

## E-SUPPLEMENT IN A RING

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**Abstract:** Let  $R$  be an associative ring with unity. Two new concepts namely “e-small” and “e-supplement” in  $R$  are introduced and many of its properties are discussed in this paper.

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### 1. Introduction

The dualization concept of Goldie dimension was first coined by Patrick Fleury by introducing a new class of modules with finite spanning dimension in [4]. A module  $M$  is said to have finite spanning dimension if every infinite, strictly decreasing chain of sub modules is ultimately small in  $M$  i.e. for any infinite chain  $N_0 \supsetneq N_1 \supsetneq N_2 \supsetneq \dots$  of sub modules of  $M$ , there exists  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $N_j$  is small in  $M$  for every  $i \geq j$  [4].

In the study of Goldie Dimension, there is a very important role of uniform modules, essential extensions and so on. A sub module  $K$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be essential if the intersection of  $K$  with any non-zero sub module is non zero.

It is denoted by  $K \trianglelefteq M$ . In this case,  $M$  is defined as essential extension of  $K$ . If in an  $R$ -module  $M$ , every sub module is essential, then  $M$  is said to be a uniform module. The dual notion of essential modules is small modules. A sub module  $K$  of a module  $M$  is said to be small if there does not exist a proper sub module  $L$  such that  $K + L = M$ . It is denoted by  $K \ll M$ . Similarly, the dual notion of uniform module is hollow module. The notion of hollow module was first coined by Fleury in [4]. A module is said to be hollow if every of its sub module is small. In [8], Miyashita calls a hollow  $R$ -module an  $R$ -sum irreducible.

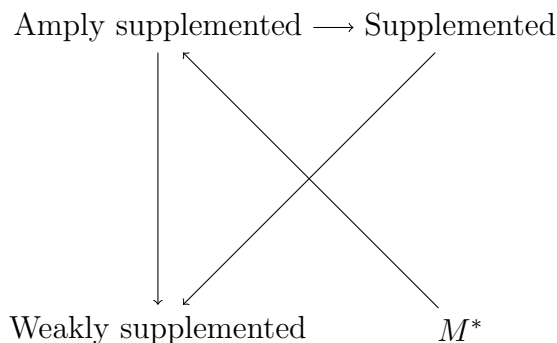
A sub module  $N$  of  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a complement of a sub module  $L$  in  $M$  if it is maximal with respect to  $N \cap L = 0$ . It is observed that for every sub module  $L$  of  $M$ , there exists a complement. Besides, a sub module  $N$  is said to be closed if it has no proper essential extension in  $M$ . The dual notion of closed module is co-closed. It was first coined by Golan in [5]. The dual notion of the concepts of complements is supplement. A sub module  $N$  is a supplement of a sub module  $L$  if  $N$  is minimal with respect to  $N + L = M$ . Let  $N$  and  $L$  be two sub modules of  $M$ . Then the following two conditions are equivalent:

1.  $N$  is minimal in the set of sub module  $\{K \subseteq M | L + K = M\}$ .
2.  $L + N = M$  and  $L \cap N \ll M$ .

In [3],  $N$  is defined as a supplement of  $L$  in  $M$ . The detailed information about supplemented and related modules was given by Zöschinger [13], [14], [15], [16]. One major difference between complement and supplement is that complement always exists, but it is not true that every sub module has a supplement. For example in  $Z$ -module  $Z$ , there does not exist any proper sub module which has a supplement in  $Z$ . The notion of weak supplement was first introduced by Zöschinger in [17]. A module  $N$  is called a weak supplement of  $L$  in  $M$  iff  $N + L = M$  and  $N \cap L \ll M$ . It is easy to verify that every supplement is weak supplement. But its converse is not true. For example,  $Z_{(p)} = \{\frac{a}{b} \in Q | p \text{ does not divide } b\}$  is weak supplement in  $Q$  but it is not a supplement in  $Q$ . The supplement and weak supplement are related to each other in the following ways-

1.  $N$  is a supplement in  $M$ .
2.  $N$  is a weak supplement in  $M$  that is closed in  $M$ .
3.  $N$  is a weak supplement in  $M$  and whenever  $K \subset N$  and  $K \ll M$ , then  $K \ll N$ .

This implies that a weak supplement  $N$  in  $M$  is a supplement in  $M$  if it is coclosed in  $M$ . Besides if  $M$  is a weak supplement module, then  $N$  is a supplement in  $M$  iff it is a coclosed sub module. In [11], Varadarajan defined that a module  $M$  is said to have the property  $(P_1)$  if given any  $N \subset M$ , there exists a supplement  $K$  of  $N$  in  $M$ . These kind of modules are further known as supplemented modules. Similarly in [11], it was defined that a module is said to have the property  $(P_2)$  if for every pair of sub modules  $(K, L)$  with  $K + L = M$ , there exists supplement  $H$  of  $L$  in  $M$  which is a sub set of  $K$ . While in [8], it was termed as  $R$ -perfect modules and defined as for every sub module  $K, L$  of  $M$  with  $K + L = M$ , there exists a sub module  $K_0$  of  $K$  which is minimal with respect to the addition  $K_0 + L = M$ . Now this kind of modules is known as amply supplemented modules. An amply supplemented module is always a supplemented module. But its converse is not always true. The converse is true in case  $M$  is supplemented module and its every sub module is amply supplemented. If a sub module  $N$  is a supplement in an amply supplemented module  $M$ , then  $N$  itself is amply supplemented module. A module  $M$  is said to be weakly supplemented module if its every sub module has a weak supplement. The following implications hold for a module:



In the above diagram,  $M^*$  denotes a supplemented module whose every sub module is amply supplemented.

Throughout this paper  $R$  denotes an associative ring with unity unless and otherwise stated. The concept of supplements has already been discussed. Further, the mathematician had discussed these concepts in  $R$ . An ideal of a ring  $R$  is said to be supplement of an ideal  $P$  of  $R$  if  $P + Q = R$  but  $P + Q' \neq R$  for any ideal  $Q' (\subset Q)$  of  $R$ . Let  $R$  be a ring and  $P$  and  $Q$  are ideals with  $P \subset Q$ . Then  $P$  is said to be small in  $Q$  if for each ideal  $L (\subseteq Q)$  of  $R$ ,  $P + L = Q \Rightarrow L = Q$ . In this paper, an attempt is made to define and characterise the concept of supplement and small in terms of elements in  $R$ . The study of these substructures of ring elementwise leads us to the notion of dual Goldie dimension elementwise.

In the preliminary section of this paper, the concepts like e-supplement, e-small are defined in  $R$ . In this section, some basic definitions and results are discussed which are used in our work. In the next section, some results of e-small in  $R$  are proved. It is proved that if any element of an ideal  $P$  is e-small, then any element of  $Q$  ( $Q \subseteq P$ ) is again an e-small. If  $P, Q$  are any two ideals of  $R$  and  $a \in P$  is small element in  $Q$ , then  $a$  is also an e-small in  $R$ . Some results are proved to show the relation between e-supplement and e-small. It is shown that in  $R$ , if  $a$  is an e-supplement and  $b \in R$  is an e-small in  $R$  with  $Rb \subseteq Ra$ , then  $b$  is also e-small in  $Ra$ . In theorem (3.8), it is proved that under certain conditions, if  $a$  is e-supplement of  $b$  and  $k$  is an e-small in  $R$ , then  $a$  is also an e-supplement of  $b + k$  in  $R$ . In theorem (3.9), it is proved that if  $a$  is e-supplement of  $b$  in  $R$  and  $b$  is an e-supplement in  $R$ , then  $b$  is e-supplement of  $a$  in  $R$ . In theorem (3.10), it is shown that if  $R$  is e-supplemented and primitive ideal, then every principal ideal of  $R$  is direct summand of  $R$ . In theorem (3.12), it is proved that if  $R$ -module  $R$  has finite spanning dimension, then every element of  $R$  has an e-supplement.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we have presented some basic definitions and results needed for our work.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $P$  is an ideal of  $R$ . An element  $a \in P$  is said to be e-small of  $P$  in  $R$  if for each ideal  $L$  ( $\subseteq R$ ) of  $R$ ,  $Ra + L = R \Rightarrow L = R$ . The zero element of ring  $R$  is trivial e-small element. For example, consider ring  $Z_{12} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11\}$ .  $R6 = \{0, 6\}$  is an ideal of  $Z_{12}$ . But  $Z_{12}$  is the only ideal with respect to  $R6$  which satisfies  $R6 + Z_{12} = Z_{12}$  implies 6 is an e-small of  $Z_{12}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $R$  be a ring. An element  $a \in R$  is said to be e-supplement of  $b \in R$  if  $Ra$  is supplement of the ideal  $P$  where  $b \in P = Rb$ . An ideal  $Q$  is said to be e-supplemented if every element  $a \in P$  is an e-supplement.

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**Definition 2.4.** Let  $P$  and  $Q$  are ideals of ring  $R$ , then  $R$  is said to be direct sum of  $P$  and  $Q$  denoted by  $R = P \oplus Q$  if  $R = P + Q$  and  $P \cap Q = (0)$  [12]. In such case  $Q$  is called direct summand of  $R$ .

**Definition 2.5.** (Modular law) [12] Let  $P, Q, T$  be ideals of a ring  $R$  such that

$P \subseteq T$ . Then  $(P + Q) \cap T = P + (Q \cap T)$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Any small subgroup of  $E$  is contained in  $J(E)$ .*

**Definition 2.6.** *A ring  $R$  is called semi primitive or Jacobson semi simple if  $J(R) = 0$ . If  $R$  is sub direct product of primitive ring, then ring  $R$  is semi-primitive ([12]).*

### 3. Results

In this section, some of the characteristics of e-small, e-supplement are discussed.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be ideals of  $R$  such that  $P \subseteq Q$ . If any element of  $Q$  is e-small in  $R$  then any element of  $P$  is also small in  $R$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $a \in P$  and  $C$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $Ra + C = R$ . But  $a \in P \subseteq Q$  is a e-small element in  $R$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} Ra + C &= R \\ \Rightarrow C &= R \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $a$  is small element in  $R$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be ideals of a ring  $R$  and  $a \in P$  is small element in  $Q$  then  $a$  is small element in  $R$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $C$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $Ra + C = R$   
From modular law we have,

$$\begin{aligned} Ra + (C \cap Q) &= (Ra + C) \cap Q \\ &= Q \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $C \cap Q$  is an ideal of  $R$  such that,

$$\begin{aligned} Ra + (C \cap Q) &= Q \\ \text{so, } (C \cap Q) &= Q && [\because a \text{ is small element in } R] \\ \text{Thus, } Ra + C &= C \\ \Rightarrow C &= R \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $a$  is small element in  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $a$  is an e-supplement. If  $b \in R$  is an e-small in  $R$  and  $Rb \subseteq Ra$ , then  $b$  is also an e-small in  $Ra$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $a$  is an e-supplement in  $M$ , therefore  $Ra$  is a supplement in  $M$ .

This implies  $Ra$  is coclosed in  $M$ . Now consider  $Ra = Rb + K$ ,  $K \subseteq Ra$ . Then  $M = Ra + L$ , for any  $L \subseteq M$  implies  $M = Rb + K + L$  implies  $M = K + L$  and  $K$  is co-small in  $Ra$ . But since  $Ra$  is coclosed in  $M$  implies  $Ra = K$ . This implies  $b$  is e-small in  $Ra$ .

The converse of the above theorem is not true in general. But instead of e-supplement, if we consider  $a$  as e-weak supplement in  $M$ , then the converse is true. Hence we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.4.** *If  $a$  is e-weak supplement in  $R$  and  $b$  is e-small in  $R$ ,  $Rb \subseteq Ra$  implies  $b$  is e-small in  $Ra$ , then  $a$  is e-supplement in  $R$ .*

**Proof.** It is easy to prove.

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. An element  $a \in R$  is an e-supplement of  $b \in R$  iff  $Ra \cap Rb$  is small in  $Ra$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose  $Ra \cap Rb$  is not small in  $Ra$ . Then there exists  $C \subseteq Ra$  such that  $(Ra \cap Rb) + C = Ra$ . Again, since  $Ra$  is a supplement of  $Rb$  in  $R$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} R &= Ra + Rb \\ &= [Ra \cap Rb + C] + Rb \\ &= C + Rb \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction to the fact that  $a$  is a supplement of  $b$  in  $R$ .

Conversely, suppose  $Ra \cap Rb$  is small in  $Ra$ . Consider  $C (\subseteq Ra)$  is an ideal such that  $Rb + C = R \Rightarrow (Ra \cap Rb) + C = Ra \Rightarrow C = Ra$ . Therefore  $Ra$  is a supplement of  $Rb$  in  $R$  which implies  $a$  is an e-supplement of  $b$  in  $R$ .

**Corollary 3.6.** *Let  $R$  be a principal ideal ring. An element  $a \in R$  is a e-supplement of  $b \in R$  iff  $c \in Ra \cap Rb$  is e-small in  $Ra$  where  $c$  is a generator of  $Ra \cap Rb$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose  $c \in Ra \cap Rb$  is not e-small in  $Ra$ . Then there exists  $C \subsetneq Ra$  such that  $Rc + C = Ra$ . Now since  $Ra$  is a supplement of  $Rb$  in  $R$ . Then  $R = Ra + Rb \Rightarrow R = (Rc + C) + Rb \Rightarrow R = C + Rb$  which is a contradiction to the fact that  $a$  is an e-supplement of  $b$  in  $R$ .

Conversely, assume  $c \in Ra \cap Rb$  is a generator of the ideal  $Ra \cap Rb$  and  $c$  is an e-small in  $Ra$ . Consider  $C (\subseteq Ra)$  is an ideal such that  $Rb + C = R \Rightarrow (Ra \cap Rb) + C = Ra \Rightarrow Rc + C = Ra \Rightarrow C = Ra$ . Therefore  $a$  is an e-supplement of  $b$  in  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $a$  be an e-supplement of  $b$  in  $K^* = Rc$  and  $c$  is supplement element of  $d$  in  $R$ . Then  $a$  is supplement element in  $R$ .*

**Proof.** Given  $a$  is a supplement element of  $b$  in  $K^* = Rc$ . Therefore,  $Ra + Rb = Rc$ .

Again,  $c$  is supplement of  $d$  in  $R$ . This implies

$$\begin{aligned} Rc + Rd &= R \\ \Rightarrow Ra + (Rb + Rc) &= R \end{aligned}$$

Let there exists some  $K \subseteq Ra$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} K + (Rb + Rd) &= R \\ \Rightarrow (K + Rb) + Rd &= R \end{aligned}$$

Since,  $K \subseteq Ra$  and  $Rc$  is minimal in  $Rc + Rd = R$ . Therefore,  $K + Rb = Rc = K^*$  which is a contradiction to the fact that  $a$  is supplement element of  $b$  in  $K^*$ . Therefore  $a$  is a supplement element in  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** *If  $a$  is  $e$ -supplement of  $b$  and  $k$  is an  $e$ -small in  $R$ , then  $a$  is an  $e$ -supplement  $b + k$  in  $R$  provided  $R(a + b)$  is a maximal ideal in  $R$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $X \subseteq Ra$  such that  $R(b + k) + X = R$  implies  $R(b) + R(k) + X = M$  implies  $R(b) + X = M$  since  $b$  is  $e$ -small in  $R$ . This implies  $a$  is  $e$ -supplement in  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** *If  $a$  is  $e$ -supplement of  $b$  in  $R$  and  $b$  is itself an  $e$ -supplement in  $R$ , then  $b$  is  $e$ -supplement of  $a$  in  $R$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $a$  is  $e$ -supplement of  $b$  in  $R$  i.e.  $Ra + Rb = M$  and  $Ra \cap Rb \ll R$ . Now  $b$  is  $e$ -supplement in  $R$ . Therefore  $Ra \cap Rb \ll Rb$  implies  $b$  is  $e$ -supplement of  $a$  in  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $R$  be  $e$ -supplemented and semi-primitive. Then every principal ideal of  $R$  is a direct summand of  $R$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $a$  be any element of  $R$ . Consider  $a$  is supplement element of  $b \in R$ . Therefore, there exist  $P = Rb \subseteq R$  such that  $Ra$  is a supplement of  $Rb$  in  $R$ . Therefore,  $Ra + Rb = R$  and  $Ra \cap Rb \subseteq_s R$ . Since  $Ra \cap P \subseteq J(R) = 0 \Rightarrow Ra \cap P = 0$  Thus  $Ra$  is direct summand of  $R$ .

**Corollary 3.11.** *If  $R$  is  $e$ -supplemented and sub direct product of primitive rings, then every principal ideal of  $R$  is a direct summand of  $R$ .*

**Proof.** It is easy to follow.

**Theorem 3.12.** *Let  $R$  be a ring  $R$  module  $R$  has finite spanning dimension, then every element of  $R$  has an  $e$ -supplement.*

**Proof.** Let  $a$  be an element of  $R$  and  $Ra$  is module generated by  $a$

There are two cases:

**Case I.** If  $Ra$  is small, then  $R$  is supplement of  $Ra$  in  $R$ .

**Case II.** If  $Ra$  is not small, there exists  $S \subseteq R$  such that  $Ra + S = R$  it is minimal

w.r.t  $Ra + S = R$  and  $b$  be an element of  $S$  then  $a$  is supplement in  $R$ .

If  $Ra$  is not supplement of  $S$  in  $R$  then there exist  $b$  such that  $S + Rb = R$ .

Continuing in this process we have  $Ra \supseteq Rb$ . . . .

decreasing sequence of non small submodule.

Since, it has finite spanning dimension, so there exists  $c \in R$  such that  $Rc$  is supplement of  $S$ .

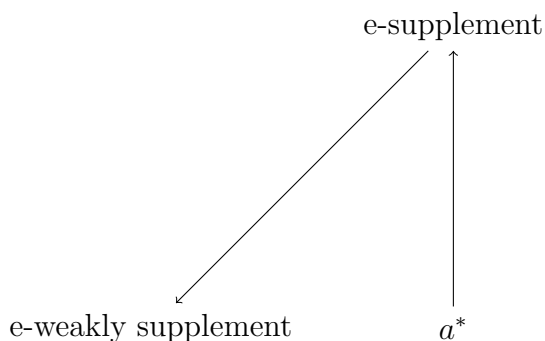
Therefore  $c$  is an e-supplement of  $S$ .

#### 4. Some Observations

Some observations from the above discussion are given below :

1. Every e-supplement is e- weakly supplement.
2. If  $eS(R)$  denotes the e-supplement in  $R$  and  $eW(R)$  denotes all e-weak supplement in  $R$ , then clearly  $eW(R) \subseteq eS(R)$ .
3. For every e-supplement in  $R$ , there exists an ideal in ring  $R$  which is coclosed in  $R$ .
4. For every element in ring  $R$ , it is not necessary that it has an e-supplement.
5. If  $R$  is supplemented, then  $R$  is also an e-supplemented.

Clearly, we have the following implication in diagram form:



In the above diagram,  $a^*$  denotes an e-weak supplement of  $b$  in  $R$  and  $b$  is e-small in  $R, Rb \subseteq Ra$  implies  $b$  is e-small in  $Ra$ .

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