

## 2-Regular Modules

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### Abstract

In this paper we introduced the concept of 2-pure submodules as a generalization of pure submodules, we study some of its basic properties and by using this concept we define the class of 2-regular modules, where an R-module M is called 2-regular module if every submodule is 2-pure submodule. Many results about this concept are given.

**Key Words:** 2-pure submodules, 2-regular modules, pure submodules, regular modules.

## Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $R$  denotes a commutative ring with identity and every  $R$ -module is a unitary. It is well-known that the pure submodules were given by several authors. For example [1] and [2].

### Definition (0.1): [1]

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called pure if the sequence  $0 \longrightarrow E \otimes N \longrightarrow E \otimes M$  is exact for every  $R$ -module  $E$ .

### Proposition (0.2): [1]

Let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . The following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $N$  is a pure submodule of  $M$ .
- (2) For each  $\sum_{i=1}^n r_{ji} m_i \in N$ ,  $r_{ji} \in R$ ,  $m_i \in M$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , there exists  $x_i \in N$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n r_{ji} m_i = \sum_{i=1}^n r_{ji} x_i$  for each  $j$ .

(3)

### Proposition (0.3): [2]

Let  $N$  be an  $R$ -submodule of  $M$ . Consider the following statements:

- (1)  $N$  is a pure submodule of  $M$ .
- (2)  $N \cap IM = IN$  for each ideal  $I$  of  $R$ .
- (3)  $N \cap IM = IN$  for each finitely generated ideal  $I$  of  $R$ .
- (4)  $N \cap (r)M = (r)N$  for each principal ideal  $(r)$  of  $R$ .
- (5)  $N \cap rM = rN$  for each  $r \in R$ .

Then (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (5). And if  $M$  is flat then (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2).

Notice that: Anderson was called the submodule  $N$  of  $M$  pure if it satisfies (2), see [3].

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called regular module if every submodule of  $M$  is pure [2].  $M$  is called a Von Neumann regular module if every cyclic submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand of  $M$ , [4].

This paper is structured in three sections. In section one we give a comprehensive study of 2-pure submodules. Some results are analogous to the properties of pure submodules. In section two, we study the concept of 2-regular modules. It is clear that every regular module is 2-regular, but the converse is not true (see Remarks and Examples (2.2)(1)). Section three is concerned with the direct sum of 2-regular modules. It is shown under certain condition, the direct sum of 2-regular modules is 2-regular (see corollary 3.3). Also we show that the 2-regular property of a module is inherited by its submodules (see Corollary 3.7). Other results are given in this section.

## 0- 2-Pure Submodules

In this section we introduce the concept of 2-pure submodules. We investigate the basic properties of this type of submodules, some of these properties are analogous to the properties of pure submodules.

### Definition (1.1):

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called a **2-pure submodule** of  $M$  if for each ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $I^2M \cap N = I^2N$ .

### Remarks and Examples (1.2):

- (1) It is clear that every pure submodule is a 2-pure, but not the converse. For example: the submodule  $\overline{\{0, 2\}}$  of the module  $Z_4$  as  $Z$ -module is 2-pure submodule since if  $I = 2Z$  is an

ideal of  $Z$ , then  $I^2 Z_4 \cap \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = 4Z_4 \cap \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = \{\bar{0}\}$ . On the other hand  $I^2 \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = 4 \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\}$ .

By the similar simple calculation one can easily to show that  $I^2 Z_4 \cap \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = I^2 \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\}$  for

every ideal  $I = nZ$  of  $Z$  where  $n$  is any positive integer. Thus  $\{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\}$  is a 2-pure submodule

of  $Z_4$  but is not pure since if  $I = 2Z$ , then  $IZ_4 \cap \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = 2Z_4 \cap \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\}$  and  $I$

$$\{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = 2 \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\} = \{\bar{0}\}.$$

- (2) In any  $R$ -module  $M$ , the submodules  $M$  and  $\{0\}$  are always 2-pure submodules in  $M$ .
- (3) In the module  $Z$  as  $Z$ -module, the only 2-pure submodules are  $\{0\}$  and  $Z$ . To see this, for every submodule  $nZ$  of  $Z$ ,  $n^2 = n^2 1 \in \langle n \rangle^2 Z \cap nZ$ , but  $n^2 \notin n^2(nZ) = n^3 Z$ .
- (4) Every nonzero cyclic submodule of the module  $Q$  as  $Z$ -module is a non 2-pure submodule.

**Proof:**

Let  $N$  be a cyclic submodule of  $Q$  as  $Z$ -module, generated by an element  $\frac{a}{b}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are two nonzero elements in  $Z$ . If we take an ideal  $\langle n \rangle$  of  $Z$  where  $n$  is greater than one, then  $\langle n^2 \rangle \cdot \frac{a}{b} = \langle \frac{n^2 a}{b} \rangle$ .

Also,  $Q = \langle n^2 \rangle \cdot Q$ , because for any element  $\frac{c}{d} \in Q$  we have  $\frac{c}{d} = \frac{c}{n^2 d} \cdot n^2 \in \langle n^2 \rangle \cdot Q$ , thus

$$Q = \langle n^2 \rangle \cdot Q. \text{ Therefore } \langle n^2 \rangle \cdot Q \cap \langle \frac{a}{b} \rangle = \langle \frac{a}{b} \rangle, \text{ implies that } \langle n^2 \rangle \cdot Q \cap \langle \frac{a}{b} \rangle \neq \langle n^2 \rangle \cdot \langle \frac{a}{b} \rangle.$$

- (5) It is clear every direct summand is 2-pure since every direct summand is pure submodule, hence is a 2-pure submodule, but the converse is not true, for example: the submodule of the module  $Z_9$  as  $Z$ -module. It is easily to check that  $I^2 Z_9 \cap \{\bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}\} = I^2 \{\bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}\}$  for each  $I$  of  $Z$ . So,  $\{\bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}\}$  is 2-pure in  $Z_9$  but not pure and hence not direct summand. Since if we take  $I = 3Z$ , then  $IZ_9 \cap \{\bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}\} = \{\bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}\}$  and  $I \cdot \{\bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}\} = \{\bar{0}\}$ .

- (6) Let  $N$  be a 2-pure submodule of  $M$  such that  $N \cong K$  for some submodule  $K$  of  $M$ , then  $K$  may not be a 2-pure. For example: consider the module  $Z$  as  $Z$ -module. Let  $N = Z$  and  $K = 2Z$ . It is clear  $Z \cong 2Z$  but  $2Z$  is not 2-pure in  $Z$ .

The following propositions give some properties of 2-pure submodules.

**Proposition (1.3):**

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $N$  be a 2-pure submodule of  $M$ . If  $A$  is a 2-pure submodule in  $N$ , then  $A$  is a 2-pure submodule in  $M$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Since  $N$  is a 2-pure submodule in  $M$  and  $A$  is a 2-pure submodule in  $N$ , then  $I^2 M \cap N = I^2 N$  and  $I^2 N \cap A = I^2 A$ . But  $A \subseteq N$ , implies  $I^2 A = I^2 N \cap A = (I^2 M \cap N) \cap A = I^2 M \cap (N \cap A) = I^2 M \cap A$ .

**Proposition (1.4):**

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $N$  is a 2-pure submodule of  $M$ . If  $A$  is a submodule of  $M$  containing  $N$ , then  $N$  is a 2-pure submodule in  $A$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Since  $N$  is a 2-pure submodule in  $M$ , hence  $I^2M \cap N = I^2N$  and since  $N \subseteq A \subseteq M$  implies  $I^2A \cap N = (I^2A \cap I^2M) \cap N = I^2A \cap (I^2M \cap N) = I^2A \cap I^2N = I^2N$ .

**Proposition (1.5):**

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $N$  is a 2-pure submodule of  $M$ . If  $H$  is a submodule of  $N$ , then  $\frac{N}{H}$  is a 2-pure submodule in  $\frac{M}{H}$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} I^2\left(\frac{M}{H}\right) \cap \frac{N}{H} &= \frac{I^2M+H}{H} \cap \frac{N}{H} \\ &= \frac{(I^2M+H) \cap N}{H} \\ &= \frac{(I^2M \cap N) + (H \cap N)}{H} \quad \text{by Modular law} \\ &= \frac{I^2N+H}{H} \\ &= I^2\left(\frac{N}{H}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called an arithmetical ring if every finitely generated ideal of  $R$  is a multiplication ideal, where an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is called a multiplication ideal if every ideal  $J \subseteq I$  there exists an ideal  $K$  of  $R$  such that  $J = IK$ , see [5].

The following proposition gives a characterization of 2-pure submodules of modules over some classes of rings. First let us state the following theorem, which can be found in [6].

**Theorem (1.6):**

Let  $I = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  be a multiplication ideal in the ring  $R$ . Then for each positive integer  $k$ ,  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)^k = (a_1^k, a_2^k, \dots, a_n^k)$ .

**Proof:** see [6].

**Proposition (1.7):**

Let  $M$  be a module over arithmetical ring  $R$ . The following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $N$  is a 2-pure submodule of  $M$ .
- (2) For each  $\sum_{i=1}^n r_{ij}^2 x_i \in N$ ,  $r_{ij} \in R$ ,  $x_i \in M$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , there exists  $x'_i \in N$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n r_{ij}^2 x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n r_{ij}^2 x'_i$  for each  $j$ .

**Proof:**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Assume that  $N$  is a 2-pure submodule of  $M$ , let  $y_i = \sum_{j=1}^m r_{ij}^2 x_j \in N$  for any finite sets,  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$  in  $M$ ,  $\{y_j\}_{j=1}^m$  in  $N$  and  $\{r_{ij}\}$  in  $R$  where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$

generated by the finite set  $\{r_{1j}, r_{2j}, \dots, r_{nj}\}$ , then  $r_{ij} \in I$  and  $r_{ij}^2 \in I^2$  imply  $r_{ij}^2 x_i \in I^2 M$ . Thus  $y_j = \sum_{i=1}^n r_{ij}^2 x_i \in I^2 M$ , therefore  $y_j \in I^2 M \cap N$ . But  $I^2 M \cap N = I^2 N$ , implies  $y_i \in I^2 N$ . Since  $R$  is arithmetical ring, hence by theorem (1.6),  $I^2 = (r_{1j}^2, r_{2j}^2, \dots, r_{nj}^2)$ . Therefore  $y_j = \sum_{i=1}^n r_{ij}^2 x'_i$  for some  $x'_i \in N$ .

**(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1)** Let  $N$  be any submodule of  $M$ . Let  $y_j \in I^2 M \cap N$ ,  $y_j = \sum_{i=1}^n r_{ij}^2 x_i$  where  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq M$ ,  $\{y_j\}_{j=1}^m \subseteq N$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Therefore by hypothesis, there exists  $x'_i \in N$  such that  $y_j = \sum_{i=1}^n r_{ij}^2 x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n r_{ij}^2 x'_i \in I^2 N$  implies  $y_j \in I^2 N$ . Then  $I^2 M \cap N \subseteq I^2 N$ . The reverse inclusion is clear. Thus  $I^2 M \cap N = I^2 N$ , and hence  $N$  is a 2-pure submodule of  $M$ .

## 1- 2-Regular Modules

In this section, we introduce and study the class of 2-regular modules.

### Definition (2.1):

An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called **2-regular module** if every submodule of  $M$  is 2-pure.

### Remarks and Examples (2.2):

**(1)** It is clear that the following implications hold:

Von Neumann regular  $\Rightarrow$  regular  $\Rightarrow$  2-regular

But non of these implications is reversible. For example: the module  $Z_4$  as  $Z$ -module is 2-regular since every submodule of  $Z_4$  is 2-pure submodule in  $Z_4$ , but  $Z_4$  is not regular since the submodule  $\overline{\{0, 2\}}$  of  $Z_4$  is not pure, see remark and example (1.2)(1).

**(2)** The modules  $Z$  and  $Q$  as  $Z$ -modules are not 2-regular modules, see remarks and examples (1.2)(3), and (4).

The following theorem shows that the cyclic 2-pure submodules is enough to make the module be 2-regular.

### Theorem (2.3):

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

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

### Proof:

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

**(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1)** Assume that every cyclic submodule of  $M$  is 2-pure. Let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$  and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ . Let  $x \in I^2 M \cap N$  implies  $x \in I^2 M$  and  $x \in N$ . Therefore  $x \in I^2 M \cap \langle x \rangle = I^2 \langle x \rangle \subseteq I^2 N$ .

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

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

**(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)** It follows by definition (2.1).

## 2- The Direct Sum of 2-Regular Modules-Basic Results

In this section, we study the direct sum and the epimorphic image of 2-regular module; various properties of 2-regular modules are discussed and illustrated.

We start with the following proposition.

The following proposition shows that the factor module of a 2-regular module is also 2-regular module.

### Proposition (3.1):

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  is a 2-regular if and only if  $\frac{M}{N}$  is 2-regular for every

submodule  $N$  of  $M$ .

#### Proof:

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$  and  $K$  is any submodule of  $M$  containing  $N$ . Since  $M$  is 2-regular then  $K$  is 2-pure in  $M$ . Thus  $\frac{K}{N}$  is 2-pure in  $\frac{M}{N}$  by proposition (1.5), therefore  $\frac{M}{N}$

is 2-regular.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) It is easily by taking  $N = 0$ .

Now, we have several consequences of the proposition (3.1), the first result shows that the epimorphic image of 2-regular module is 2-regular.

### Corollary (3.2):

Let  $M$  and  $M'$  be  $R$ -modules and  $f: M \rightarrow M'$  be an  $R$ -epimorphism. If  $M$  is 2-regular module then  $M'$  is 2-regular.

**Proof:** Since  $f: M \rightarrow M'$  is an  $R$ -epimorphism and  $M$  is 2-regular. Then  $\frac{M}{\ker f}$  is 2-regular

module by proposition (3.1). But  $\frac{M}{\ker f} \cong M'$  by the first isomorphism theorem. Therefore  $M'$  is

2-regular.

### Corollary (3.3):

Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be  $R$ -modules. If  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  is 2-regular  $R$ -module, then  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are 2-regular  $R$ -modules. The converse is true provided  $\text{ann}(M_1) + \text{ann}(M_2) = R$ .

The following statements are equivalent:

#### Proof:

For the first assertion, assume that  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  is 2-regular  $R$ -module. Let  $\rho_i: M \rightarrow M_i$  be the natural projective map of  $M$  onto  $M_i$  for each  $i = 1, 2$ . Since  $\rho_1$  is an  $R$ -epimorphism then the epimorphic image of  $M$  is 2-regular, implies that  $M_1$  is 2-regular.

Conversely, assume  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are 2-regular  $R$ -modules and  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Let be a submodule of  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Since  $\text{ann}(M_1) + \text{ann}(M_2) = R$  then by the same way of the proof of [7, prop.(4.2), CH.1],  $N = N_1 \oplus N_2$  where  $N_1$  is a submodule in  $M_1$  and  $N_2$  is a submodule in  $M_2$ . Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . To show  $I^2M \cap N = I^2N$ . Since  $I^2M_1 \cap N_1 = I^2N_1$  and  $I^2M_2 \cap N_2 = I^2N_2$  implies that  $(I^2M_1 \cap N_1) \oplus (I^2M_2 \cap N_2) = I^2N_1 \oplus I^2N_2$ . Then  $(I^2M_1 \oplus I^2M_2) \cap (N_1 \oplus N_2) = I^2(N_1 \oplus N_2)$ , therefore  $M$  is 2-regular module.

The proof of the following result is similar to that of corollary (3.3).

**Corollary (3.4):**

Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be  $R$ -modules. If  $N_1$  is a 2-pure submodule in  $M_1$  and  $N_2$  is a 2-pure submodule in  $M_2$ , then  $N_1 \oplus N_2$  is a 2-pure submodule in  $M_1 \oplus M_2$ .

**Corollary (3.5):**

Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be  $R$ -modules and  $M_1 \oplus M_2$  is 2-regular  $R$ -module, then  $M_1 + M_2$  is 2-regular.

**Proof:**

Define  $f: M_1 \oplus M_2 \longrightarrow M_1 + M_2$  by  $f(m_1, m_2) = m_1 + m_2$ . It is easily to check that  $f$  is an epimorphism. Since  $M_1 \oplus M_2$  is 2-regular, thus the epimorphic image of  $M_1 \oplus M_2$  is 2-regular by corollary (3.2). Therefore  $M_1 + M_2$  is 2-regular.

**Corollary (3.6):**

Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be 2-regular  $R$ -modules such that  $\text{ann}(M_1) + \text{ann}(M_2) = R$ , then  $M_1 + M_2$  is a 2-regular  $R$ -module.

**Proof:**

Since  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are 2-regular  $R$ -modules then  $M_1 \oplus M_2$  is 2-regular by corollary (3.3) implies that  $M_1 + M_2$  is a 2-regular by corollary (3.5).

The following result shows that every submodule of a 2-regular module inherits the 2-regular property.

**Corollary (3.7):**

Every submodule of a 2-regular module is a 2-regular module.

**Proof:**

Let  $N$  be a submodule of a 2-regular  $R$ -module  $M$ . To show that  $N$  is 2-regular  $R$ -module. Let  $K$  be a submodule in  $N$  and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ . Thus we have:

$$\begin{aligned} I^2 N \cap K &= (I^2 M \cap N) \cap K && \text{since } N \text{ is 2-pure in } M \\ &= I^2 M \cap (N \cap K) \\ &= I^2 M \cap K \\ &= I^2 K && \text{since } K \text{ is 2-pure in } M \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $K$  is 2-pure in  $N$  implies  $N$  is 2-regular.

We end this paper by the following remark.

**Remark (3.8):**

If all proper submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$  are 2-regular then  $M$  may not be 2-regular, for example: the module  $Z_8$  as  $Z$ -module is not 2-regular. Since  $\langle \bar{4} \rangle$  is not 2-pure submodule of  $Z_8$  because  $2^2 \cdot Z_8 \cap \langle \bar{4} \rangle = \langle \bar{4} \rangle$  but  $2^2 \cdot \langle \bar{4} \rangle = \langle \bar{0} \rangle$ , while every proper submodule of  $Z_8$  is 2-regular, since  $\langle \bar{2} \rangle \cong Z_4$  and  $\langle \bar{4} \rangle \cong Z_2$  are 2-regular modules.

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## المقاسات المنتظمة من النمط -2

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في بحثنا هذا نقدم مفهوم المقاسات الجزئية النقية من النمط - 2 كتعميم لمفهوم المقاسات الجزئية النقية وباستعمال هذا المفهوم نعرف المقاسات المنتظمة من النمط - 2 إذ يقال ان المقاس  $M$  على الحلقة  $R$  بأنه منتظم من النمط - 2 اذا كان كل مقاس جزئي فيه يكون نقياً من النمط - 2. أعطينا العديد من النتائج حول هذا المفهوم.

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