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## **Reg-***N***-Flat Modules**

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#### Abstract

Let R represent a ring. As a suitable generalization of N-flat (resp. flat) module, we present and investigate the concept of Reg-N-flat (resp. Reg-flat) right R-module. We give many properties and characterizations of these modules.

### 1 Introduction

In this paper, R represents an associative ring that has 1 and any module is unitary. Mod-R (resp. R-Mod) is the symbol for the right (resp. left) R-module category. If  $M \in R$ -Mod and L is a submodule of M with  $0 \to D \otimes L \to D \otimes M$  is exact for all  $D \in Mod-R$ , then L is called pure in M [1]. If every submodule of a module  $N \in R$ -Mod is pure, then N is called regular [2]. The notation  $N \leq^{reg} M$  (resp.,  $N \leq^{fgreg} M$ ) means N is a regular (resp., a finitely generated regular) submodule of M.  $\text{Reg}(M) = \sum \{N : N \leq^{reg} M\}$ . As usual,  $M^* = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$ . In the literature, there are numerous generalizations of injectivity and module flatness provided [3], [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], [9], [10], [11], [12] and [13].

In this article, we present and examine Reg-*N*-flatness (resp. Reg-flatness)

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**AMS (MOS) Subject Classifications**: 16D40, 16D50, 16E30, 16P20. **ISSN** 1814-0432, 2025, https://future-in-tech.net of modules which are a proper generalization of N-flatness (resp. flatness) of modules. Let N be in R-Mod and C be in Mod-R. C is then said to be Reg-*N*-flat if, for any  $A \leq^{reg} N$ , we get the exactness of  $0 \to C \otimes_R A \xrightarrow{I_C \otimes i_A} A$  $C \otimes_R N$ . A module C is said to as Reg-flat if it is Reg-R-flat. If all left Rhomomorphisms from any  $A \leq^{reg} B$  into C extend to B, then we say that a module C is Reg-B-injective (with B in R-Mod). When C is Reg-R-injective, it is referred to as Reg-injective. The notation  $(\text{Reg-}N\text{-}\mathbb{F})_R$  (resp.  $(\text{Reg-}\mathbb{F})_R$ )  $_{R}(\text{Reg-}N-\mathbb{I}), R(\text{Reg-}\mathbb{I}))$  means the class of Reg-N-flat right (resp. Reg-flat right, Reg-*N*-injective left, Reg-injective left) modules. Several properties of Reg-*N*-flat right (resp. Reg-flat right) modules are given. We prove (Reg- $N-\mathbb{F}_R$  and  $(\operatorname{Reg}-\mathbb{F})_R$  are closed classes under isomorphisms, direct limits, direct sums, and direct summands. A version of Jinzhong Theorem [14, Theorem 1.1] for Reg-flat modules is given; that is, if a ring R is commutative and a module L is simple, we demonstrate that  $L \in \operatorname{Reg}$ -F iff  $L \in \operatorname{Reg}$ -I. We give several characterizations of Reg-N-flat modules; for example, we show that D is an Reg-N-flat module if and only if the exactness of  $0 \to D \otimes_R K \xrightarrow{I_D \otimes i_K} D \otimes N$  holds for any  $K \leq^{reg} N$  with K being finitely generated.

### 2 Reg-*N*-Flat Modules

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $N \in R$ -Mod and  $M \in Mod-R$ . We say that M is Reg-N-flat if, for any  $K \leq^{reg} N$ , the sequence  $0 \to M \otimes_R K \xrightarrow{I_M \otimes i_K} M \otimes N$  is exact, where  $i_K : K \to N$  and  $I_M : M \to M$  are the inclusion homomorphism and the identity homomorphism, respectively. A module M is referred to as Reg-flat if it is Reg-R-flat.

**Examples 2.2.** (1) Let  $N \in R$ -Mod. If Reg(N) = 0, then all right *R*-modules are Reg-*N*-flat.

(2) Let  $N \in R$ -Mod. Clearly, every N-flat (resp. flat) right R-module is Reg-N-flat (resp. reg-flat). In general, the converse is not true. Since  $\langle 0 \rangle$ is the only regular ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , we have  $Reg(\mathbb{Z}_{\mathbb{Z}}) = 0$ . By (1) above, all  $\mathbb{Z}$ modules are Reg- $\mathbb{Z}$ -flat (= Reg-flat). So,  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is Reg- $\mathbb{Z}$ -flat (Reg-flat) but it is not  $\mathbb{Z}$ -flat (= flat), for  $n \geq 2$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $L \in R$ -Mod and  $N \in Mod-R$ . Then  $N \in (Reg-L-\mathbb{F})_R$  iff  $N^* \in {}_R(Reg-L-\mathbb{I})$ .

Proof. Straightforward.

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If  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq R$ -Mod and  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq Mod-R$ , then the pair  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$  is referred to as almost dual if  $\mathcal{G}$  is closed under direct products and summands and for any  $M \in Mod-R, M \in \mathcal{F} \Leftrightarrow M^* \in \mathcal{G}$  [3].

**Proposition 2.4.**  $((Reg-N-\mathbb{F})_{R,R}(Reg-N-\mathbb{I}))$  is an almost dual pair.

*Proof.* Since  $_R(\text{Reg-}N\text{-}\mathbb{I})$  is a closed class under direct products and summands, the result follows from Theorem 2.3.

The proof of the next corollary follows directly from [15, Proposition 4.2.8(1,3)] and Proposition 2.4.

**Corollary 2.5.** The class  $(Reg-N-\mathbb{F})_R$  is closed under pure extensions, pure submodules, pure homomorphic images, direct limits, and direct sums.

**Proposition 2.6.** Let  $M \in Mod$ -R and  $N \in R$ -Mod. Then M is Reg-N-flat iff the sequence  $0 \to M \otimes_R K \xrightarrow{I_M \otimes i_K} M \otimes N$  is exact for any  $K \leq^{fgreg} N$ .

*Proof.*  $(\Rightarrow)$ . This is clear.

( $\Leftarrow$ ). Let  $K \leq^{reg} N$ . Let  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i \otimes k_i \in \ker(I_M \otimes i_K)$ . Since  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i \otimes k_i \in M \otimes_R K$  with  $(I_M \otimes i_K)(\sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i \otimes k_i) = 0$  in  $M \otimes_R N$ , we have  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i \otimes k_i = 0$  in  $M \otimes_R N$ . Let  $K' = \langle k_1, k_2, \cdots, k_n \rangle$ . Since  $K \leq^{reg} N$ , we have  $K' \leq^{reg} N$  (by [2, Theorem 6]). Thus  $0 \to M \otimes_R K' \xrightarrow{I_M \otimes i_K'} M \otimes N$  is an exact sequence (by hypothesis) and hence  $\ker(I_M \otimes i_{K'}) = 0$  in  $M \otimes_R K'$ . Since  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i \otimes k_i \in M \otimes_R K'$ , we have  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i \otimes k_i \in K$  ( $I_M \otimes I_K'$ ). Thus  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i \otimes k_i = 0$  in  $M \otimes_R K'$ . Since  $M \otimes_R K' \subseteq M \otimes_R K'$ . Thus  $\ker(I_M \otimes i_K) = 0$  and hence  $I_M \otimes i_K$  is a monomorphism. Thus, M is a Reg-N-flat right R-module.

**Corollary 2.7.** Let  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$ . Then M is Reg-flat iff the sequence  $0 \to M \otimes_R L \xrightarrow{I_M \otimes i_L} M \otimes_R R$  is exact, for every  $L \leq^{fgreg} {}_R R$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $N \in R$ -Mod and  $M \in Mod-R$  and consider the next statements:

- (1)  $M \in (Reg \cdot N \cdot \mathbb{F})_R$ .
- (2)  $\operatorname{Tor}_1(M, N/K) = 0$ , for any  $K \leq^{reg} N$ .
- (3)  $\operatorname{Tor}_1(M, N/K) = 0$ , for any  $K \leq^{fgreg} N$ .

Then  $(2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Moreover, when N is flat, then the three statements are equivalent. *Proof.*  $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ . This is obvious.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Let  $L \leq^{fgreg} N$ . Thus the sequence  $\operatorname{Tor}_1(M, N/L) \to M \otimes_R L \to M \otimes_R N$  is exact, by [16, Theorem X.II.5.4(4)]. Since  $\operatorname{Tor}_1(M, N/L) = 0$ , we have the exactness of  $0 \to M \otimes_R L \to M \otimes_R N$  for any  $L \leq^{fgreg} N$ . By Proposition 2.6, M is Reg-N-flat.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $K \leq^{reg} N$ . By hypotheses, the sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \otimes_R K \rightarrow M \otimes_R N$  is exact. By [16, Theorem X.II.5.4(4)], the sequence  $\operatorname{Tor}_1(M, N) \rightarrow \operatorname{Tor}_1(M, N/K) \rightarrow M \otimes_R K \rightarrow M \otimes_R N$  is exact. Since N is flat, we get from [16, Theorem X.II.5.4(2)] that  $\operatorname{Tor}_1(M, N) = 0$ . Since  $0 \rightarrow M \otimes_R K \rightarrow M \otimes_R N$  is exact, we have  $\operatorname{Tor}_1(M, N/K) = 0$ .

**Corollary 2.9.** Let  $M \in Mod-R$ . Then the next statements are equivalent: (1) M is Reg-flat.

- (2)  $\operatorname{Tor}_1(M, R/I) = 0$ , for each  $I \leq^{reg} {}_R R$ .
- (3)  $\operatorname{Tor}_1(M, R/I) = 0$ , for each  $I \leq^{fgreg} {}_RR$ .

*Proof.* Take  $N = {}_{R}R$  and apply Theorem 2.8.

The following lemma is easy to prove.

**Lemma 2.10.** Let  $M, N \in R$ -Mod. If  $\text{Ext}^1(N/L, M) = 0$  for all  $L \leq^{reg} N$ , then M is Reg-N-injective.

**Proposition 2.11.** Consider the following conditions for a commutative ring R and  $M, N \in R$ -Mod.

(1) M is Reg-N-flat.

(2)  $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}(M, K) \in {}_{R}(\operatorname{Reg-N-I}), \text{ for any injective module } K.$ 

(3)  $M \otimes_R K \in (Reg-N-\mathbb{F})_R$ , for any flat module K.

Then  $(2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Moreover, if N is a flat module, then  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$ .

*Proof.* (2) ⇒ (3). Since K is a flat module,  $K^*$  is injective. Thus Theorem 2.75 in [17, p.92] implies that  $(M \otimes_R K)^* \cong \operatorname{Hom}_R(M, K^*)$ . By (2),  $(M \otimes_R K)^* \in {}_R(\operatorname{Reg-}N-\mathbb{I})$  and so  $M \otimes_R K \in (\operatorname{Reg-}N-\mathbb{F})_R$  (by Theorem 2.3).

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). By flatness of  $K = {}_{R}R, M \otimes_{R} R$  is a Reg-*N*-flat module. Since  $M \cong M \otimes_{R} R$ , we have *M* is Reg-*N*-flat.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let N (resp. K) be a flat (resp. an injective) module and let  $L \leq^{reg} N$ , thus  $\text{Ext}^1(N/L, \text{Hom}_R(M, K)) \cong \text{Hom}_R(\text{Tor}_1(M, N/L), K)$ . Since M is a Reg-N-flat module and N is a flat module (by hypothesis),  $\text{Tor}_1(M, N/L) = 0$  (by Theorem 2.8) and hence  $\text{Hom}_R(\text{Tor}_1(M, N/L), K) =$ 0. Thus  $\text{Ext}^1(N/L, \text{Hom}_R(M, K)) = 0$  and so from Lemma 2.10 we get  $\text{Hom}_R(M, K)$  is a Reg-N-injective module.

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**Proposition 2.12.** Let M be a module with ML = 0 for any regular proper ideal L of a commutative ring R. If  $M \in {}_{R}(Reg-F)$ , then End(M) is Reginjective as R-module.

*Proof.* Let  $L \leq^{reg} {}_{R}R$  with  $L \neq R$  and a module M be Reg-flat. By hypothesis, ML = 0. Since M is Reg-flat, we have  $M \otimes_{R} L \cong ML = 0$ . By [17, Theorem 2.76, p.93],  $0 = \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(M \otimes_{R} L, M) \cong \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(L, \operatorname{End}(M))$ . By [16, Theorem XII.4.4(3), p.491], the sequence  $0 = \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(L, \operatorname{End}(M)) \to \operatorname{Ext}^{1}(R, \operatorname{End}(M)) = 0$  is exact and hence  $\operatorname{Ext}^{1}(R/L, \operatorname{End}(M)) = 0$ . Thus  $\operatorname{End}(M)$  is a Reg-injective as R-module, by Lemma 2.10. □

Assume that the ring R is commutative. End(M) is a Reg-injective as an R-module if M is a Reg-flat semisimple module.

**Corollary 2.13.** Let R be a commutative ring. End(M) is a Reg-injective as an R-module if M is a Reg-flat semisimple module.

*Proof.* Use [18, Theorem 9.2.1, p. 218] and Proposition 2.12.  $\Box$ 

The following theorem is a version of Jinzhong Theorem [14, Theorem 1.1] for Reg-flat modules.

**Theorem 2.14.** If M is a simple module over a ring R that is commutative. Then  $M \in (Reg \cdot \mathbb{F})_R$  iff  $M \in {}_R(Reg \cdot \mathbb{I})$ .

*Proof.* Use Corollary 2.13, [19, Corollary 18.19, p.212] and [19, Proposition 18.14, p. 210].  $\Box$ 

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