# **Properties of Semi-Projective Modules and their Endomorphism Rings**

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**Abstract** In this paper, we have studied the properties of semi-projective module and its endomorphism rings related with Hopfian, co-Hopfian, and directly finite modules. We have provide an example of module which are semi-projective but not quasi-projective. We also prove that for semi-projective module *M* with  $dim M < \infty$ or *CodimM*  $\lt \infty$ ,  $M^n$  is Hopfian for every integer  $n \gt 1$ . Apart from this we have studied the properties of pseudo-semi-injective module and observed that for pseudosemi-injective module, co-Hopficity weakly co-Hopficity and directly finiteness are equivalent. Finally proved that for pseudo-semi-injective module *M, N* be fully invariant M-cyclic submodule of *M* with *N* is essential in *M*, then *N* is weakly co-Hopfian if and only if *M* is weakly co-Hopfian.

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## **1 Introduction**

The notion of quasi-principally projective module was introduced by Wisbauer [\[14\]](#page-7-0) under the terminology of semi-projective modules. Tansee and Wongwai [\[11\]](#page-7-1) introduced the idea of *M*-principally projective module and defined a module M quasi-principally projective if it is M-principally projective. They also established several properties of the endomorphism ring of such modules and proved that quasi-principally projective modules are equivalent to semi-projective module. In this paper, we have established some properties of endomorphism ring of quasiprincipally projective module in terms of Hopfian modules and proved that a quasiprincipally projective module M is Hopfian if and only if M/N is Hopfian, where N is fully invariant small submodule of M.

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### **2 Preliminaries**

Throughout this paper, by a ring *R* we always mean an associative ring with identity and every *R*-module *M* is an unitary right *R*-module. Let *M* be an *R*-module; a module *N* is called M-generated, if there is an epimorphism  $M^{(I)} \longrightarrow N$  for some index set *I.* If *I* is finite then *N* is called finitely M-generated. In particular, a submodule *N* of *M* is called an *M*-cyclic submodule of *M* if  $N = s(M)$  for some  $s \in End M_R$  or if there exist an epimorphism from *M* to *N*, equivalently it is isomorphic to *M/L* for some submodule *L* of *M*. A submodule *K* of an *R*-module *M* is said to be small in *M*, written  $K \ll M$ , if for every submodule  $L \subseteq M$  with  $K + L = M$  implies  $L = M$ . A nonzero *R*-module *M* is called hollow if every proper submodule of it is small in *M*. A submodule *N* of *M* is called fully invariant submodule of *M*, if  $f(N) \subseteq N$  for any  $f \in S = End M_R$ . A module *M* is called indecomposable, if  $M \neq 0$  and cannot be written as a direct sum of nonzero submodules.

Consider the following conditions for an *R*-module *M*:

(*D*<sub>1</sub>): For every submodule *A* of *M* there is a decomposition  $M = M_1 \bigoplus M_2$  such that  $M_1 \subseteq A$  and  $A \cap M_2 \ll M$ .

*(D*<sub>2</sub>): If *A* ⊆ *M* such that *M*/*A* is isomorphic to a summand of *M*, then *A* is a summand of *M*.

*(D<sub>3</sub>)*: If *M*<sub>1</sub> and *M*<sub>2</sub> are summands of *M* with  $M_1 + M_2 = M$ , then  $M_1 \cap M_2$  is a summand of *M*.

An *R*-module *M* is called a lifting module if *M* satisfies*(D*1*), M* is called discrete module if it satisfies  $(D_1)$  and  $(D_2)$  and quasi-discrete if it satisfies  $(D_1)$  and  $(D_3)$ .

We will freely make use of the standard notations, terminologies, and results of [\[1,](#page-7-2) [3,](#page-7-3) [14](#page-7-0)].

#### **3** *M***-Principally Projective Module**

Let *M* be a right *R*-module. A right *R*-module *N* is called *M*-principally projective

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M \xrightarrow{g \swarrow \downarrow f} M \longrightarrow s(M) \longrightarrow 0
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if every *R*-homomorphism *f* from *N* to an *M*-cyclic submodule *s(M)* of *M* can be lifted to an  $R$ -homomorphism  $q$  from  $N$  to  $M$ , such that the above diagram is commutative, i.e.,  $s \cdot g = f$ . A right *R*-module *M* is called quasi-principally projective (or semi-projective) if it is *M*-principally projective. Some examples of semi-projective modules are  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$  (set of integers). Clearly, every projective module and quasi-projective module are semi-projective. But converse need not be true:

- 1. The  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Q}$  is semi-projective but not quasi-projective.
- 2. Let *R* be any integral domain with quotient field  $F \neq R$ . Then  $M = F \oplus R$  is semi-projective (but in general not quasi-projective).
- 3. For any prime *p* in  $\mathbb{Z}$ , the Prufer p-group  $\mathbb{Z}(p\infty)$  is not semi-projective.

Now, we provide an example of semi-projective module which is not *M*-principally projective module.

*Example 3.1* Let  $M_1 = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  and  $M_2 = \mathbb{Z}/p^2\mathbb{Z}$  for any prime  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  be modules over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Then we can easily check that both  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are semi-projective modules. However  $M_1$  is not  $M_2$ -principally projective.

<span id="page-2-1"></span>**Proposition 3.2** *If M is quasi-projective module and K is fully invariant submodule of M then M/K is semi-projective module.*

*Proof* The Proof is straightforward and hence we omit it.

An *R*-module *M* is called Hopfian (resp. co-Hopfian), if every surjective (resp. injective) *R*-homomorphism  $f : M \longrightarrow M$  is an automorphism. For example, every Noetherian *R*-modules are Hopfian and every Artinian *R*-modules are co-Hopfian. A module *M* is called directly finite, if *M* is not isomorphic to a proper summand of itself.

**Lemma 3.3** *(Proposition 3.25, Mohamed and Muller (*1990*)*[6]*) An R-module M is directly finite if and only if*  $f \cdot g = 1$  *implies*  $g \cdot f = 1$  *for any*  $f, g \in End M_R$ .

In the following propositions, we relate semi-projective module with Hopfian, co-Hopfian and directly finite modules.

**Proposition 3.4** *Let M be semi-projective co-Hopfian, then it is Hopfian.*

*Proof* Let *f* be surjective endomorphism on *M* and  $I_M : M \longrightarrow M$  be an identity map on *M*. By semi-projectivity of *M* there exists an *R*-homomorphism  $g : M \longrightarrow$ *M* such that  $f \cdot g = I_M$ , implies that g is monomorphism. Since M is co-Hopfian, then it follows that  $f = g^{-1}$  is an automorphism on *M*. Therefore *M* is Hopfian.

**Proposition 3.5** *For the semi-projective modules M, the following statements are equivalent: (i) M is Hopfian; (ii) M is co-Hopfian; (iii) M is directly finite.*

*Proof* Proof is trivial.

<span id="page-2-0"></span>**Proposition 3.6** *Let M be semi-projective and N is fully invariant small submodule of M. Then M is Hopfian if and only if M/N is Hopfian.*

*Proof* Assume that  $M/N$  is Hopfian. Let  $f : M \longrightarrow M$  be any epimorphism, then semi-projectivity of *M* implies that there exist an homomorpshim  $q : M \longrightarrow M$  such that *f* · *q* = *I<sub>M</sub>*. Hence *M* ≅ *M* ⊕ *(kerf)* hence *K* = *(kerf)* is direct summand of *M*. Since *N* is fully invariant implies  $f(N) \subseteq N$ , now we have induced a map  $f'$ :  $M/N \longrightarrow M/N$  which is clearly an epimorphism, the Hopficity of  $M/N$  implies that  $f' : M/N \longrightarrow M/N$  is an isomorphism. Now by  $(f', \pi)(K) = (\pi \cdot f)(K) = 0$ , where  $\pi : M \longrightarrow M/N$  be natural enjmorphism, we see that  $\pi(K) = 0$ , it means where  $\pi : M \longrightarrow M/N$  be natural epimorphism, we see that  $\pi(K) = 0$ , it means *K* ⊂ *N*, but *K* ⊂ *N*  $\ll$  *M* implies that *K*  $\ll M$ . Since *M* is semi-projective there exist a splitting for *f*, i.e.,  $K = \text{ker } f$  is direct summand of *M*. Therefore  $K =$  $ker f = 0$ , implies that *M* is Hopfian.

Conversely, assume that *M* is Hopfian and  $N \ll M$  if  $f : M/N \longrightarrow M/N$  is an epimorphism. We have  $f \cdot \pi : M \longrightarrow M/N$ , where  $\pi$  is natural epimorphism from  $M \rightarrow M/N$ . Then by semi-projectivity of M, there exists  $g \in End M_R$ , such that  $\pi \cdot q = f \cdot \pi$  implies that q is an epimorphism by 19.2, Wisbauer (1991) [\[14\]](#page-7-0) as  $\pi$ is a small epimorphism. Since  $M$  is Hopfian then  $q$  is an isomorphism.

Assume  $ker f \neq 0$ , then there exists  $x \in M$  such that  $f(x + N) = N$  implies  $f.\pi(x) = \pi.g(x) = g(x) + N = N$  gives that  $g(x) \in N \Rightarrow x \in g^{-1}(N) \subseteq N$ . It follows that  $ker f = N$ , therefore  $M/N$  is Hopfian.

**Corollary 3.7** *Let M be finitely generated semi-projective module. Then M is Hopfian if and only if M/J (M) is Hopfian.*

*Proof* We know that  $J(M)$  is fully invariant submodule of M. If M is finitely generated then we have  $J(M) \ll M$ . Thus by the above proposition proof is obvious.

**Corollary 3.8** *Let M be semi-projective, N and L are submodules of M such that*  $N + L = M$  and  $N \cap L \ll M$ . Then  $M/N$  and  $M/L$  are Hopfian.

*Proof* We have  $M/(N \cap L) = N/(N \cap L) \oplus L/(N \cap L)$ , by above Proposition [3.6,](#page-2-0)  $M/(N \cap L)$  is Hopfian, hence so its direct summand, as  $N/(N \cap L) \cong (N +$  $L$ *)*/ $L = M/L$ , similarly  $L/(N \cap L) \cong (N + L)/N = M/N$  is Hopfian.

The next proposition is the generalization of Pandeya et.al. (Proposition 3.8) [\[7](#page-7-4)], whose proof is straightforward and hence we omit it.

<span id="page-3-1"></span>**Proposition 3.9** *Let M be finitely generated semi-projective hollow module then M is directly finite if and only if each homomorphic image is directly finite.*

<span id="page-3-0"></span>For any module *M*, we denote the Goldie dimension of *M* by *dimM* and the dual Goldie dimension of *M* by *CodimM*.

**Proposition 3.10** Let M be semi-projective modules with  $dim M < \infty$  or *CodimM*  $< \infty$ *. Then M<sup>n</sup> is Hopfian for every integer n*  $\geq 1$ *.* 

*Proof* We can easily seen that  $M^n$  satisfies the hypothesis of the statement, since  $dim M^n = n(dimM)$ ,  $Codim M^n = n(CodimM)$ , and M is semi-projective module implies that  $M^n$  is semi-projective. Hence it remains to prove that  $M$  is Hopfian. Let  $f : M \longrightarrow M$  be any epimorphism, then semi-projectivity of M implies

that there exist an homomorpshim  $q : M \longrightarrow M$  such that  $f \cdot q = I_M$ . Hence  $M \cong M \oplus (ker f)$ . This yields  $dim M = dim M + dim(ker f)$  and  $Codim M =$  $CodimM + Codim(ker f)$ . If  $dimM < \infty$  then first of these equations will imply that  $dim(ker f) = 0$ , hence  $ker f = 0$  that is f is an automorphism. If  $Codim M <$  $\infty$ , then second of these equations will imply that  $Codim(ker f) = 0$ , hence  $ker f =$ 0 that is *f* is an automorphism. Thus in both cases, we get our assumed surjective endomorphism is an automorphism that is  $M$  is Hopfian implies that  $M^n$  is Hopfian.

**Corollary 3.11** *Let M be semi-projective modules with*  $Codim M < \infty$ *. Then for any fully invariant submodule K of M and any integer n*  $\geq$  1*, the module*  $(M/K)^n$ *is Hopfian.*

*Proof* Immediate consequence of Propositions [3.2](#page-2-1) and [3.10.](#page-3-0)

**Corollary 3.12** *Let R be a ring with dim*  $R_R < \infty$ *. Then*  $M_n(R)$  *is directly finite for every integer*  $n > 1$ *.* 

*Proof* Since  $R_R$  is projective, assume that  $\dim R_R < \infty$  then by Proposition [3.9,](#page-3-1) we see that  $R^n$  is Hopfian for all integer  $n \geq 1$ . Then it is proved by the observation that *M* is Hopfian then  $End M_R$  is directly finite.

<span id="page-4-0"></span>**Lemma 3.13** *Let N be a submodule of a semi-projective module M. Then N is a summand if M/N is isomorphic to a summand of M.*

*Proof* The Proof is straightforward and hence we omit it.

Therefore, we say that a semi-projective module satisfies  $(D_2)$  condition. In general, we have the following implication:

Projective  $\Rightarrow$  Quasi-projective  $\Rightarrow$  semi-projective  $\Rightarrow$  Discrete.

**Corollary 3.14** *Let M be semi-projective module, then the following statements are equivalent: (*1*)M is discrete; (*2*)M is quasi-discrete; (*3*)M is lifting.*

*Proof*  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3)$  are clear from definitions and  $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  immediate from Lemma [3.13.](#page-4-0)

**Corollary 3.15** *An indecomposable semi-projective module M is discrete if and only if M is hollow.*

*Proof* The Proof is straightforward and hence we omit it.

## **4 Pseudo-Semi-Injective Modules**

Let *M* be a right *R*-module. *M* is called semi-injective if for any *M*-cyclic submodule *N* of *M*, monomorphism  $q: N \longrightarrow M$  and corresponding to any homomorphism  $f: N \longrightarrow M$  there exists a map  $h \in End M_R$ , such that  $h \cdot g = f$ , i.e., diagram is commutative.

We wish to consider the situation where the map *h* in this definition is required to be a monomorphism. For this to happen, a map *f* must be a monomorphism. This leads to the following definition.

A right *R*-module *M* is called pseudo-*M*-principally injective (or pseudo-semiinjective) if for any *M*-cyclic submodule *N* of *M* and R-monomorphism  $f, g: N \longrightarrow$ *M* there exists a monomorphism  $h \in End M_R$ , such that  $h \cdot g = f$ .

It is easy to show that if *M* is pseudo-semi-injective module, then every monomorphism in  $End M_R$  is an automorphism, that is every pseudo-semi-injective module is co-Hopfian.

It is clear that every semi-injective module is pseudo-semi-injective, however, converse need not be true. In the following Proposition, we impose the uniformness on pseudo-semi-injective module that is desirable to make it semi-injective modules.

#### **Proposition 4.1** *Every uniform pseudo-semi-injective module is semi-injective.*

*Proof* Let *M* be uniform pseudo-semi-injective module and *N* be *M*-cyclic submodule of *M*, let  $f : N \longrightarrow M$  be any homomorphism implies that  $ker f \subseteq N$ . If  $ker f = N$  case is trivial. If  $ker f = 0$ , then f is a monomorphism which extend to a homomorphism *h* from *M* to *M*. If  $ker f \neq 0$ , since *N* is uniform then it can be easily checked that  $g = I_N - f : N \longrightarrow M$  is injective map that is  $\text{ker } g = 0$ , where  $I_N: N \longrightarrow M$  be the inclusion map. By definition of pseudo-semi-injectivity of *M*, there exists an extension *h* of g from *M* to *M* such that  $g = I_N - f = h \cdot i$  implies that  $f = (1 - h) \cdot i$ , which gives that  $(1 - h)$  is an extension of *f* to *M*. Thus, we conclude that *M* is semi-injective module.

**Corollary 4.2** *Every semi-simple pseudo-semi-injective module is semi-injective.*

**Proposition 4.3** *Let M be a pseudo-semi-injective module and f* :  $M \rightarrow M$  *be a monomorphism. Then*  $f(M)$  *is a direct summand of*  $M$ *.* 

*Proof* The proof is straightforward and hence we omit it.

**Proposition 4.4** *Let N be indecomposable pseudo M-principally injective modules, then every element*  $f \in End N_R$  *is invertible if and only if ker*  $f = 0$ *.* 

*Proof* The invertible in  $EndN_R$  is just the R-isomorphism from *N* to *N*. Thus it is clear that, if *f* is an invertible elements of  $EndN_R$  then  $ker f = 0$ . Conversely suppose that  $ker f = 0$  then *f* is a monomorphism and  $f(N)$  is injective and so pseudo *M*-principally injective module. Then  $f(N)$  is a direct summand of every extension of itself, thus  $f(N)$  is a direct summand of N, and  $f(N) \neq 0$  so  $f(N) = N$ ,

since  $N$  is indecomposable. Therefore  $f$  is a surjective homomorphism and so  $f$  is an invertible element of *EndNR*.

<span id="page-6-0"></span>A *R*-module *M* is called weakly co-Hopfian if any injective endomorphism *f* of *M* is essential, i.e.,  $f(M) \subset^e M$ . The set of Integer Z is weakly co-Hopfian but not co-Hopfian.

**Proposition 4.5** *Let M be pseudo-semi-injective module, then the following statements are equivalent: (i)M is co-Hopfian; (ii)M is weakly co-Hopfian;*

*(iii)M is directly finite.*

*Proof*  $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3)$  are trivial. For  $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  Assume that  $f : M \rightarrow M$  be an injective endomorphism, then  $f(M) \cong M$  and so  $f(M)$  is pseudo-*M*-principally injective. Thus,  $f(M)$  is direct summand of M that is there exist a submodule K of *M* such that  $f(M) \oplus K = M$ . Hence,  $M \oplus K \cong M \Rightarrow K = 0$  since *M* is directly finite. Therefore,  $f(M) = M$  implies that f is surjective and hence M is co-Hopfian.

**Corollary 4.6** *If M is indecomposable pseudo-semi-injective module, then it is co-Hopfian.*

**Proposition 4.7** *Let M be pseudo-semi-injective and nonsingular module. Then M Hopfian if and only if M co-Hopfian.*

*Proof* Let *M* is co-Hopfian and  $f : M \longrightarrow M$  be surjective endomorphism of M. Then  $M/ker f$  is nonsingular, and so *kerf* is essentially closed in *M*. since *M* is pseudo-semi-injective modules, then *ker f* is also pseudo-semi-injective. Thus,  $M \cong M \oplus \text{ker } f$ . As *M* is co-Hopfian, it is directly finite module by Proposition [4.5,](#page-6-0) so the above isomorphism implies that  $ker f = 0$ , i.e., f is an automorphism. Thus M is Hopfian. Conversely, It is well known that every Hopfian and co-Hopfian modules is directly finite so prove is done in the light of Proposition [4.5.](#page-6-0)

**Proposition 4.8** *Let M be pseudo-semi-injective module and N be fully invariant M-cyclic submodule of M with N is essential in M. Then N is weakly co-Hopfian if and only if M is weakly co-Hopfian.*

*Proof* A sume that *N* is weakly co-Hopfian. Let  $f : M \longrightarrow M$  be an injective endomorphism then by Proposition 2*.*3*, f (M)* is direct summand of *M*. Since *N* is fully invariant  $f(N) \subseteq N$ . Thus  $f|_N : N \longrightarrow N$  is an injective homomophism, the weakly co-Hopficity of *N* implies that  $f(N) \subseteq^e N$ , since  $N \subseteq^e M$  we deduce that  $f(N) \subseteq^e M$  and we have  $f(N) \subseteq f(M) \subseteq M$ , thus  $f(M) \subseteq^e M$  therefore M is weakly co-Hopfian.

Conversely, let  $f : N \longrightarrow N$  be an injective endomorphism and  $i : N \longrightarrow M$  be an inclusion map. Since *M* is pseudo-semi-injective module, there exists a monomorphism  $h : M \longrightarrow M$  such that  $i \cdot f = h \cdot i$ . Since *M* is weakly co-Hopfian by Proposition 4.5, *M* is co-Hopfian, so *h* is an isomorphism. *N* is fully invariant *M*-cyclic submodule of *M* so it is pseudo-semi-injective and  $h(N) \subseteq N \Rightarrow h^{-1}(N) \subseteq N$  so  $h(N) = N$ . But  $f = h|_N$  hence  $f : N \longrightarrow N$  is surjective, so *N* is co-Hopfian then by Proposition 4.5, proof is complete.

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