

## A NOTE ON REGULAR MORPHISMS

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we give some other characterizations of regular  $\text{Hom}(M, N)$ . A property regular homomorphism via lifting is studied. Moreover, we also study regular submodules conditions and this is one of way to check regularity of  $\text{Hom}(M, N)$ . On the other hand, we consider regular  $\text{Hom}(M, N)$  via weakly  $M$ -torsionless, idempotent submodules conditions. Finally, we give some results of  $\Delta$ -regular,  $\nabla$ -regular homomorphisms and some well-known results are obtained.

### 1. Introduction

The concept of the regularity of  $[M, N]$  was introduced by Kasch and Mader in [4] to extend the notion of regularity ring to  $[M, N]$ . Recall that  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  is called *regular* if  $\alpha = \alpha\beta\alpha$  for some  $\beta \in [N, M]$ . The module  $[M, N]$  is said to be *regular* if each  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  is regular.  $M$  is called a *direct projective* module if whenever a factor module  $M/K$  is isomorphic to a summand of  $M$  then  $K$

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is a summand of  $M$  (see [7]). According to Nicholson-Zhou [8],  $N$  is *direct  $M$ -projective* if  $M/K \cong P \leq^\oplus N$  implies that  $K \leq^\oplus M$ . In [8, Theorem 4], it is shown that  $[M, N]$  is regular if and only if  $\alpha(M)$  is a direct summand of  $N$  for every  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  and  $N$  is direct  $M$ -projective. In Section 2, we show that for every  $\alpha \in [M, N]$ ,  $\alpha$  is regular if and only if  $\alpha(M)$  is a direct summand of  $N$  and, for  $R$ -homomorphisms  $f : M \rightarrow \alpha(M)$  and  $g : \alpha(M) \rightarrow \alpha(M)$ , there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism  $h : \alpha(M) \rightarrow M$  with  $fh = g$ . We also show that if  $M$  is  $N$ -injective, then  $[M, N]$  is regular if and only if  $[M, \alpha(M)]$  is regular for every  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  if and only if, for every  $\alpha \in [M, N]$ , and for every  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow \alpha(M)$  and  $g : \alpha(M) \rightarrow \alpha(M)$ , there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism  $h : \alpha(M) \rightarrow M$  with  $fh = g$ .

An important line of research in this module classes is to investigate relationships of regularity to substructures such as Jacobson radical  $J[M, N]$  of  $[M, N]$ , to the singular  $\Delta[M, N]$  and cosingular  $\nabla[M, N]$  ideals of  $[M, N]$ , and to the notion of lying over or under a direct summand. Beidar and Kasch [2] defined and studied the singular ideal  $\Delta[M, N]$  and the co-singular ideal  $\nabla[M, N]$  such as:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta[M, N] &= \{f \in [M, N] : Ker(f) \leq^e M\} \\ \nabla[M, N] &= \{f \in [M, N] : Im(f) \ll N\}.\end{aligned}$$

The other substructure, Jacobson radical  $J[M, N]$  of  $[M, N]$  was introduced and studied by Kasch-Mader [4] and Nicholson-Zhou [8]. If  $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^s M_i$  and  $N = \bigoplus_{j=1}^t N_j$  are left  $R$ -modules, then (using the canonical injections and projections)  $[M, N]$  has a natural matrix representation as.

$$[M, N] = \begin{pmatrix} [M_1, N_1] & [M_1, N_2] & \cdots & [M_1, N_t] \\ [M_2, N_1] & [M_2, N_2] & \cdots & [M_2, N_t] \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ [M_s, N_1] & [M_s, N_2] & \cdots & [M_s, N_t] \end{pmatrix} = ([M_i, N_j])$$

where the elements of  $M$  and  $N$  are written as rows, and the matrix  $([M_i, N_j])$  acts by right matrix multiplication. In [8, Theorem 10], it is shown that if  $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^s M_i$  and  $N = \bigoplus_{j=1}^t N_j$  are modules, then  $J[M, N] = (J[M_i, N_j])$ . In [10], the authors proved that  $\Delta[M, N] = (\Delta[M_i, N_j])$  and  $\nabla[M, N] = (\nabla[M_i, N_j])$ .

In this paper, we continue further research regular homomorphisms. In [13, Theorem 2.2], Zelmanowitz proved that a module  $M$  is regular if and only if  $mR$  is projective and a direct summand of  $M$ . Approach as above we can see easy that if  $M$  is projective then  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  is regular if and only if  $\alpha(M)$  is projective and a direct summand of  $N$ . We can be generalized this result with weakly projective condition and prove that  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  is regular if and only if  $\alpha(M)$  is "weakly"  $M$ -projective and a direct summand of  $N$  (Theorem 2.3).

On the other hand, with regular condition submodules of  $M$ , we also have a result of regular  $[M, N]$ ; we show that  $[M, N]$  is regular if and only if  $[M, \alpha(M)]$  is regular for every  $\alpha \in [M, N]$ ; where  $M$  is  $N$ -injective (Theorem 2.4).

The authors Chen-Nicholson proved that a module  $M$  is regular if and only if  $M$  is torsionless and for every  $m \in M$ ,  $m[M, R_R] = eR$  for some  $e^2 = e \in R$ , see [3, Theorem 2.1]. We will extend this result for  $[M, N]$  and show that  $[M, N]$  is regular if and only if  $N$  is weakly  $M$ -torsionless and, for any  $x \in [M, N]$ ,  $[N, M]x = E_M e$  for some  $e^2 = e \in E_M$  (Theorem 2.6).

In addition, we show that some characterizations of  $[M, N]$  with property: When are  $H[M, N] = H$  for every non-empty subset  $H$  of  $[M, N]$ ? We prove that  $[M, N]$  is regular if and only if for every non-empty subset  $H$  of  $[M, N]$  with  $H[N, M]H \subseteq H$  implies  $H[M, N]H = H$  if and only if for every non-empty subset  $H$  of  $[M, N]$  with  $E_N H \cap H E_M \subseteq H$  implies  $H[N, M]H = H$  (Proposition 2.8).

Following [6], a submodule  $X$  of  $N$  is called a *semisupplement* of  $Y$  in  $N$  if  $N = X + Y$  and  $X \cap Y \ll N$ .  $X$  is called a *semicomplement* of  $Y$  in  $M$  if  $X \cap Y = 0$  and  $X + Y$  is essential in  $M$ . The authors Lee-Zhou give some characterizations  $\Delta$ -regular and  $\nabla$ -regular of endomorphism ring via semisupplement and semicomplement submodules. In this paper, we also have some similar results for regular  $[M, N]$  with the condition on semisupplement and semicomplement submodules (Proposition 2.10 and Proposition 2.11).

In this paper,  $R$  will present an associative ring with identity and all modules over  $R$  are unitary right modules. We write  $M_R$  to indicate that  $M$  is a right  $R$ -module. Throughout this paper, homomorphisms of modules are written on the left of their arguments. Let  $M$  and  $N$  be modules. For convenience of the readers, we follow the notations used in [8] or [14], let  $E_M := \text{End}_R(M)$  and  $[M, N] := \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$ . Then  $[M, N]$  is an  $(E_N, E_M)$ -bimodule. We also denote  $J(R)$  and  $\text{Rad}(M)$  for the Jacobson radical of  $R$  and module  $M$ , respectively. For a submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , we use  $N \leq M$  ( $N < M$ ) and  $N \leq^\oplus M$  to mean that  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$  (respectively, proper submodule),  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ , and we write  $N \leq^e M$  and  $N \ll M$  to indicate that  $N$  is an essential, respectively small of  $M$ . For a subset  $X$  of  $R$ , let  $r(X)$  denote the right annihilator of  $X$  in  $R$ .

## 2. Some results of regular morphisms

We call that a right  $R$ -module  $A$  is called *semi  $M$ -projective* if, for any submodule  $B$  of  $M$ , every epimorphism  $\pi : M \rightarrow B$  and every  $R$ -homomorphism

$\alpha : A \rightarrow B$ , there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\beta : A \rightarrow M$  such that  $\pi\alpha = \beta$ . Following Wisbauer ([12]),  $M$  is semi-projective if  $M$  is semi  $M$ -projective.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) For every  $s \in E_M$ ,  $Ker(s)$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .
- (2)  $s(M)$  is semi  $M$ -projective for every  $s \in E_M$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). We first claim that  $M$  is semi-projective. Let  $f : M \rightarrow A$  be an epimorphism and  $g : M \rightarrow A$  be an  $R$ -homomorphism with  $A \leq M$ . Let  $\iota : A \rightarrow M$  be the inclusion. By the hypothesis  $Ker(\iota f) = e(M)$  for some  $e^2 = e \in S$ . But  $Ker(\iota f) = Ker(f)$  and so  $Ker(f) \leq^\oplus M$ . It follows that  $f$  is an epimorphism splits. There exists  $h : A \rightarrow M$  such that  $fh = id_A$ . We have  $f(hg) = (fh)g = g$ . Thus  $M$  is semi-projective.

For all  $s \in S$ ,  $Ker(s) \leq^\oplus M$  and so  $s(M) \simeq e(M)$  for some  $e^2 = e \in S$ . We consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & M & & \\
 & & \downarrow p & & \\
 & & e(M) & & \\
 & & \downarrow g & & \\
 M & \xrightarrow{f} & A & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

with  $A \leq M$ . Let  $\iota : e(M) \rightarrow M$  be the inclusion and  $p : M \rightarrow e(M)$  be the projection. Since  $M$  is semi-projective, there exists  $h : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $fh = gp$ . This implies that  $f(h\iota) = g$ . Thus  $e(M)$  is semi  $M$ -projective and so  $s(M)$  is too.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). For each  $s \in S$ , we have

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & s(M) & & \\
 & & \downarrow id_{s(M)} & & \\
 M & \xrightarrow{s} & s(M) & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

Since  $s(M)$  is semi  $M$ -projective, there exists  $h : s(M) \rightarrow M$  such that  $sh = id_{s(M)}$ . Therefore  $s$  is an epimorphism splits and so  $Ker(s) \leq^\oplus M$ . ■

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $E_M$  is regular.
- (2)  $\alpha(M)$  is a direct summand of  $N$  and  $\alpha(M)$  is semi  $M$ -projective for all  $\alpha \in E_M$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be modules and  $\alpha \in [M, N]$ . The following conditions are equivalent for  $\alpha \in [M, N]$ :*

- (1)  $\alpha$  is regular.
- (2)  $\alpha(M)$  is a direct summand of  $N$  and, for  $R$ -homomorphisms  $f : M \rightarrow \alpha(M)$  and  $g : \alpha(M) \rightarrow \alpha(M)$ , there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism  $h : \alpha(M) \rightarrow M$  with  $fh = g$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \alpha(M) & & \\
 & \swarrow & \downarrow g & & \\
 M & \xrightarrow{f} & \alpha(M) & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). By regularity of  $\alpha$ , we can obtain that  $\alpha(M)$  is a direct summand of  $N$  and  $\text{Ker}(\alpha)$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . Hence there exists  $u : \alpha(M) \rightarrow M$  such that  $fu = \text{id}_{\alpha(M)}$  because of the diagram. Let  $h = ug$ . Then  $fh = f(ug) = g$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) is obvious. ■

The following theorem extends Nicholson-Zhou [8, Theorem 4].

**Theorem 2.4.** *Assume that  $M$  is  $N$ -injective. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $[M, N]$  is regular.
- (2)  $[M, \alpha(M)]$  is regular for every  $\alpha \in [M, N]$ .
- (3) For every  $\alpha \in [M, N]$ , and for every  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow \alpha(M)$  and  $g : \alpha(M) \rightarrow \alpha(M)$ , there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism  $h : \alpha(M) \rightarrow M$  with  $fh = g$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \alpha(M) & & \\
 & \swarrow & \downarrow g & & \\
 M & \xrightarrow{f} & \alpha(M) & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $\alpha \in [M, N]$  and  $f \in [M, \alpha(M)]$ . By (1), there exists  $g \in [N, M]$  such that  $\iota f = (\iota f)g(\iota f)$  with the inclusion  $\iota : \alpha(M) \rightarrow N$ . Let  $\beta = g|_{\alpha(M)} : \alpha(M) \rightarrow M$ . Then  $\alpha = \alpha\beta\alpha$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $f : M \rightarrow \alpha(M)$  be an epimorphism. Since  $[M, \alpha(M)]$  is regular, we can obtain that  $\text{Ker}(f)$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . Hence there exists  $k : \alpha(M) \rightarrow M$  such that  $fk = 1_{\alpha(M)}$ . Let  $h = kg$  and so  $fh = g$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $\alpha \in [M, N]$ . There exists  $\beta \in [\alpha(M), M]$  such that  $\alpha = \alpha\beta\alpha$ . Since  $M$  is  $N$ -injective, there exists  $\gamma \in [N, M]$  such that  $\gamma|_{\alpha(M)} = \beta$ . Thus  $\alpha = \alpha\gamma\alpha$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Corollary 2.5.** *Assume that  $R$  is a right self-injective ring. The following conditions are equivalent for a right  $R$ -module  $M$ :*

- (1)  $M$  is regular.
- (2) Every principal submodule of  $M$  is regular.
- (3) Every principal submodule of  $M$  is projective.

An  $R$ -module  $N$  is  $M$ -torsionless if it can be embedded into a direct product of copies of  $M$ .

We call an  $R$ -module  $N$  weakly  $M$ -torsionless, if  $r_{[M, N]}([N, M]) = 0$ . It is easy to see that  $M$ -torsionless modules are weakly  $M$ -torsionless. Moreover,  $N$  is  $R_R$ -torsionless if and only if  $N$  is weakly  $R_R$ -torsionless.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be  $R$ -modules.*

- (1)  $[M, N]$  is regular if and only if  $N$  is weakly  $M$ -torsionless and, for any  $x \in [M, N]$ ,  $[N, M]x = E_M e$  for some  $e^2 = e \in E_M$ .
- (2)  $[M, N]$  is regular if and only if, for any  $x, y \in [M, N]$ ,
  - (a)  $[N, M]x = E_M e$  for some  $e^2 = e \in E_M$ .
  - (b)  $y = (y_1 f_1 + \cdots + y_n f_n)y$  for some  $y_1, \dots, y_n \in [M, N]$  and for some  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in [N, M]$ .

**Proof.** (1) Assume that  $[M, N]$  is regular. We first show that  $N$  is weakly  $M$ -torsionless. Let  $f \in r_{[M, N]}([N, M])$  and  $gf = 0$  for all  $g \in [N, M]$ . Since  $[M, N]$  is regular, we can obtain that  $f = fgf = 0$ .

Let  $x \in [M, N]$ . Since  $[M, N]$  is regular, there exists  $y \in [N, M]$  such that  $x = xyx$ . Hence  $[N, M]x = [N, M]xyx$ . Let  $e = yx$ . Then  $e^2 = e \in E_M$ . Now  $[N, M]x = [N, M]xe \subset E_M e$ . The other inclusion is similar.

Assume that  $N$  is weakly  $M$ -torsionless and, for any  $x \in [M, N]$ ,  $[N, M]x = E_M e$  for some  $e^2 = e \in E_M$ . Then  $e = yx$  for some  $y \in [N, M]$ . We must show that  $x = xe$ . For all  $u \in [N, M]$ , we can obtain that  $u(x - xe) = ux - uxe = ux - (ux)e = 0$  since  $ux \in [N, M]x = E_M e$ . Then  $x - xe \in r_{[M, N]}([N, M]) = 0$  and so  $x = xyx$ .

(2) Assume that  $[M, N]$  is regular. By (1), we can obtain that  $[N, M]x = E_M e$  for some  $e^2 = e \in E_M$ , i.e., (a) holds. For every  $y \in [M, N]$ , there exists  $z \in [N, M]$  such that  $y = yzy$  and so (b) holds.

For converse, let  $y \in [M, N]$ . Because of (1), we must show that  $N$  is weakly  $M$ -torsionless, i.e.  $r_{[M, N]}([N, M]) = \{f \in [M, N] : gf = 0; \forall g \in [N, M]\}$ . Since  $y \in r_{[M, N]}([N, M])$ , we can obtain that  $f_i y = 0$  for some  $f_1 \dots f_n \in [N, M]$ . Therefore  $y = (y_1 f_1 + \dots + y_n f_n)y = 0$ . ■

We have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.7.** *The following conditions are equivalent for  $R$ -modules  $M$  and  $N$ :*

- (1)  $[M, N]$  is regular.
- (2) For any  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y \in [M, N]$ ,
  - (a)  $\sum_{i=1}^k [N, M]x_i = E_M e$  for some  $e^2 = e \in E_M$
  - (b)  $y = (y_1 f_1 + \dots + y_n f_n)y$  for some  $y_1, \dots, y_n \in [M, N]$  and for some  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in [N, M]$ .
- (3)  $N$  is weakly  $M$ -torsionless and, for every elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in [M, N]$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n [N, M]x_i = E_M e$  for some  $e^2 = e \in E_M$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Assume that  $[M, N]$  is regular. By Theorem 2.6(2), for each  $y \in [M, N]$ , we can obtain that  $y = (y_1 f_1 + \dots + y_n f_n)y$  for some  $y_1, \dots, y_n \in [M, N]$  and for some  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in [N, M]$ .

Now assume that  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in [M, N]$ . We show that  $\sum_{i=1}^n [N, M]x_i = E_M e$  for some  $e^2 = e \in E_M$ . The case  $n = 1$  is clear from Theorem 2.6. If  $n > 1$ , then  $[N, M]x_n = E_M f$  for some  $f^2 = f \in E_M$ . By the hypothesis on induction,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} [N, M]x_i(1 - f) = E_M g$$

for some  $g^2 = g \in E_M$ . It is easy to see that  $gf = 0$ ,  $e = f + g - fg$  is an idempotent,  $fe = f = ef$  and  $ge = g = eg$ . Since  $[N, M]x_i f \subset E_M f = [N, M]x_n$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ , we can obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} E_M e &= E_M f + E_M g = \\ &= [N, M]x_n + (\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} [N, M]x_i)(1 - f) = \\ &= [N, M]x_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} [N, M]x_i. \end{aligned}$$

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

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). By Theorem 2.6. ■

Regularity subsets are shown in the following result.

**Proposition 2.8.** *The following conditions are equivalent for  $R$ -modules  $M$  and  $N$ :*

- (1)  $[M, N]$  is regular.
- (2) For every non-empty subset  $H$  of  $[M, N]$  with  $H[N, M]H \subseteq H$  implies  $H[M, N]H = H$ .
- (3) For every non-empty subset  $H$  of  $[M, N]$  with  $E_N H \cap H E_M \subseteq H$  implies  $H[N, M]H = H$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is clear.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Note that  $H[N, M]H \subseteq E_N H \cap H E_M$ . Thus (3) is clear.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). For every  $f \in [M, N]$ , let  $H = E_N f \cap f E_M$ . We have that  $E_N H \cap H E_M \subseteq H$  and obtain that  $H[N, M]H = H$  by (3). Thus  $f \in E_N f \cap f E_M = H[N, M]H \subseteq f[N, M]f$ , that means  $f = fgf$  for some  $g \in [N, M]$ . ■

**Lemma 2.9.** *Assume that  $u \in [M, N]$  and  $v \in [N, M]$ . Then:*

- (1)  $(u - uvu)(M) = u(M) \cap (1 - uv)(N)$  and  $N = u(M) + (1 - uv)(N)$ .
- (2)  $\text{Ker}(u - uvu) = \text{Ker}(u) \oplus \text{Ker}(1 - uv)$ .

**Proof.** (1). It is easy to see that  $u(M) + (1 - uv)(N) = M$  and  $(u - uvu)(M) \leq u(M) \cap (1 - uv)(N)$ . On the other hand, for all  $m \in u(M) \cap (1 - uv)(N)$ , we write  $m = u(x) = (1 - uv)(n)$  with  $x \in M$  and  $n \in N$ . Then  $n = u(x + v(n))$  and hence  $x = (1 - uv)(n) = (u - uvu)(x + v(n)) \in (u - uvu)(M)$ .

(2). We have  $\text{Ker}(u - uvu) \leq \text{Ker}(u) + \text{Ker}(1 - uv)$  and  $\text{Ker}(u) \cap \text{Ker}(1 - uv) = 0$ . On the other hand, for all  $m \in \text{Ker}(u - uvu)$ ,  $m = vu(m) + (1 - vu)(m)$  with  $vu(m) \in \text{Ker}(1 - vu)$  and  $(1 - vu)(m) \in \text{Ker}(u)$ ; so  $\text{Ker}(u - uvu) = \text{Ker}(u) + \text{Ker}(1 - vu)$ . ■

Let  $M$  and  $N$  be modules and let  $I$  be an  $E_M$ - $E_N$ -submodule of  $[M, N]$ .  $f \in [M, N]$  is called  $I$ -regular if there exists a  $g \in [N, M]$  such that  $fgf - f \in I$ .

Following [6], a submodule  $X$  of  $N$  is called *semisupplement* of  $Y$  in  $N$  if  $N = X + Y$  and  $X \cap Y \ll N$ .



**Proposition 2.10.** *The following conditions are equivalent for  $u \in [M, N]$ :*

- (1)  $u$  is  $\nabla$ -regular.
- (2) *There exist  $v \in [N, M]$  and a semisupplement  $X$  of  $u(M)$  in  $N$  such that the following diagram is commutative:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{u} & N \\ \uparrow v & & \downarrow \pi_X \\ N & \xrightarrow{\pi_X} & N/X. \end{array}$$

- (3) *There exists a semisupplement  $X$  of  $u(M)$  in  $N$  such that  $(1-uv)(N) \leq X$  for some  $v \in [N, M]$ .*

**Proof.** (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) is obvious.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Assume that there exists  $v \in [N, M]$  such that  $u - uvu \in \nabla$ . Let  $H = (u - uvu)(M) \leq N$ . Then by Lemma 2.9,  $X = (1 - uv)(N)$  is a semisupplement of  $u(M)$  in  $N$ . Since  $H \leq X$ ,  $uvu(m) + X = u(m) + X \in N/X$  for all  $m \in M$ . It follows that  $(\pi_X uv)(u(m)) = \pi_X(u(m))$ . We have that  $N = u(M) + X$  and obtain that  $\pi_X uv = \pi_X$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) By (3), there exists a semisupplement  $X$  of  $u(M)$  in  $N$  such that  $(1 - uv)(N) \leq X$  for some  $v \in [N, M]$ . Then  $(u - uvu)(M) = u(M) \cap (1 - uv)(N) \leq u(M) \cap X \ll N$  and so  $(u - uvu)(M) \ll N$ . It follows that  $u - uvu \in \nabla$ . ■

Again according to [6], a submodule  $X$  of  $N$  is called *semicomplement* of  $Y$  in  $M$  if  $X \oplus Y \leq^e M$ .

**Proposition 2.11.** *The following conditions are equivalent for  $u \in [M, N]$ :*

- (1)  $u$  is  $\Delta$ -regular.
- (2) *There exists  $v \in [N, M]$  and a semicomplement  $X$  of  $\text{Ker}(u)$  in  $M$  such that the following diagram is commutative:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} u(X) & \xrightarrow{i_1} & N \\ \downarrow (u|_X)^{-1} & & \downarrow v \\ X & \xrightarrow{i_2} & M. \end{array}$$

- (3) *There exists a semicomplement  $X$  of  $\text{Ker}(u)$  in  $M$  such that  $X \leq \text{Ker}(1 - vu)$  for some  $v \in [N, M]$ .*

**Proof.** (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) is obvious.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Assume that there exists  $v \in [N, M]$  such that  $u - uvu \in \Delta$ . Let  $H = (u - uvu)(M) \leq N$ . Then by Lemma 2.9,  $X = Ker(1 - vu)$  is a semicomplement of  $Ker(u)$  in  $M$ . For all  $x \in X$ , we have  $vu(x) = x$ . It follows that following diagram is commutative in (2).

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). By (3), there exists a semicomplement  $X$  of  $Ker(u)$  in  $M$  such that  $X \leq Ker(1 - vu)$  for some  $v \in [N, M]$ . Then  $Ker(u) \oplus X \leq Ker(u) \oplus Ker(1 - vu) = Ker(u - uvu)$  and so  $Ker(u - uvu) \leq^e M$ . It follows that  $u - uvu \in \Delta$ . ■

We call an  $R$ -module  $N$  *semisupplemented* if every submodule of  $N$  has a semisupplement.

**Theorem 2.12.** *Let  $M$  be a finitely generated, self-projective  $R$ -module and  $N \in Gen(M)$ . If  $[M, N]_{E_M}$  is semisupplemented, then  $[M, N]/\nabla[M, N]$  is semisimple.*

**Proof.** Let  $\bar{A} = A/\nabla[M, N]$  be a submodule of  $[M, N]/\nabla[M, N]$ . Since  $[M, N]$  is semisupplemented, there exists  $B \leq [M, N]$  such that  $[M, N] = A + B$  and  $A \cap B \ll [M, N]$ . For any  $f \in A \cap B$ , it is easy to see that  $fE_M \leq A \cap B$  and  $fE_M \ll [M, N]$  because  $A \cap B \ll [M, N]$ . Now we show that  $f \in \nabla[M, N]$ . Let  $K$  be a submodule of  $N$  with  $M = Imf + K$ . By [12, 18.4],

$$[M, N] = [M, f(M)] + [M, K].$$

It follows that  $fE_M + [M, K] = [M, N]$ . Since  $fE_M \ll [M, N]$ , we can obtain that  $[M, K] = [M, N]$ . Now  $[M, K] = [M, N]$  gives that  $N = [M, N]M = [M, K]M \leq K$  because of  $N \in Gen(M)$ . Therefore  $N = K$ , i.e.,  $Imf \ll N$ . It follows that  $f \in \nabla[M, N]$ . ■

Recall that;

(D2) For any submodule  $A$  of  $M$  for which  $M/A$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $M$ , then  $A$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .

(GD2) For any submodule  $A$  of  $M$  for which  $M/A$  is isomorphic to  $M$ , then  $A$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .

**Lemma 2.13.** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be  $R$ -modules. If  $N$  satisfies GD2, then*

$$\nabla[M, N] \subseteq J[M, N].$$

**Proof.** See [9, Lemma 3.1]. ■

**Corollary 2.14.** *Let  $M$  be a finitely generated, self-projective  $R$ -module and  $N \in \text{Gen}(M)$  satisfies GD2. If  $[M, N]$  is semisupplemented, then*

$$[M, N]/J[M, N]$$

*is semisimple.*

**Proof.** It is clear from Theorem 2.12 and Lemma 2.13. ■

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