

## Quasi-Dual Modules

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### Abstract

Let  $R$  be a ring,  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module and  $S = \text{End}_R(M)$ .  $M$  is called a quasi-dual module if, for every  $R$ -submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $N$  is a direct summand of  $r_M(X)$  where  $X \subseteq S$ . In this article, we study and provide several characterizations of this module classes. We show that if  $M$  is quasi-dual module, then, for all  $m \in M$ ,  $r_M \ell_S(m) = mR \oplus K$  for some submodule  $K$  of  $M$ . We also show that every quasi-dual module is a Kasch module and  $Z({}_S M) \subseteq \text{Rad}(M_R)$ .

**Key Words:** Quasi-dual module, Kasch module, Ikeda-Nakayama module.

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $R$  is an associative ring with identity, modules are right and unitary over it and  $S = \text{End}_R(M)$  is the ring of  $R$ -endomorphisms of  $M$ . Submodules of  $M$  will be right  $R$ -modules unless specified otherwise. Clearly, the module  $M$  is a left  $S$  and right  $R$ -bimodule.

A ring  $R$  is called a *right dual ring* if every right ideal of  $R$  is an annihilator and  $R$  is called *right quasi-dual ring* if every right ideal of  $R$  is a direct summand of a right annihilator. Right dual and, as a generalization of right dual rings, right quasi-dual rings were discussed in detail in [4] and [9]. Some of the known results on right quasi-dual rings can be recalled as follows:  $R$  is a right quasi-dual ring if and only if  $r\ell(I) = I$  for every essential ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ; if  $R$  is a right quasi-dual ring then,  $R$  is a right Kasch ring and  $r\ell(\text{Soc}(R_R)) = \text{Soc}(R_R)$  and  $r\ell(J(R)) = J(R)$ .

In this paper, the notion of a quasi-dual module is introduced as a generalization of quasi-dual rings to modules.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $R$  and  $S$  be rings and  ${}_S M_R$  be a bimodule. For any  $X \leq M$  and  $T \subseteq S$ , denote  $\ell_S(X) = \{s \in S : sX = 0\}$  and  $r_M(T) = \{m \in M : Tm = 0\}$ .

**Lemma 2.1** For a right  $R$ -module  $M$ , let  $S = \text{End}_R(M)$ ,  $N \leq M$ ,  $I \leq R_R$ ,  $J \leq {}_S S$  and  $0 \in S$ ; we then have

$$\begin{aligned} r_M(0) &= M \\ \ell_S(0) &= S \\ r_M(S) &= \ell_S(S) = \ell_S(M) = 0 \\ \ell_M(r_R(\ell_M(I))) &= \ell_M(I) \\ \ell_S(r_M(\ell_S(N))) &= \ell_S(N) \\ r_R(\ell_M(r_R(N))) &= r_R(N) \\ r_M(\ell_S(r_M(J))) &= r_M(J) \\ \ell_S(\oplus_{i \in I} N_i) &= \cap_{i \in I} \ell_S(N_i). \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** See [2, 12]. □

**Definition 2.2** A ring  $R$  is said to be a *right dual* if every right ideal of  $R$  is an annihilator ([4]).

**Definition 2.3** A ring  $R$  is called a *right quasi-dual* if every right ideal of  $R$  is a direct summand of a right annihilator ([9]).

**Definition 2.4** A module  $M$  is called *Ikeda-Nakayama module* if

$$\ell_S(A \cap B) = \ell_S(A) + \ell_S(B)$$

for any submodules  $A, B$  of  $M_R$  (see [10]).

**Definition 2.5** A module  $M$  is called *Kasch module* if  $\hat{M}$  is an (injective) cogenerator in  $\sigma[M]$ , where  $\hat{M}$  is injective hull of  $M$  in  $\sigma[M]$  ([1]).

The notations, “ $\leq$ ” will denote a submodule, “ $\leq_e$ ” an essential submodule, and “ $\ll$ ” a small submodule.

We will refer to [2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 11] for all undefined notions used in the text, and also for basic facts concerning (quasi-)dual rings and annihilators.

### 3. Quasi-Dual Modules

In this paper, we shall introduce the notion of quasi-dual modules and try to give a module theoretic characterizations of quasi-dual ring.

**Definition 3.1** (See [5]) Let  $R$  be a ring,  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module and  $S = \text{End}_R(M)$ .  $M$  is called a *dual module* if

1.  $r_M \ell_S(N) = N$  for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ;
2.  $\ell_S r_M(I) = I$  for every right ideal  $I$  of  $S$ .

**Definition 3.2** Let  $R$  be a ring,  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module and  $S = \text{End}_R(M)$ . We shall call  $M$  a *quasi-dual module* if, for every  $R$ -submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $N$  is a direct summand of  $r_M(X)$ , where  $X \subseteq S$  (compare with [6] and [7]). Trivially,

1. A right quasi-dual ring is a quasi-dual module as right module.
2. Every dual module is a quasi-dual module.
3. Every semisimple module is a quasi-dual module.

**Lemma 3.3** *The following conditions are equivalent for a right  $R$ -module  $M$ .*

1.  $M$  is a quasi-dual module.
2. For every essential submodule  $K$  of  $M$ ,  $r_M \ell_S(K) = K$
3. For every submodule  $L$  of  $M$ ,  $L$  is a direct summand of  $r_M \ell_S(L)$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $M$  be a quasi-dual module and  $K$  be an essential submodule of  $M$ . Then  $K$  is a direct summand of  $r_M(Y)$  for some  $Y \subseteq S$ . Let  $r_M(Y) = K \oplus K'$  for some  $K'$ . Then  $K = r_M(Y)$ . Note that  $\ell_S(K) = \ell_S r_M(Y)$  implies  $r_M \ell_S(K) = r_M \ell_S r_M(Y) = r_M(Y) = K$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $L$  be a submodule of  $M$ . If  $L$  is essential in  $M$ ,  $r_M \ell_S(L) = L$  by (2). Hence  $L$  is a direct summand of  $r_M \ell_S(L)$ . Assume that  $L$  is not essential in  $M$ . Then

$L \oplus L'$  is an essential for some submodule  $L'$  of  $M$ . By (2),  $r_M \ell_S(L \oplus L') = L \oplus L'$ . Since  $L \subseteq r_M \ell_S(L) \subseteq r_M \ell_S(L \oplus L')$ ,  $L$  is a direct summand of  $r_M \ell_S(L)$  by modularity. (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) clear.  $\square$

Following [10],  $M$  is called *almost principally injective* (AP-injective for short) if, for any  $m \in M$ , there exists an  $S$ -submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $r_M \ell_S(m) = mR \oplus K$ .

**Theorem 3.4** *Every quasi-dual right  $R$ -module is an AP-injective module.*

**Proof.** Clear.  $\square$

Let  $N$  be any module.  $N$  is said to be  $M$ -cyclic module if  $N$  is isomorphic to  $M/X$  for some  $X \leq M$ , and in case  $N \leq M$  and  $N$  is  $M$ -cyclic module then it is called  $M$ -cyclic submodule of  $M$  and  $N$  is called  $M$ -singular if  $N \cong M/K$  with  $K \leq_e M$ .

**Proposition 3.5** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then*

1. *If, for every essential submodule  $K$  of  $M$ ,  $r_M \ell_S(K) = K$  then, every  $M$ -cyclic singular  $R$ -module is cogenerated by  $M$ .*
2. *If every singular factor submodule (i.e.  $M$ -cyclic submodule) of  $M$  is cogenerated by  $M$ , then  $r_M \ell_S(K) = K$  for every essential submodule  $K$  of  $M$ .*

**Proof.** (1) Let  $N$  be a singular  $R$ -module with  $N \cong M/K$  and  $K \leq_e M$ . Since  $K$  is essential in  $M$ ,  $r_M \ell_S(K) = K$  by assumption. Let  $I = \ell_S(K)$ . We define  $\phi : M/K \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in I} M_\alpha$  by  $m + K \rightarrow \phi(m + K) = (\alpha m)_{\alpha \in I}$ . Let  $(\alpha m)_{\alpha \in I} = 0$ . Then  $\alpha m = 0$  for all  $\alpha \in I$ . Hence  $\alpha \in \ell_S(K)$  and so  $m \in r_M \ell_S(K) = K$ . Therefore  $\phi$  is a monomorphism.

(2) Let  $M/K$  be a singular module for some  $K \leq_e M$ . By hypothesis, there exists a monomorphism  $\sigma : M/K \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in I} M_\alpha$  for some index set  $I$  with  $M_\alpha = M$  for all  $\alpha \in I$ . We consider the natural epimorphism  $\pi : M \rightarrow M/K$  and canonical projection  $p_\alpha : \prod_{\alpha \in I} M_\alpha \rightarrow M_\alpha$ . Then  $p_\alpha \sigma \pi \in \ell_S(K)$ . Let  $m \in r_M \ell_S(K)$ . Then  $p_\alpha \sigma \pi(m) = 0$  for all  $\alpha \in I$ . Therefore  $\sigma \pi(m) \in \text{Ker}(p_\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha \in I$  and so  $\sigma \pi(m) \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \text{Ker}(p_\alpha)$ . Since  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \text{Ker}(p_\alpha) = 0$ ,  $\sigma \pi(m) = 0$ . But  $\sigma$  is a monomorphism, so  $\pi(m) = 0$ . Therefore  $m \in K$ . Other side is obvious. Hence  $r_M \ell_S(K) = K$ .  $\square$

$\sigma[M]$  will denote the full subcategory of left  $R$ -modules whose objects are the submodules of  $M$ -generated modules. Hence

$$\sigma[M] = \{N \in R\text{-Mod} : N \cong K/L \leq M^{(\Lambda)}/L \text{ for some } \Lambda\}.$$

Following [1], a module  $M$  is called *Kasch module* if  $\hat{M}$  is an (injective) cogenerator in  $\sigma[M]$ , where  $\hat{M}$  is injective hull of  $M$  in  $\sigma[M]$ .

**Proposition 3.6** *For a module  $M$ , the following are equivalent;*

1.  $M$  is a Kasch module;
2. Any simple module in  $\sigma[M]$  can be embedded in  $M$ ;
3. Any simple module in  $\sigma[M]$  is cogenerated by  $M$ ;
4.  $\text{Hom}(C, M) \neq 0$  for any nonzero (cyclic)  $R$ -module  $C$  from  $\sigma[M]$ ;
5.  $\ell_S(N) \neq 0$  for every proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ;
6.  $r_M \ell_S(N) = N$  for every maximal submodule  $N$  of  $M$ .

**Proof.**  $1 \Leftrightarrow 2 \Leftrightarrow 3 \Leftrightarrow 4$  by [1, Proposition 2.6], the other equivalences follows from Lemma 3.3 and Proposotion 3.5.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7** *Let  $M$  be a quasi dual module.*

1.  $r_M \ell_S(\text{Soc}(M)) = \text{Soc}(M)$ .
2. For every maximal submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $r_M \ell_S(N) = N$ . Therefore,  $M$  is a Kasch module and  $r_M \ell_S(\text{Rad}(M)) = \text{Rad}(M)$ .
3. If  $L$  is a submodule of  $M$ , then  $r_M \ell_S(L) = L \oplus L'$  for a submodule  $L'$  with  $\ell_S(L) \leq \ell_S(L')$ .

**Proof.** (1) Let  $M$  be a quasi dual module. Then, for each essential submodule  $K$  of  $M$ ,  $r_M \ell_S(K) = K$  by Lemma 3.3. By Proposition 3.5,  $M/K$  is cogenerated by  $M$ . Since  $\text{Soc}(M)$  is the intersection of all essential submodules,  $M/\text{Soc}(M)$  is cogenerated by  $M$ . Since  $\text{Soc}(M)$  is an essential submodule of  $M$  and  $M/\text{Soc}(M)$  is singular factor module, so  $r_M \ell_S(\text{Soc}(M)) = \text{Soc}(M)$  by Lemma 3.3.

(2) Let  $N$  be a maximal submodule of  $M$ . Assume that  $r_M \ell_S(N) \neq N$ . By maximality

of  $N$ ,  $r_M \ell_S(N) = M$ . Note that, for  $x \in \ell_S(N)$ ,  $xN = 0$  implies  $xM = 0$ . Since  $M$  is a quasi-dual module,  $N$  is a direct summand of  $r_M \ell_S(N)$  by Lemma 3.3, and so of  $M$ . Let  $M = N \oplus N'$  for some submodule  $N'$  of  $M$ . We consider the canonical projection  $\pi$  on  $N'$ . Since  $\pi(N) = 0$  implies  $\pi(M) = 0$ , we have  $M = N$ . It is a contradiction by maximality of  $N$ . Hence  $r_M \ell_S(N) = N$ . So,  $M$  is a Kasch module by Proposition 3.6. Let  $x \in r_M \ell_S(Rad(M))$ . Then  $\ell_S(Rad(M))x = 0$ . Note that  $M/Rad(M) = M/\cap_{N \leq_{max} M} N$ . We consider

$$M \xrightarrow{\pi} M/Rad(M) = M/\cap_{N \leq_{max} M} N \xrightarrow{\sigma} \prod_{N \leq_{max} M} M/N \xrightarrow{\beta} \prod_{\alpha \in I} M_\alpha \xrightarrow{p_\alpha} M_\alpha = M.$$

We know that  $\sigma$  and  $\beta$  are one to one. Since  $p_\alpha \beta \sigma \pi \in \ell_S(Rad(M))$ , we have  $(p_\alpha \beta \sigma \pi)(x) = 0$  for all  $\alpha \in I$ . Then  $\beta \sigma \pi(x) = 0$  and so  $\pi(x) = 0$ . This implies that  $x \in Rad(M)$ . Other side is obvious.

(3) Let  $L$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Then  $r_M \ell_S(L) = L \oplus L'$  for a submodule  $L'$  by Lemma 3.3. Note that  $\ell_S(r_M \ell_S(L)) = \ell_S(L \oplus L') = \ell_S(L) \cap \ell_S(L')$  by Lemma 2.1. Hence  $\ell_S(L) \leq \ell_S(L')$ , as required.  $\square$

Recall that;

- (C1) Every complement submodule is a direct summand.
- (C2) If every submodule isomorphic to a direct summand of  $M$  is itself a direct summand.
- (C3) If  $N$  and  $K$  are direct summands of  $M$  and  $N \cap K = 0$ , then  $N \oplus K$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .

$M$  is called a *continuous* (or a *quasi-continuous*) module if  $M$  has C1 and C2 (or C1 and C3).

**Theorem 3.8** *Let  $M$  be a finitely generated Kasch module such that, any complement submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $r_M \ell_S(N) = N$ . Then  $M$  is quasi-continuous.*

**Proof.** Let  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  be submodules of  $M$  such that they are complements of each other in  $M$ . Then  $N_1 \cap N_2 = 0$ . So  $0 = N_1 \cap N_2 = r_M \ell_S(N_1) \cap r_M \ell_S(N_2) = r_M(\ell_S(N_1) + \ell_S(N_2))$ . Since  $M$  is a Kasch module, by Proposition 3.6,  $\ell_S(N_1) + \ell_S(N_2) = M$ . Hence  $M$  is a quasi-continuous by [11, Theorem 8].  $\square$

**Question :** When  $M$  is a semiperfect module with essential socle in  $\sigma[M]$  under the conditions of Theorem 3.8 ?

**Proposition 3.9** *The following conditions are equivalent for a right  $R$ -module  $M$ .*

1.  $M$  is a quasi-dual module and, for every right ideal  $I$  of  $S$ ,  $I$  is a direct summand of  $\ell_S(K)$  where  $K \leq M$ .
2. (a) For every essential submodule  $K$  of  $M$ ,  $r_M \ell_S(K) = K$   
 (b) For every essential right ideal  $I$  of  $S$ ,  $\ell_{Sr_M}(I) = I$
3. (a) For every submodule  $L$  of  $M$ ,  $L$  is a direct summand of  $r_M \ell_S(L)$   
 (b) For every essential right ideal  $I$  of  $S$ ,  $I$  is a direct summand of  $\ell_{Sr_M}(I)$ .

**Proof.** Similar to Lemma 3.3. □

**Definition 3.10** We shall call  $M$  a *strongly quasi-dual module* if, for every  $R$ -submodule  $N$  of  $M$  and for every right ideal  $I$  of  $S$ ,  $N$  is a direct summand of  $r_M(X)$  and  $I$  is a direct summand of  $\ell_S(K)$  where  $X \subseteq S$  and  $K \leq M$ .

Let  $R$  and  $S$  be any rings and  $M$  be an  $S - R$ -bimodule. Following [6,7], if  $M$  is strongly quasi-dual module, then  $M$  is called *quasi-dual bimodule*

**Proposition 3.11**

1. Let  $M$  be a quasi-dual module and  $A$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Then we have:
  - (i) If  $\ell_S(A) = 0$ , then  $A = M$ .
  - (ii) If  $M$  is an  $IN$ -module and  $\ell_S(A) \ll S$ , then  $A \leq_e M$ .
2. Let  $M$  be a strongly quasi dual module and  $I$  be a right ideal of  $S$ . Then we have:
  - (i) If  $r_M(I) = 0$ , then  $I = S$ .
  - (ii) If  $\ell_S(A) \leq_e S$ , then  $A \ll M$ .
  - (iii) If  $M$  is indecomposable and  $A \leq_e M$ , then  $\ell_S(A) \ll S$ .
  - (iv) If  $r_M(I) \leq_e M$ , then  $I \ll S$ .

**Proof.** **1.(i)** Assume that  $A$  is an essential submodule of  $M$ . By Lemma 3.3,  $r_M \ell_S(A) = A$ . But  $\ell_S(A) = 0$  and  $M$  is a quasi-dual module, we have  $M = A$ . If  $A$  is not essential submodule of  $M$ , then there exists a submodule  $B$  of  $M$  such that  $A \oplus B$  is essential. So  $M = A \oplus B$ . Let  $\pi_B$  projection on  $B$ . Then  $\pi_B(A) = 0$ , and so  $\pi_B \in \ell_S(A)$ . Therefore  $B = 0$ .

(ii) Assume that  $A$  is not essential in  $M$ . Then there exist a non-zero submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $A \cap K = 0$ . Hence  $\ell_S(A \cap K) = S$ . Since  $M$  is an  $IN$ -module,  $\ell_S(A \cap K) = \ell_S(A) + \ell_S(K) = S$ . Then  $\ell_S(K) = S$ . Therefore,  $K = 0$ .

2. (i) Similar to 1.(i).

(ii) Let  $A+B = M$  for some submodule  $B$  of  $M$ . Then  $\ell_S(A+B) = \ell_S(A) \cap \ell_S(B) = 0$ . By assumption,  $\ell_S(B) = 0$ . By 1.(i), we have  $B = M$ .

(iii) Let  $\ell_S(A) + X = S$  for  $X \subseteq S$ . Then  $r_M(\ell_S(A) + X) = r_M(S) = 0$ . But  $r_M(\ell_S(A) + X) = r_M \ell_S(A) \cap r_M(X) = A \cap r_M(X) = 0$ . Since  $A$  is an essential submodule of  $M$ ,  $r_M(X) = 0$ . Then  $X = S$  by 2.(i).

(iv) Let  $I + J = S$  for some  $J \subseteq S$ . Then  $0 = r_M(I + J) = r_M(I) \cap r_M(J)$ . Since  $r_M(I)$  is essential in  $M$ ,  $r_M(J) = 0$  and so  $J = S$  by 2.(i).  $\square$

In Theorem 3.4, shown that every quasi-dual module is AP-injective. Following [9], we have  $Z(R_R) = J(R)$ , where  $J(R)$  and  $Z(M_R)$  denote Jacobson radical of  $R$  and the singular submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ , respectively. Therefore,

**Theorem 3.12** *Let  $M$  be a quasi-dual module. Then  $Z({}_S M) \subseteq \text{Rad}(M_R)$ .*

**Proof.** If  $x \in Z({}_S M)$ , then  $xR$  is small in  $M$  by Proposition 3.12 and hence  $x \in \text{Rad}(M_R)$ .  $\square$

**Question :** Let  $M$  be a quasi-dual module. When  $Z({}_S M) \subseteq \text{Rad}(M_R)$ ?

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