

# Pseudo $NQ$ -principally Projective Modules

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## Abstract

Let  $R$  be an associative ring with identity. Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module. A right  $R$ -module  $N$  is called *pseudo nonessential  $M$ -principally projective* (briefly, *pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective*) if, for each  $s \in S$  with  $s(M) \not\subseteq^e M$ , any  $R$ -epimorphism from  $N$  to  $s(M)$  can be lifted to an  $R$ -homomorphism from  $N$  to  $M$ .  $M$  is called *pseudo nonessential quasi-principally projective* (briefly, *pseudo  $NQ$ -principally projective*) if, it is *pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective*. In this paper, we give some characterizations and properties of pseudo  $NQ$ -principally projective modules.

## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $R$  will be an associative ring with identity and all modules are unitary right  $R$ -modules. For right  $R$ -modules  $M$  and  $N$ ,  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  denotes the set of all  $R$ -homomorphisms from  $M$  to  $N$  and  $S = \text{End}_R(M)$  denotes the endomorphism ring of  $M$ . If  $X$  is a subset of  $M$ ,

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the right (resp. left) annihilator of  $X$  in  $R$  (resp.  $S$ ) is denoted by  $r_R(X)$  (resp.  $l_S(X)$ ). A pair  $(E, \iota)$  is an *injective envelope* of  $M$  in case  $E$  is an injective  $R$ -module and  $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\iota} E$  is an essential  $R$ -monomorphism. The injective envelope of  $M$  is denoted by  $E(M)$ . By the notation  $N \subset^\oplus M$  ( $N \subset^e M$ ) we mean that  $N$  is a direct summand (an essential submodule) of  $M$ .

Let  $R$  be a ring. A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called *principally injective* (or  $P$ -injective), if every  $R$ -homomorphism from a principal right ideal of  $R$  to  $M$  can be extended to an  $R$ -homomorphism from  $R$  to  $M$ . Equivalently,  $l_M r_R(a) = Ma$  for all  $a \in R$  where  $l$  and  $r$  are left and right annihilators, respectively. In [4], Nicholson and Yousif studied the structure of principally injective rings and gave some applications. Nicholson, Park, and Yousif [5] extended this notion of principally injective rings to the one for modules.

Sanh et al. [6] extended this notion to modules. A right  $R$ -module  $N$  is called  *$M$ -principally injective* if every  $R$ -homomorphism from an  $M$ -cyclic submodule of  $M$  to  $N$  can be extended to an  $R$ -homomorphism from  $M$  to  $N$ . Tansee and Wongwai [7] introduced the dual notion, a right  $R$ -module  $N$  is called  *$M$ -principally projective* if every  $R$ -homomorphism from  $N$  to an  $M$ -cyclic submodule of  $M$  can be lifted to an  $R$ -homomorphism from  $N$  to  $M$ .  $M$  is called *quasi-principally* (or *semi-*) *projective* if it is  $M$ -principally projective. In this note we introduce the definition of pseudo  $NQ$ -principally projective modules and give some characterizations and properties.

## 2 Pseudo $NM$ -principally Projective Modules

Recall that a submodule  $K$  of a right  $R$  module  $M$  is *essential* (or *large*) in  $M$  if, for every nonzero submodule  $L$  of  $M$ , we have  $K \cap L \neq 0$ .

**Definition 2.1.** *Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module. A right  $R$ -module  $N$  is called pseudo nonessential  $M$ -principally projective (briefly, pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective) if, for each  $s \in S$  with  $s(M) \not\subset^e M$ , any  $R$ -epimorphism from  $N$  to  $s(M)$  can be lifted to an  $R$ -homomorphism from  $N$  to  $M$ .*

**Lemma 2.2.** (1) *Any direct summand of pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective module is again pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective.*

(2) *If  $s \in S$  with  $s(M) \not\subset^e M$ , and  $s(M)$  is pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective, then  $\text{Ker}(s) \subset^\oplus M$  and  $s(M) \simeq K \subset^\oplus M$ .*

*Proof.* (1) By definition.

(2) Let  $s \in S$  with  $s(M) \not\subset^e M$ . Then there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism

$\varphi : s(M) \rightarrow M$  such that  $s\varphi = 1_{s(M)}$ . Then by [1, Lemma 5.1],  $s$  is a split  $R$ -epimorphism. There  $M = Ker(s) \oplus K$ , where  $s(M) \simeq K$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.3.** (1) If  $N$  is pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective and  $N \simeq X$ , then  $X$  is pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective.

(2) Every  $M$ -principally projective module is pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective.

(3) Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the set of integers. Then the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  is pseudo nonessential  $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ -principally projective, but not  $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ -projective.

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module. Then  $N$  is pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective if and only if  $N$  is pseudo  $NK$ -principally projective for every  $M$ -cyclic submodule  $K$  of  $M$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Write  $K = s(M)$ . Let  $g \in End_R(K)$  with  $g(K) \not\subseteq^e K$  and let  $\varphi : N \rightarrow g(K)$  be an  $R$ -epimorphism. Since  $gs(M) \not\subseteq^e M$ ,  $\varphi$  can be lifted to an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\hat{\varphi} : N \rightarrow M$ . Hence  $s\hat{\varphi}$  lifts  $\varphi$ . Therefore  $N$  is pseudo  $NK$ -principally projective.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) is clear.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $M$  and  $N$  be right  $R$ -modules.

Then the following are equivalent:

(1)  $N$  is pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective.

(2) For each  $s \in S$  with  $s(M) \not\subseteq^e M$ ,

$$\{\varphi \in Hom_R(N, M) | \varphi(N) = s(M)\} \subset sHom_R(N, M).$$

(3) For each  $s \in S$  with  $s(M) \not\subseteq^e M$ ,

$$\{\varphi \in Hom_R(N, M) | \varphi(N) = s(M)\} = s\{\varphi \in Hom_R(N, M) | \varphi(N) + Ker(s) = M\}.$$

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $s \in S$  with  $s(M) \not\subseteq^e M$  and let  $\varphi \in Hom_R(N, M)$  such that  $\varphi(N) = s(M)$ . Since  $N$  is pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective, there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\hat{\varphi} : N \rightarrow M$  such that  $\varphi = s\hat{\varphi}$ . It follows that  $\varphi \in sHom_R(N, M)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) It is clear that  $s\{\varphi \in Hom_R(N, M) | \varphi(N) + Ker(s) = M\} \subset \{\varphi \in Hom_R(N, M) | \varphi(N) = s(M)\}$ . Conversely, let  $\alpha \in Hom_R(N, M)$  such that  $\alpha(N) = s(M)$ . Then by (2) we have  $\alpha \in sHom_R(N, M)$ , so  $\alpha = s\hat{\varphi}$  for some  $\hat{\varphi} \in Hom_R(N, M)$ . Then  $\alpha = s\hat{\varphi} \in s\{\varphi \in Hom_R(N, M) | \varphi(N) + Ker(s) = M\}$

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $s \in S$  with  $s(M) \not\subseteq^e M$  and let  $\varphi : N \rightarrow s(M)$  be an  $R$ -epimorphism. Then  $\varphi(N) = s(M)$  and hence by (3) we have  $\varphi = s\hat{\varphi}$  for

some  $R$ -homomorphism  $\hat{\varphi} : N \rightarrow M$  with  $\hat{\varphi}(N) + \text{Ker}(s) = M$ . Then  $N$  is pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $M$  be an injective module.*

*If every nonessential  $M$ -cyclic submodule of  $M$  is injective, then every submodule of pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective is pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective.*

*Proof.* Clear.  $\square$

### 3 Pseudo $NQ$ -principally Projective Modules

A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called pseudo nonessential quasi-principally projective (briefly, pseudo  $NQ$ -principally projective) if it is pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective. It is clear that, any direct summand of a pseudo  $NQ$ -principally projective module is again pseudo  $NQ$ -principally projective.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -modules.*

*Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is pseudo  $NQ$ -principally projective.
- (2) For each  $s, t \in S$  with  $t(M) \not\subseteq^e M$ , if  $t(M) = s(M)$  then  $sS = tS$ .
- (3) For each  $s, t \in S$  with  $ts(M) \not\subseteq^e M$ ,

$$\{f \in S \mid tf(M) = ts(M)\} \subset sS + \{v \in S \mid v(M) \subset \text{Ker}(t)\}.$$

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $s, t \in S$  with  $t(M) \not\subseteq^e M$  and  $t(M) = s(M)$ . Then by (1),  $s$  can be lifted to an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\hat{\varphi} \in S$ . Hence  $s = t\hat{\varphi} \in tS$ , so  $sS \subset tS$ . The same argument shows that  $tS \subset sS$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $g \in S$  such that  $tg(M) = ts(M)$ . Since  $ts(M) \not\subseteq^e M$ , by (2) we have  $tgS = tsS$ . Then  $tg \in tsS$  so  $tg = tsf$  for some  $f \in S$ . It follows that  $g - sf = h$  for some  $h \in S$  with  $h(M) \subset \text{Ker}(t)$ . Hence  $g = sf + h \in sS + \{v \in S \mid v(M) \subset \text{Ker}(t)\}$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $s \in S$  with  $s(M) \not\subseteq^e M$  and let  $\varphi : M \rightarrow s(M)$  be an  $R$ -epimorphism. Then  $\varphi(M) = s(M)$  and hence by (3) and put  $t = 1$ ,  $\{f \in S \mid f(M) = s(M)\} \subset sS + \{v \in S \mid v(M) \subset \text{Ker}(1)\} = sS$ . Hence  $\varphi \in sS$  so  $\varphi = s\hat{\varphi}$  for some  $\hat{\varphi} \in S$ . Then  $N$  is pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $P$  be a projective module and  $P \oplus K$  is pseudo  $NQ$ -principally projective. If there is an  $R$ -epimorphism  $g : P \rightarrow K$ , then  $K$  is projective.*

*Proof.* Let  $\pi_1 : P \oplus K \rightarrow P$  be the projection map. Since  $P \oplus K$  is pseudo  $NQ$ -principally projective and  $g\pi_1(P \oplus K) \not\subseteq P \oplus K$ , there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\beta : P \oplus K \rightarrow P \oplus K$  such that  $g\pi_1\beta = \pi_2$  where  $\pi_2 : P \oplus K \rightarrow K$  is the projection map. Then  $1_k = \pi_2\iota_2 = g\pi_1\beta\iota_2$  where  $\iota_2 : K \rightarrow P \oplus K$  is the injective map. Put  $\hat{\varphi} = \pi_1\beta\iota_2$ , so  $1_k = g\hat{\varphi}$ . Then by [1, Lemma 5.1],  $g$  is a split  $R$ -epimorphism. Hence there exists a submodule  $X$  of  $P$  such that  $X \simeq K$  and  $P = \text{Ker}(f) \oplus X$ . Therefore  $K$  is projective.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $E$  be an injective module and  $E \oplus N$  is quasi-principally injective. If there is an  $R$ -monomorphism  $\varphi : N \rightarrow E$ , then  $N$  is injective.*

*Proof.* Since  $N$  is an  $E \oplus N$ -cyclic submodule of  $E \oplus N$ , there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\alpha : E \oplus N \rightarrow E \oplus N$  such that  $\alpha\iota_1\varphi = \iota_2$  where  $\iota_1 : E \rightarrow E \oplus N$  and  $\iota_2 : N \rightarrow E \oplus N$  are the injection maps. Then  $\pi_2\alpha\iota_1\varphi = \pi_2\iota_2 = 1_N$  where  $\pi_2 : E \oplus N \rightarrow N$  is the projection map. Hence the  $R$ -monomorphism  $\varphi$  splits. It follows that  $E = \varphi(N) \oplus D$  for some a submodule  $D$  of  $E$ . Then  $\varphi(N)$  is injective and hence  $N$  is injective.  $\square$

A ring  $R$  is right hereditary [1] in case of its right ideals is projective. Equivalently, every submodule of a projective

**Proposition 3.4.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .*

- (1)  $R$  is right hereditary.
- (2) Every submodule of a projective  $R$ -module is pseudo  $NQ$ -principally projective.
- (3) Every factor module of an injective  $R$ -module is quasi-principally injective.
- (4) Every sum of two injective submodules of an  $R$ -module is quasi-principally injective.
- (5) Every sum of two isomorphic injective submodules of an  $R$ -module is quasi-principally injective.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2), (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) and (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) are clear.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $P$  be a projective  $R$ -module and let  $K$  be a submodule of  $P$ . We must show that  $K$  is projective. Let  $\varphi : F \rightarrow K$  be an  $R$ -epimorphism, where  $F$  is a free module. Then  $F \oplus K$  is a submodule of a projective  $R$ -module  $F \oplus P$ . Then by (2),  $F \oplus K$  is pseudo  $NQ$ -principally projective. Hence  $K$  is projective by Lemma 3.2. Therefore  $R$  is right hereditary.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $E$  be an injective  $R$ -module, let  $N$  be a submodule of  $E$ , and let  $\eta : E \rightarrow E/N$  be the natural  $R$ -epimorphism. Then we have an  $R$ -epimorphism:

$$\iota + \eta : E(E/N) \oplus E \rightarrow E(E/N) \oplus E/N.$$

It follows that  $(E(E/N) \oplus E)/Ker(\iota + \eta) \simeq E(E/N) \oplus E/N$ . Then by (3),  $(E(E/N) \oplus E)/Ker(\iota + \eta)$  is quasi-principally injective. Hence  $E(E/N) \oplus E/N$  is quasi-principally injective and we have an  $R$ -monomorphism,  $E/N \rightarrow E(E/N)$  so  $E/N$  is injective by Lemma 3.3. Therefore  $R$  is right hereditary. (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be two injective submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . Since  $E_1 \oplus E_2$  is injective and there exists an  $R$ -epimorphism  $\alpha : E_1 \oplus E_2 \rightarrow E_1 + E_2$ , then  $(E_1 \oplus E_2)/Ker(\alpha)$  is quasi-principally injective by (3). Since  $(E_1 \oplus E_2)/Ker(\alpha) \simeq E_1 + E_2$ ,  $E_1 + E_2$  is quasi-principally injective. (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) By the similar proof to (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) of Theorem 4 in [9].  $\square$

A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a *duo module* if every submodule of  $M$  is fully invariant.  $M$  satisfies  $(D_2)$  [3] if,  $A$  is a submodule of  $M$  such that  $M/A$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $M$ , then  $A$  is a direct summand of  $M$ ,  $M$  satisfies  $(D_3)$  if,  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are direct summands of  $M$  with  $M_1 + M_2 = M$  then  $M_1 \cap M_2$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . The next lemma shows that conditions  $(D_2)$  and  $(D_3)$  also hold in pseudo  $NQ$  principally projective.

**Lemma 3.5.** *If  $M$  is a pseudo  $NQ$ -principally projective module, then  $M$  satisfies  $(D_2)$  and  $(D_3)$*

*Proof.*  $(D_2)$  Let  $B$  be a direct summand of  $M$ ,  $A$  a submodule of  $M$  and let  $\varphi : M/A \rightarrow B$  be an  $R$ -isomorphism. Define  $\alpha : M \rightarrow B$  by  $\alpha(m) = \alpha\eta(m)$  for every  $m \in M$  and  $\eta : M \rightarrow M/A$  is the natural  $R$ -epimorphism. It is clear that  $\alpha$  is an  $R$ -epimorphism and  $Ker(\alpha) = A$ . Since  $B$  is a direct summand of  $M$  and  $M$  is pseudo  $NQ$ -principally projective,  $B$  is pseudo  $NM$ -principally projective by Lemma 2.2. We have  $B$  is a nonessential  $M$ -cyclic submodule of  $M$ , then there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\beta : B \rightarrow M$  such that  $\alpha\beta = 1_B$ . Then  $\alpha$  is a split  $R$ -epimorphism. It follows that  $M = Ker(\alpha) \oplus K$  for some a submodule  $K$  of  $M$ . Then  $A$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .

$(D_3)$  Let  $A$  and  $B$  are direct summand of  $M$  with  $A + B = M$ . Write  $M = A \oplus A'$  where  $A'$  is a submodule of  $M$ . Since  $A' \simeq (A + B)/A$  and  $(A + B)/A \simeq B/(A \cap B)$ ,  $A \cap B$  is a direct summand of  $M$  by  $(D_2)$   $\square$

**Lemma 3.6.** *If  $M$  is duo pseudo  $NQ$ -principally projective and  $s \in S$  with  $M = s(M) \oplus X$ , then  $X = Ker(s)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $M$  is duo,  $s(X) \subset s(M) \cap X = 0$ , so  $X \subset Ker(s)$ . Now we have  $M = s(M) + Ker(s)$  and  $M/Ker(s) \simeq s(M)$ . Then  $Ker(s) \subset^\oplus M$  by  $(D_2)$ . It follows that  $s(M) \cap Ker(s) \subset^\oplus M$  by  $(D_3)$ . Write  $M = (s(M) \cap Ker(s)) \oplus N$ . Since  $M$  is duo,  $s(M) = s(N) \subset s(M) \cap N$  so  $s(M) \subset N$ . It follows that  $s(M) \cap Ker(s) = 0$ . Therefore  $M = s(M) \oplus Ker(s)$ , and  $X = Ker(s)$ .  $\square$

$M$  is said [8] to have the summand intersection property (SIP) if the intersection of two direct summands is again a direct summand. The module  $M$  is said [2] to have the summand sum property (SSP) if the sum of any two summands of  $M$  is again a summand.

A right  $R$ -module  $M$  satisfies  $(C_2)$  [3] if, a submodule  $A$  of  $M$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $M$ , then  $A$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .  $M$  satisfies  $(C_3)$  if,  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are direct summands of  $M$  such that  $M_1 \cap M_2 = 0$  then  $M_1 \oplus M_2$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . It is clear that if,  $M$  satisfies  $(C_2)$  then it satisfies  $(C_3)$ .

**Proposition 3.7.** *Let  $M$  be a pseudo NQ-principally projective module. If  $M$  is a quasi-principally injective and  $s \in S$  with  $s(M) \not\subseteq^e M$ , then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $s(M)$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .
- (2)  $s(M)$  is pseudo NM-principally projective.
- (3)  $s(M)$  is  $M$ -principally injective.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is clear.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Since  $s(M) \not\subseteq^e M$  and by (2), there exists an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\alpha : s(M) \rightarrow M$  such that  $s\alpha = 1_{s(M)}$  so  $s$  splits. Then  $M = Ker(s) \oplus D$  for some submodule  $D$  of and  $s(M) \simeq D$ . Then  $s(M)$  is a direct summand of  $M$  by  $(C_2)$  hence  $s(M)$  is  $M$ -principally injective.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Since  $s(M)$  is  $M$ -principally injective,  $\iota\alpha = 1_{s(M)}$  for some an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\alpha : M \rightarrow s(M)$  and  $\iota : s(M) \rightarrow M$  is the inclusion map. It follows that  $s(M) \subset^\oplus M$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.8.** *Let  $M$  be a duo and pseudo NQ-principally projective module. Then*

- (1)  $M$  has the (SIP).
- (2) In addition, if  $M$  has the property  $(C_2)$ , then  $M$  has the (SSP).

*Proof.* (1) Write  $M = s(M) \oplus K$  and  $M = t(M) \oplus L$ . Since  $M$  is duo,  $s(M) = s(t(M)) \oplus L = s(t(M)) + s(L) \subset (s(M) \cap t(M)) \oplus (s(M) \cap L) \subset s(M)$ . Then  $s(M) \cap t(M) \subset^\oplus M$ .

(2) From (1), we write  $M = (s(M) \cap t(M)) \oplus N$ . Then  $t(M) = t(M) \cap ((s(M) \cap t(M)) \oplus N) = t(M) \cap s(M) \oplus t(M) \cap N$  by the Modular law. Hence  $s(M) + t(M) = s(M) + (s(M) \cap t(M) \oplus t(M) \cap N) = s(M) \oplus t(M) \cap N$ . Since  $M = (s(M) \cap t(M)) \oplus N \subset t(M) + N \subset M$ ,  $t(M) + N = M$ . Then  $t(M) \cap N \subset^\oplus M$  by  $(D_3)$ . Therefore  $s(M) + t(M) \subset^\oplus M$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $M$  be a pseudo  $NQ$ -principally projective module. Then  $S$  is regular if and only if for each  $s \in S$ , there exists an idempotent  $\alpha \in S$  such that  $s(M) = \alpha(M)$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Clear.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $s \in S$ . Then  $s(M) = \alpha(M)$  where  $\alpha \in S$  is an idempotent. Since  $s(M) \subset^\oplus M$ ,  $sS = \alpha S$  by Proposition 3.1. Therefore  $sS \subset^\oplus S$ .  $\square$

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