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### ABSTRACT

Let  $R$  be a ring. Then a left  $R$ -module  $N$  is pure-injective if and only if  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  is a pure-injective left  $S$ -module for any ring  $S$  and any  $(R, S)$ -bimodule  ${}_R M_S$ . If  $R$  is a commutative ring and  $M, N$  are  $R$ -modules with  $N$  pure-injective, then  $\text{Ext}_R^n(M, N)$  is a pure-injective  $R$ -module for any  $n \geq 0$ . Let  $R$  and  $S$  be rings and let  ${}_S N_R$  be an  $(S, R)$ -bimodule and  $M$  a finitely presented left  $R$ -module. If  $N$  is pure-injective as a left  $S$ -module, then the left  $S$ -module  $N \otimes_R M$  is pure-injective; and if  $R$  is left coherent, then the left  $S$ -module  $\text{Tor}_n^R(N, M)$  is pure-injective for any  $n \geq 1$ .

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## 1. Introduction

Pure-injective modules were introduced in [3], and they were also called algebraically compact modules in [10]. Many authors have studied the properties of pure-injective modules, see [2–8, 10, 11] and references therein. Enochs proved in [4] that if  $R$  is a commutative Noetherian ring, then  $\text{Hom}_R(M, E)$  is a pure-injective  $R$ -module for any  $R$ -modules  $M$  and  $E$  with  $E$  injective. The aim of this note is to generalize this result.

In this note, all rings are associative rings with identity. Let  $R$  be a ring. We show that a left  $R$ -module  $N$  is pure-injective if and only if  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  is a pure-injective left  $S$ -module for any associative ring  $S$  and any  $(R, S)$ -bimodule  ${}_R M_S$ . In particular, if  $R$  is a commutative ring, then an  $R$ -module  $N$  is pure-injective if and only if  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  is a pure-injective  $R$ -module for any  $R$ -module  $M$ . Moreover, we get that if  $R$  is a commutative ring and  $M, N$  are  $R$ -modules with  $N$  pure-injective, then  $\text{Ext}_R^n(M, N)$  is a pure-injective  $R$ -module for any  $n \geq 0$ . Let  $R$  and  $S$  be rings and let  ${}_S N_R$  be an  $(S, R)$ -bimodule and  $M$  a finitely presented left  $R$ -module. We show that if  $N$  is pure-injective as a left  $S$ -module, then the left  $S$ -module  $N \otimes_R M$  is pure-injective; and if  $R$  is left coherent, then the left  $S$ -module  $\text{Tor}_n^R(N, M)$  is pure-injective for any  $n \geq 1$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this note,  $R$  is an arbitrary ring,  $\text{Mod } R$  is the category of left  $R$ -modules and  $\text{mod } R$  is the category of finitely presented left  $R$ -modules.

**Lemma 2.1** ([6, Lemma 1.2.13]). *Let*

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0 \tag{2.1}$$

*be an exact sequence in  $\text{Mod } R$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  $0 \rightarrow N \otimes_R A \rightarrow N \otimes_R B \rightarrow N \otimes_R C \rightarrow 0$  is exact for any  $N \in \text{Mod } R^{op}$ .
- (2)  $0 \rightarrow N \otimes_R A \rightarrow N \otimes_R B \rightarrow N \otimes_R C \rightarrow 0$  is exact for any  $N \in \text{mod } R^{op}$ .
- (3)  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, C) \rightarrow 0$  is exact for any  $M \in \text{mod } R$ .
- (4) The exact sequence (2.1) is a direct limit of split short exact sequences in  $\text{Mod } R$ .

The exact sequence (2.1) is called **pure-exact** if one of the equivalent conditions in Lemma 2.1 is satisfied.

**Definition 2.2** (cf. [6]). A module  $M \in \text{Mod } R$  is called **pure-injective** if it is an injective object with respect to pure-exact sequences; that is, any pure-exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

starting from  $M$  splits; equivalently, for any pure-exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Mod } R$ , the induced sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(C, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(B, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(A, M) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact.

It is easy to see that the class of pure-injective modules is closed under direct summands and products. We write  $(-)^+ := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(-, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the additive and  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the additive group of rational numbers.

**Lemma 2.3** ([5, Propositions 5.3.7 and 5.3.9]). For any  $M \in \text{Mod } R$ , we have

- (1)  $M^+ \in \text{Mod } R^{op}$  is pure-injective.
- (2)  $\sigma_M : M \rightarrow M^{++}$  via  $\sigma_M(m)(f) = f(m)$  for any  $m \in M$  and  $f \in M^+$  induces a pure-exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\sigma_M} M^{++} \rightarrow \text{Coker } \sigma_M \rightarrow 0.$$

Thus  $M$  is pure-injective if and only if  $\sigma_M$  is a section.

**Lemma 2.4** ([1, Proposition I.10.1]). Let  $M \in \text{Mod } R$  be pure-injective and  $\{N_i\}_{i \in I}$  a direct system in  $\text{Mod } R$ . Then for any  $n \geq 0$ , the canonical morphism

$$\text{Ext}_R^n(\varinjlim N_i, M) \rightarrow \varprojlim \text{Ext}_R^n(N_i, M)$$

is an isomorphism of abelian groups.

### 3. Main results

We first prove the following

#### Theorem 3.1.

- (1) A module  $N \in \text{Mod } R$  is pure-injective if and only if  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N) \in \text{Mod } S$  is pure-injective for any ring  $S$  and any  $(R, S)$ -bimodule  ${}_R M_S$ .
- (2) If  $R$  is a commutative ring, then  $N \in \text{Mod } R$  is pure-injective if and only if  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  is a pure-injective  $R$ -module for any  $M \in \text{Mod } R$ .

*Proof.*

- (1) The sufficiency is obvious by taking  $M = {}_R R$ . Conversely, let

$$\xi : 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

be a pure-exact sequence in  $\text{Mod } S$ . Then by Lemma 2.1,  $\xi$  is a direct limit of split short exact sequences

$$\xi_\alpha : 0 \rightarrow A_\alpha \rightarrow B_\alpha \rightarrow C_\alpha \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Mod } S$ . Let  ${}_R M_S$  be an  $(R, S)$ -bimodule. By Lemma 2.1, we get the following split exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \otimes_S A_\alpha \rightarrow M \otimes_S B_\alpha \rightarrow M \otimes_S C_\alpha \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Mod } R$  and the following exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(M \otimes_S C_\alpha, N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(M \otimes_S B_\alpha, N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(M \otimes_S A_\alpha, N)$$

of abelian groups for any  $\alpha$ . Then by the left exactness of the functor  $\varprojlim$ , we have that

$$0 \rightarrow \varprojlim \text{Ext}_R^1(M \otimes_S C_\alpha, N) \rightarrow \varprojlim \text{Ext}_R^1(M \otimes_S B_\alpha, N) \rightarrow \varprojlim \text{Ext}_R^1(M \otimes_S A_\alpha, N)$$

is an exact sequence of abelian groups. By Lemma 2.4, we have that

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(M \otimes_S C, N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(M \otimes_S B, N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(M \otimes_S A, N) \tag{3.1}$$

is an exact sequence of abelian groups. On the other hand, the purity of  $\xi$  gives an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \otimes_S A \rightarrow M \otimes_S B \rightarrow M \otimes_S C \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Mod } R$ , which induces a long exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M \otimes_S C, N) &\rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M \otimes_S B, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M \otimes_S A, N) \\ &\rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(M \otimes_S C, N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(M \otimes_S B, N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(M \otimes_S A, N) \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

of abelian groups. By (3.1) and (3.2), we get an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M \otimes_S C, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M \otimes_S B, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M \otimes_S A, N) \rightarrow 0$$

of abelian groups. Then by the adjoint isomorphism theorem, we have that

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_S(C, \text{Hom}_R(M, N)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_S(B, \text{Hom}_R(M, N)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_S(A, \text{Hom}_R(M, N)) \rightarrow 0$$

is an exact sequence of abelian groups. Thus  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N) \in \text{Mod } S$  is pure-injective.

(2) It is a direct consequence of (1). □

**Lemma 3.2.**

(1) Let  $R$  and  $S$  be rings. Then for any  $(S, R)$ -bimodule  ${}_S M_R$  and  $L \in \text{Mod } S^{op}$ , the adjoint isomorphism

$$\theta : {}_R \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(L \otimes_S M, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow {}_R \text{Hom}_S(M, \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(L, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}))$$

is an isomorphism of left  $R$ -modules.

(2) Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. Then for any  $M, L \in \text{Mod } R$  and  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$\text{Ext}_R^n(M, \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(L, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\text{Tor}_n^R(L, M), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$$

is an isomorphism of  $R$ -modules.

*Proof.*

(1) By [9, Theorem 2.76],  $\theta$  defined as  $\theta(f)(m)(l) = f(l \otimes m)$  for any  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(L \otimes_S M, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $m \in M$  and  $l \in L$  is an isomorphism of abelian groups. For any  $r \in R$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (r\theta(f))(m)(l) &= \theta(f)(mr)(l) = f_{mr}(l) = f(l \otimes mr) \\ &= (rf)(l \otimes m) = (rf)_m(l) = \theta(rf)(m)(l). \end{aligned}$$

So  $(r\theta(f))(m) = \theta(rf)(m)$  and  $r\theta(f) = \theta(rf)$ . The assertion follows.

(2) The case for  $n = 0$  follows from (1). Now let  $n \geq 1$  and let  $\mathbb{P}_\bullet$  be a deleted projective resolution of  ${}_R M$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} H^n(\mathrm{Hom}_R(\mathbb{P}_\bullet, \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(L, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}))) &\cong H^n(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(L \otimes_R \mathbb{P}_\bullet, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})) \\ &\cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(H_n(L \otimes_R \mathbb{P}_\bullet), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}). \end{aligned}$$

Now the assertion follows from (1).  $\square$

For commutative rings, we have the following

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $M, N$  in  $\mathrm{Mod} R$  with  $N$  pure-injective. Then  $\mathrm{Ext}_R^n(M, N)$  is a pure-injective  $R$ -module for any  $n \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* The case for  $n = 0$  follows from Theorem 3.1(2). Now let  $n \geq 1$  and let  $M, N$  be in  $\mathrm{Mod} R$  with  $N$  pure-injective. By Lemma 3.2(2), we have an isomorphism

$$\mathrm{Ext}_R^n(M, N^{++}) \cong (\mathrm{Tor}_n^R(N^+, M))^+$$

in  $\mathrm{Mod} R$ . Then by Lemma 2.3(1),  $\mathrm{Ext}_R^n(M, N^{++})$  is a pure-injective  $R$ -module. Note that  $N$  is a direct summand of  $N^{++}$  by Lemma 2.3(2). Now the assertion follows from the fact that the class of pure-injective modules is closed under direct summands.  $\square$

To obtain the adjoint counterparts of Theorems 3.1 and 3.3, we need the following standard observation.

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  ${}_R L_S$  be an  $(R, S)$ -bimodule and  $M \in \mathrm{mod} R$ . Then we have*

(1) *There exists an isomorphism of left  $S$ -modules*

$$\tau : {}_S \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(L, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \otimes_R M \rightarrow {}_S \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathrm{Hom}_R(M, L), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}).$$

(2) *If  $R$  is left coherent, then for any  $n \geq 1$ , there exists an isomorphism of left  $S$ -modules*

$$\mathrm{Tor}_n^R(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(L, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}), M) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathrm{Ext}_R^n(M, L), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}).$$

*Proof.*

(1) By [5, Theorem 3.2.11],  $\tau$  defined as  $\tau(f \otimes a)(g) = f(g(a))$  for any  $f \in \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(L, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $a \in M$  and  $g \in \mathrm{Hom}_R(M, L)$  is an isomorphism of abelian groups. For any  $s \in S$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(sf \otimes a)(g) &= \tau((sf) \otimes a)(g) = (sf)(g(a)) \\ &= f(g(a)s) = f((gs)(a)) = \tau(f \otimes a)(gs) = s\tau(f \otimes a)(g). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\tau(sf \otimes a) = s\tau(f \otimes a)$ . The assertion follows.

(2) Since  $R$  is left coherent and  $M \in \mathrm{mod} R$ ,  $M$  admits a degreewise finite  $R$ -projective resolution  $\mathbb{P}_\bullet$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_n(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(L, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \otimes_R \mathbb{P}_\bullet) &\cong H_n \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathrm{Hom}_R(\mathbb{P}_\bullet, L), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \\ &\cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(H^n \mathrm{Hom}_R(\mathbb{P}_\bullet, L), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}). \end{aligned}$$

Now the assertion follows from (1).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  ${}_S N_R$  be an  $(S, R)$ -bimodule and  $M \in \mathrm{mod} R$ . If  $N$  is pure-injective as a left  $S$ -module, then we have*

(1) *The left  $S$ -module  $N \otimes_R M$  is pure-injective.*

(2) *If  $R$  is left coherent, then the left  $S$ -module  $\mathrm{Tor}_n^R(N, M)$  is pure-injective for any  $n \geq 1$ .*

*Proof.*

(1) By Lemma 3.4(1),  $N^{++} \otimes_R M \cong (\text{Hom}_R(M, N^+))^+$  is a pure-injective left  $S$ -module. Note that  $N$  is a direct summand of  $N^{++}$  by Lemma 2.3(2). Now the assertion follows from the fact that the class of pure-injective modules is closed under direct summands.

(2) It is similar to the proof of (1) in view of Lemma 3.4(2). □

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