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  as  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ -module,  $\{\overline{0},\overline{2},\overline{4}\}$  is not  $e^*$ -closed submodule since  $\{\overline{0},\overline{2},\overline{4}\}$  is  $e^*$ -essential in  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ .

In the following proposition shows that when the quotient submodule of  $e^*$ -essential submodule is  $e^*$ -essential:

**Proposition 8.** Let M be R-module, If  $B \leq_{e^*C} M$  and  $B \leq K \leq_{e^*} M$  then  $\frac{K}{B} \leq_{e^*} \frac{M}{B}$ .

Proof. Let  $\frac{L}{B}$  be cosingular submodule of  $\frac{M}{B}$  with  $\frac{K}{B} \cap \frac{L}{B} = 0$ . Hence,  $K \cap L = B$  since  $K \leq_{e^*} M$ . Thus,  $K \cap L \leq_{e^*} M \cap L = L$ . Hence  $B \leq_{e^*} L \leq M$  but  $B \leq_{e^*C} M$ , B = L. Hence,  $\frac{L}{B} = 0$ . Therefore,  $\frac{K}{B} \leq_{e^*} \frac{M}{B}$ .

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