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# Galois Triangle Theory for Direct Summands of Modules <sup>\*</sup>

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## Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to find an analogon of the Galois triangle theory for direct summands of modules over arbitrary unitary commutative rings.

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Let an arbitrary unitary commutative ring  $\mathbf{A}$  be given and let  $\mathbf{M}$  be an  $\mathbf{A}$ -module. The aim of this paper is (by using the properties of projections) to find 1-1 correspondences between the ordered set of direct summands of  $\mathbf{M}$  and the ordered set of left (right) principal ideal of the ring of endomorphisms of  $\mathbf{M}$  generated by an idempotent element.

The solution of this problem is well known f.e. in the case  $\mathbf{M}$  is a vector space [1] or totally reducible module [3] (the set of direct summands of  $\mathbf{M}$  is equal to the set of all submodules in this cases).

## Notation 1

1.1. By  $\mathbf{P}$  we will denote the ring of endomorphisms on  $\mathbf{M}$  i.e.  $\mathbf{P} = \text{End } \mathbf{M}$ , the composition of  $f, g \in \mathbf{P}$  we will define by  $(fg)(x) = g(f(x))$ .

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1.2. By  $L(\mathbf{P})$  we will denote the set of the all left ideals of  $\mathbf{P}$  generated by an idempotent element and by  $R(\mathbf{P})$  the set of the all right ideals of  $\mathbf{P}$  generated by an idempotent element.

1.3. By  $U(\mathbf{M})$  we will denote the set of the all direct summands of the  $\mathbf{A}$ -module  $\mathbf{M}$ .

1.4. For every  $S \in U(\mathbf{M})$  let us denote

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{N}(S) &= \{f \in \mathbf{P}; \forall \mathbf{x} \in S : f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{o}\}, \\ \mathbf{Q}(S) &= \{f \in \mathbf{P}; \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{M} : f(\mathbf{x}) \in S\}.\end{aligned}$$

(Equivalently,  $\mathbf{N}(S) = \{f \in \mathbf{P}; S \subseteq \text{Ker } f\}$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}(S) = \{f \in \mathbf{P}; \text{Im } f \subseteq S\}$ ).

1.5. For every  $J \in R(\mathbf{P})$  let us denote

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{K}(J) &= \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{M}; \forall f \in J : f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{o}\}, \\ \mathbf{L}(J) &= \{f \in \mathbf{P}; \forall g \in J : fg = \mathbf{o}\}.\end{aligned}$$

1.6. For every  $J \in L(\mathbf{P})$  let us denote

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{H}(J) &= \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{M}; \exists f_1, \dots, f_r \in J, \exists \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_r \in \mathbf{M} : \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^r f_i(\mathbf{y}_i)\}, \\ \mathbf{R}(J) &= \{f \in \mathbf{P}; \forall g \in J : gf = \mathbf{o}\}.\end{aligned}$$

**Remark 2** Every idempotent element of  $\mathbf{P}$  is usually called a *projection*.

It is well known (see [?]), that  $f \in \mathbf{P}$  is a projection if and only if there exist elements  $U, V \in U(\mathbf{M})$  such that:

- (1)  $\mathbf{M} = U \oplus V$ ,
- (2)  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_U + \mathbf{x}_V, \mathbf{x}_U \in U, \mathbf{x}_V \in V : f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}_U$ .

Therefore  $f$  is called a *projection  $\mathbf{M}$  onto  $U$  parallelly  $V$* . Clearly,  $\text{Im } f = U$ ,  $f|_U = \text{id}$  and  $f|_V = \mathbf{0}$ .

**Lemma 3** For any  $f, g \in \mathbf{P}$ ,  $f$  is a projection, the following holds:

$$\text{Ker } f \subseteq \text{Ker } g \iff fg = g.$$

**Proof** Let  $\text{Ker } f \subseteq \text{Ker } g$ . Let us consider an arbitrary element  $\mathbf{x}$  of  $\mathbf{M}$ . It may be written by  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_1 \in \text{Im } f$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2 \in \text{Ker } f$ .

Then we have

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{x}_1) + g(\mathbf{x}_2) = g(\mathbf{x}_1) = g(f(\mathbf{x}_1)) = g(f(\mathbf{x})) = (fg)(\mathbf{x}).$$

The reverse implication is clear.

**Lemma 4** For any  $f, g \in \mathbf{P}$ ,  $f$  is a projection, the following holds:

$$\text{Im } g \subseteq \text{Im } f \iff gf = g.$$

**Proof** Evidently,  $gf = g$  implies  $\text{Im } g \subseteq \text{Im } f$ .

Let  $\text{Im } g \subseteq \text{Im } f$ . As  $f|_{\text{Im } g} = \text{id}$  we may write

$$(gf)(\mathbf{x}) = f(g(\mathbf{x})) = g(\mathbf{x}), \quad \text{for any } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{M}.$$

**Proposition 5** For any submodule  $S \in U(\mathbf{M})$  the following hold:

- (1)  $\mathbf{N}(S) \in R(\mathbf{P})$ ,
- (2)  $\mathbf{Q}(S) \in L(\mathbf{P})$ .

**Proof** Firstly, let us prove the part (1).

Let us consider an  $S \in U(\mathbf{M})$ . It follows from the definition of the operator  $\mathbf{N}$  than  $\mathbf{N}(S)$  is a right ideal of  $\mathbf{P}$ .

Since  $S \in U(\mathbf{M})$  we have a  $T \in U(\mathbf{M})$  such that  $\mathbf{M} = S \oplus T$ . Using remark 2 we obtain the existence of a projection  $f$   $\mathbf{M}$  onto  $T$  parallelly  $S = \text{Ker } f$ .

Let an arbitrary endomorphism  $g \in \mathbf{N}(S)$  be given. It yields  $S \subseteq \text{Ker } g$  which implies (by lemma 3) that  $g = fg$ . Thus  $\mathbf{N}(S) \subseteq f\mathbf{P}$ . Since the reverse inclusion is evident we have  $\mathbf{N}(S) \in R(\mathbf{P})$ .

The part (2) may be proved by an analogical way (due to lemma 4).

**Proposition 6** If  $J \in R(\mathbf{P})$  then  $\mathbf{K}(J) \in U(\mathbf{M})$ .

**Proof** Let  $f$  be the idempotent generator of  $J$ ,  $J = f\mathbf{P}$ . Using the definition of the operator  $\mathbf{K}$  we have  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{K}(J)$  iff  $(fp)(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{o}$  for every  $p \in \mathbf{P}$ , which is equivalent to  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{o}$ . It yields  $\text{Ker } f = \mathbf{K}(J)$ .

As  $f$  is a projection the kernel of it is an element of  $U(\mathbf{M})$ .

**Proposition 7** If  $J \in L(\mathbf{P})$  then  $\mathbf{H}(J) \in U(\mathbf{M})$ .

**Proof** If we denote by  $f$  the idempotent generator of  $J$  then the submodule  $S = \text{Im } f$  belongs to  $U(\mathbf{M})$ .

Arbitrary  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{H}(J)$  may be written as follows ( $f_i \in J$  for any  $i = 1, \dots, r$ ):

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^r f_i(\mathbf{y}_i) = \sum_{i=1}^r (g_i f)(\mathbf{y}_i) = \sum_{i=1}^r f(g_i(\mathbf{y}_i)),$$

which gives that  $\mathbf{H}(J) \subseteq S$ .

The reverse inclusion follows from the definition of  $\mathbf{H}$ , immediately.

It follows from the propositions 5, 6, 7 that it is possible to investigate the compositions  $\mathbf{KN}$ ,  $\mathbf{NK}$ ,  $\mathbf{HQ}$  and  $\mathbf{QH}$ .

**Proposition 8** If  $S \in U(\mathbf{M})$  then the following hold:

- (1)  $\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{N}(S)) = S$ ,
- (2)  $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{Q}(S)) = S$ .

**Proof** Firstly, let us prove the part (1).

If  $S \in U(\mathbf{M})$  then there exists a projection  $f$  such that  $\text{Ker } f = S$  and moreover  $\mathbf{N}(S) = f\mathbf{P}$  (see the proof of proposition 5). Using this fact and the definition of  $\mathbf{K}$  we may write  $\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{N}(S)) = \text{Ker } f = S$  (see the proof of 6).

Now, let us prove the (2).

It follows from the lemma 4 that for any  $S \in U(\mathbf{M})$  we have a projection  $g$  such that  $\text{Im } g = S$  and  $\mathbf{Q}(S) = \mathbf{P}g$ . Since every element from  $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{P}g)$  may be written by

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^r (f_i g)(\mathbf{y}_i) = \sum_{i=1}^r g(f_i(\mathbf{y}_i)), \quad f_1, \dots, f_r \in \mathbf{P}$$

it follows from this  $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{P}g) = \text{Im } g$ . It means  $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{Q}(S)) = S$ , consequently.

**Proposition 9**

- (1) If  $J \in L(\mathbf{P})$  then  $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{H}(J)) = J$ .  
 (2) If  $J \in R(\mathbf{P})$  then  $\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{K}(J)) = J$ .

**Proof**

Ad (1): Let  $f$  be an idempotent generator of  $J$ . Then  $\mathbf{H}(J) = \text{Im } f$  (see the proof of 7). Respecting the fact  $g$  is an element of  $\mathbf{Q}(\text{Im } f)$  iff  $\text{Im } g \subseteq \text{Im } f$  (according to 4) have  $g \in \mathbf{P}f = J$ .

Ad (2): Let  $f$  be an idempotent generator of  $J$ . Then  $\mathbf{K}(J) = \text{Ker } f$  (see the proof of 6). Using the lemma 3 we obtain that  $g \in \mathbf{N}(\text{Ker } f)$  iff  $g \in f\mathbf{P} = J$ .

**Proposition 10**

- (1) If  $J \in R(\mathbf{P})$  then  $\mathbf{L}(J) = \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{K}(J))$ .  
 (2) If  $J \in L(\mathbf{P})$  then  $\mathbf{R}(J) = \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{H}(J))$ .

**Proof** Firstly, we prove the part (1).

Let  $J = f\mathbf{P}$ , Then  $\mathbf{K}(J) = \text{Ker } f$  and therefore  $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{K}(J)) = \mathbf{P}g$  where  $g$  is a projection with  $\text{Im } g = \text{Ker } f$  (see proofs of 6 and 8).

Let us consider arbitrary elements  $q \in \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{K}(J))$ ,  $j \in J$  which means that  $q = pg$  and  $j = fr$ , where  $p, r \in \mathbf{P}$ . For any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{M}$  we may write

$$(qj)(\mathbf{x}) = r(f(g(p(\mathbf{x}))) = \mathbf{o},$$

since  $\text{Im } g = \text{Ker } f$ . Thus  $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{K}(J)) \subseteq \mathbf{L}(J)$ .

If  $h \in \mathbf{L}(J)$  then  $hf = \mathbf{o}$ . It implies that  $\text{Im } h \subseteq \text{Ker } f$ . Using the fact  $\text{Ker } f = \text{Im } g$  and lemma 4 we obtain  $h = hg$ . It implies  $h \in \mathbf{P}g = \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{K}(J))$ .

The second part may be proved analogously.

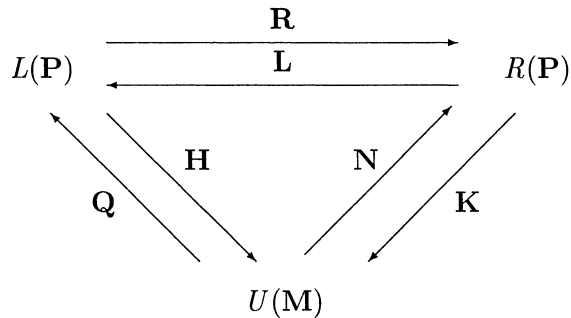
It is easy to derive that for every  $U, S \in U(\mathbf{P})$ ,  $J, K \subseteq \mathbf{P}$  hold

- (1)  $J \subseteq K \Rightarrow \mathbf{K}(J) \supseteq \mathbf{K}(K), \mathbf{H}(J) \subseteq \mathbf{H}(K), \mathbf{R}(J) \supseteq \mathbf{R}(K), \mathbf{L}(J) \supseteq \mathbf{L}(K)$ ,  
 (2)  $U \subseteq S \Rightarrow \mathbf{N}(U) \supseteq \mathbf{N}(S), \mathbf{Q}(U) \subseteq \mathbf{Q}(S)$ .

Now, if we consider operators  $\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{L}, \mathbf{R}$  as mappings of corresponding ordered sets then the following theorem follows clearly from propositions 8, 9 and 10.

**Theorem 11**

- (1) Operators  $\mathbf{N}$  and  $\mathbf{K}$  are mutually inverse antiisomorphisms of ordered sets  $(U(\mathbf{M}), \subseteq)$  and  $(R(\mathbf{P}), \subseteq)$ .
- (2) Operators  $\mathbf{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  are mutually inverse isomorphisms of ordered sets  $(U(\mathbf{M}), \subseteq)$  and  $(L(\mathbf{P}), \subseteq)$ .
- (3) Operators  $\mathbf{L}$  and  $\mathbf{R}$  are mutually inverse antiisomorphisms of ordered sets  $(R(\mathbf{P}), \subseteq)$  and  $(L(\mathbf{P}), \subseteq)$ .
- (4) The following diagram is commutative

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