A NOTE ON REGULAR MORPHISMS

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Abstract. In this paper, we give some other characterizations of regular 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 Hom(M, N). On the other hand, we consider regular Hom(M, N) via weakly *M*-torsionless, idempotent submodules conditions. Finally, we give some results of Δ -regular, ∇ -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 $\alpha \in [M, N]$, α is regular if and only if $\alpha(M)$ is a direct summand of N and, for R-homomorphisms $f : M \to \alpha(M)$ and $g : \alpha(M) \to \alpha(M)$, there exists an R-homomorphism $h : \alpha(M) \to M$ 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 $f : M \to \alpha(M)$ and $g : \alpha(M) \to \alpha(M)$, there exists an R-homomorphism $f : M \to \alpha(M)$ and $g : \alpha(M) \to \alpha(M)$, there exists an R-homomorphism $f : M \to \alpha(M)$ and $g : \alpha(M) \to \alpha(M)$, there exists an R-homomorphism $f : M \to \alpha(M)$ and $g : \alpha(M) \to \alpha(M)$, there exists an R-homomorphism $f : M \to \alpha(M)$ and $g : \alpha(M) \to \alpha(M)$, there exists an R-homomorphism $f : M \to \alpha(M)$ and $g : \alpha(M) \to \alpha(M)$.

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.

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

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 nonempty subset H of [M, N] with $E_NH \cap HE_M \subseteq H$ 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 Δ -regular and ∇ -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 $E_M := End_R(M)$ and $[M, N] := Hom_R(M, N)$. Then [M, N] is an (E_N, E_M) -bimodule. We also denote J(R) and 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 Nis 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 $\pi : M \to B$ and every *R*-homomorphism $\alpha : A \to B$, there exists an *R*-homomorphism $\beta : A \to M$ 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 $f: M \to A$ be an epimorphism and $g: M \to A$ be an R-homomorphism with $A \leq M$. Let $\iota: A \to M$ 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 $h: A \to M$ 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:



with $A \leq M$. Let $\iota : e(M) \to M$ be the inclusion and $p : M \to e(M)$ be the projection. Since M is semi-projective, there exists $h : M \to M$ 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



Since s(M) is semi *M*-projective, there exists $h : s(M) \to M$ 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) α is regular.
- (2) $\alpha(M)$ is a direct summand of N and, for R-homomorphisms $f: M \to \alpha(M)$ and $g: \alpha(M) \to \alpha(M)$, there exists an R-homomorphism $h: \alpha(M) \to M$ with fh = g.



Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). By regularity of α , we can obtain that $\alpha(M)$ is a direct summand of N and $Ker(\alpha)$ is a direct summand of M. Hence there exists $u : \alpha(M) \to M$ such that $fu = id_{\alpha(M)}$ 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 $f : M \to \alpha(M)$ and $g : \alpha(M) \to \alpha(M)$, there exists an *R*-homomorphism $h : \alpha(M) \to M$ with fh = g.



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 $\iota : \alpha(M) \to N$. Let $\beta = g|_{\alpha(M)} : \alpha(M) \to M$. Then $\alpha = \alpha\beta\alpha$.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$. Let $f : M \to \alpha(M)$ be an epimorphism. Since $[M, \alpha(M)]$ is regular, we can obtain that Ker(f) is a direct summand of M. Hence there exists $k : \alpha(M) \to M$ 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 $\alpha = \alpha \gamma \alpha$.

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) $y = (y_1f_1 + \dots + y_nf_n)y$ 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 $[N, M]x = [N, M]xe \subset E_Me$. 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 $x - xe \in e r_{[M,N]}([N, M]) = 0$ 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 $f_iy = 0$ for some $f_1 \dots f_n \in [N,M]$. Therefore $y = (y_1f_1 + \dots + y_nf_n)y = 0$.

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 $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, y \in [M, N]$,
 - (a) $\sum_{i=1}^{k} [N, M] x_i = E_M e$ for some $e^2 = e \in E_M$
 - (b) $y = (y_1f_1 + \dots + y_nf_n)y$ 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 $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in [M, N]$, $\sum_{i=1}^{n} [N, M] x_i = E_M e$ 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 $y = (y_1 f_1 + \cdots + y_n f_n)y$ for some $y_1, \ldots, y_n \in [M, N]$ and for some $f_1, \ldots, f_n \in [N, M]$.

Now assume that $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in [M, N]$. 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 $[N, M]x_if \subset E_Mf =$ $= [N, M]x_n$ for each i = 1, 2, ..., n - 1, we can obtain that

$$E_M e = E_M f + E_M g =$$

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

- $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$. 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 $H[N, M]H \subseteq E_NH \cap HE_M$. 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 $f \in E_N f \cap \cap f E_M = H[N, M]H \subseteq f[N, M]f$, 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) $Ker(u uvu) = Ker(u) \oplus Ker(1 vu).$

Proof. (1). It is easy to see that u(M) + (1-uv)(N) = M and $(u-uvu)(M) \le u(M) \cap (1-uv)(N)$. 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 $Ker(u - uvu) \leq Ker(u) + Ker(1 - uv)$ and $Ker(u) \cap \cap Ker(1 - uv) = 0$. On the other hand, for all $m \in Ker(u - uvu)$, m = vu(m) + (1 - vu)(m) with $vu(m) \in Ker(1 - vu)$ and $(1 - vu)(m) \in Ker(u)$; so Ker(u - uvu) = Ker(u) + 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 ∇ -regular.
- (2) There exist $v \in [N, M]$ and a semisupplement X of u(M) in N such that the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} M & \stackrel{u}{\longrightarrow} & N \\ \uparrow v & & \downarrow \pi_X \\ N & \stackrel{\pi_X}{\longrightarrow} & N/X. \end{array}$$

(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 $(u - uvu)(M) = u(M) \cap \cap (1 - uv)(N) \leq u(M) \cap X \ll N$ 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 Δ -regular.
- (2) There exists $v \in [N, M]$ and a semicomplement X of Ker(u) in M such that the following diagram is commutative:

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

(3) There exists a semicomplement X of Ker(u) in M such that $X \leq \leq Ker(1 - vu)$ 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 $Ker(u) \oplus X \leq \leq Ker(u) \oplus Ker(1 - vu) = Ker(u - uvu)$ 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 $\overline{A} = A/\nabla[M, N]$ 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 $N \in Gen(M)$ 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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