

**τ -SUPPLEMENTED MODULES AND τ -WEAKLY
SUPPLEMENTED MODULES**

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ABSTRACT. Given a hereditary torsion theory $\tau = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{F})$ in $\text{Mod-}R$, a module M is called τ -supplemented if every submodule A of M contains a direct summand C of M with A/C τ -torsion. A submodule V of M is called τ -supplement of U in M if $U + V = M$ and $U \cap V \leq \tau(V)$ and M is τ -weakly supplemented if every submodule of M has a τ -supplement in M . Let M be a τ -weakly supplemented module. Then M has a decomposition $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ where M_1 is a semisimple module and M_2 is a module with $\tau(M_2) \leq_e M_2$. Also, it is shown that; any finite sum of τ -weakly supplemented modules is a τ -weakly supplemented module.

INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper, we assume that R is an associative ring with unity, M is a unital right R -module. The symbols, “ \leq ” will denote a submodule, “ \leq_d ” a module direct summand, “ \leq_e ” an essential submodule, “ \ll ” small submodule and “ $\text{Rad}(M)$ ” the Jacobson radical of M .

Let $\tau = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{F})$ be a torsion theory. Then τ is uniquely determined by its associated class \mathbb{T} of τ -torsion modules $\mathbb{T} = \{M \in \text{Mod-}R \mid \tau(M) = M\}$ where for a module M , $\tau(M) = \sum\{N \mid N \leq M, N \in \mathbb{T}\}$ and \mathbb{F} is referred as τ -torsion free class and $\mathbb{F} = \{M \in \text{Mod-}R \mid \tau(M) = 0\}$. A module in \mathbb{T} (or \mathbb{F}) is called a τ -torsion module (or τ -torsionfree module). Every torsion class \mathbb{T} determines in every module M a unique maximal \mathbb{T} -submodule $\tau(M)$, the τ -torsion submodule of M , and $\tau(M/\tau(M)) = 0$. In what follows τ will represent a hereditary torsion theory, that is, if $\tau = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{F})$ then the class \mathbb{T} is closed under taking submodules, direct sums, homomorphic images and extensions by short exact sequences, equivalently the class \mathbb{F} is closed under submodules, direct products, injective hulls and isomorphic copies.

Let N and K be submodules of M . N is said to be a *supplement submodule* of K in M if $M = N + K$ and $N \cap K \ll N$. M is called a *weakly supplemented module*

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if every submodule of M has a supplement in M . The module M is called a \oplus -*supplemented module* if every submodule of M has a supplement that is a direct summand of M . Supplemented modules and its variations have been discussed by several authors in the literature and these modules are useful in characterizing semiperfect modules and rings.

Given a hereditary torsion theory $\tau = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{F})$ in $\text{Mod-}R$, τ -complemented modules are studied in [8]. Dually, a module M is said to be a τ -*supplemented module* if every submodule A of M contains a direct summand C of M with A/C τ -torsion [4]. Some further properties of τ -supplemented were studied in [4] and [5].

In this note, we define τ -supplement and τ -weakly supplemented modules. In Section 2, we will show that

Theorem. *Let M be a τ -weakly supplemented module. Then*

- (1) *If M is τ -torsionfree, then M is τ -weakly supplemented if and only if M is semisimple.*
- (2) *Every homomorphic image of M is again a τ -weakly supplemented module.*
- (3) *$M/\tau(M)$ is semisimple*

and

Theorem. *Any finite sum of τ -weakly supplemented modules is a τ -weakly supplemented module.*

In [6], the authors defined and characterized perfect module and ring relative to a torsion theory. In this note, we define semiperfect module relative to a torsion theory and we will prove that

Theorem. *M is a τ -semiperfect module if and only if M is a τ -weakly supplemented module and each τ -supplement submodule of M is a τ -projective cover.*

We refer the reader to [3] and [9] as torsion theoretic sources sufficient for our purposes and [1] and [10] for the other notations in this paper.

1. τ -SUPPLEMENTED MODULES AND τ -WEAKLY SUPPLEMENTED MODULES

Let $\tau = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{F})$ be a hereditary torsion theory in $\text{Mod-}R$ and M be a right R -module. Following [4], M is said to be a τ -*supplemented module* if every submodule A of M contains a direct summand C of M with A/C τ -torsion.

Firstly, we give some properties of τ -supplemented modules:

Theorem 1.1.

- (1) *Let M be a module. Then the following are equivalent*
 - (a) *M is a τ -supplemented module.*
 - (b) *Every submodule A of M can be written as $A = B \oplus C$ with B a direct summand of M and $\tau(C) = C$.*
 - (c) *For every submodule A of M , there exist a decomposition $M = X \oplus X'$ with $X \leq A$ and $X' \cap A \leq \tau(X')$.*
 - (d) *For every submodule A of M , there is an idempotent $e \in \text{End}(M_R)$ such that $e(M) \subseteq A$ and $(1 - e)(A) \leq \tau((1 - e)A)$.*

- (2) Let M be a τ -supplemented module. Then
- (a) Every submodule of M is a τ -supplemented module.
 - (b) Every τ -torsionfree submodule of M is a direct summand of M .
 - (c) Every submodule N of M with $N \cap \tau(M) = 0$ is a direct summand of M . In particular, if M is τ -torsionfree, then M is τ -supplemented if and only if M is semisimple.
 - (d) $M/\tau(M)$ is semisimple.
 - (e) For any submodules K, N of M such that $M = N + K$, there exist a submodule X of N with $M = K + X$ and $K \cap X \subseteq \tau(X)$.
 - (f) $\text{Rad}(M) \leq \tau(M)$.
 - (g) If $\tau(M) \neq \text{Rad}(M)$, then M has a nonzero direct summand with τ -torsion.
 - (h) $\tau(M) = \text{Rad}(M)$ or M has a nonzero τ -torsion submodule that is a direct summand of M .

Proof. (1)(a) \Leftrightarrow (b) and (2)(a) are [4, Lemma 2.1].

(1)(a) \Leftrightarrow (c) and (a) \Leftrightarrow (d) are obvious.

(2)(b) Is [4, Lemma 2.5].

(2)(c) Is [4, Corollary 2.6].

(2)(d) By [5, Theorem 4.8].

(2)(e) Let M be a τ -supplemented and K, N be submodules of M with $M = N + K$. By (2)(a), N is a τ -supplemented module. Then there exist a submodule X of N such that $N = N \cap K + X$ and $N \cap K \cap X$ is τ -torsion and so $N \cap K \cap X \leq \tau(X)$. Note that $M = X + K$. It is clear that $K \cap X = N \cap K \cap X \leq \tau(X)$.

(2)(f) By (2)(d), $M/\tau(M)$ is semisimple and so $\text{Rad}(M) \leq \tau(M)$.

(2)(g) Assume that $\tau(M) \neq \text{Rad}(M)$. Then there exist a maximal submodule P of M such that $\tau(M)$ is not contained in P . Since M is τ -supplemented, there exists a submodule X of K such that $M = X \oplus X'$ and $P \cap X' \leq \tau(X')$ by (1)(c). Note that $P \cap X'$ is also maximal submodule of X' . We may assume that $\tau(X') = X'$. Thus $M = X \oplus X'$, where $X' = \tau(X')$.

(2)(h) Clear from (2)(d) and (g). Also, it follows from [5, Theorem 4.9]. □

As we mentioned in introduction, a submodule V of M is called *supplement* of U in M if V is a minimal element in the set of submodules L of M with $U + L = M$. So V is a supplement of U if and only if $U + V = M$ and $U \cap V$ is small in V . An R -module M is *weakly supplemented* if every submodule of M has a supplement in M .

After considering several possible definitions for a supplement module in a torsion theory, by Theorem 2.1, we propose as; a submodule V of M is called τ -*supplement* of U in M if $U + V = M$ and $U \cap V \leq \tau(V)$ and M is said to be a τ -*weakly supplemented module* if every submodule of M has a τ -supplement in M . Clearly, every τ -supplemented is a τ -weakly supplemented.

Lemma 1.2. *Let M be a module and $V \leq M$.*

- (1) *If V is a τ -torsionfree τ -supplement submodule, then V is a direct summand of M .*
- (2) *If $\tau(M) = 0$, then every τ -supplement submodule of M is a direct summand.*
- (3) *If V is a τ -supplement submodule of M and $V' \subseteq V$, then V/V' is also τ -supplement submodule of M/M' .*

Proof. Trivial. □

Theorem 1.3. *Let M be a τ -weakly supplemented module. Then*

- (a) *If M is τ -torsionfree, then M is τ -weakly supplemented if and only if M is semisimple.*
- (b) *Every homomorphic image of M is again a τ -weakly supplemented module.*
- (c) *$M/\tau(M)$ is semisimple.*

Proof. They are consequences of Lemma 2.2. □

The class of τ -supplemented module is not closed under direct sums. Therefore, there are some decompositions theorems for τ -supplemented modules, for example: A τ -supplemented module M has a decomposition $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ where M_1 is a semisimple module and M_2 is a τ -supplemented module with $\tau(M_2) \leq_e M_2$ (see [4, Lemma 2.7]).

Lemma 1.4.

- (1) *Let M be a τ -weakly supplemented module. Then M has a decomposition $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ where M_1 is a semisimple module and M_2 is a module with $\tau(M_2) \leq_e M_2$.*
- (2) *For submodules N, K of M , if N is a τ -weakly supplemented module and $N + K$ has a τ -supplement in M then K has a τ -supplement in M .*

Proof. (1) For the proof, we completely follow the proof of [4, Lemma 2.7]. If $\tau(M) \leq_e M$, then proof is clear. Assume not. Let $N \leq M$ be a complement of $\tau(M)$. Therefore $N \oplus \tau(M) \leq_e M$. By Theorem 2.3, N is a semisimple module. Since M is τ -supplemented module, there exists a submodule X of M such that $M = N + X$ and $N \cap X \leq \tau(X)$. Note that $N \cap X = N \cap (N \cap X) \leq N \cap \tau(X) \leq N \cap \tau(M) = 0$. This implies $M = N \oplus X$ and $\tau(M) = \tau(N) \oplus \tau(X) = \tau(X)$ because $\tau(N) = 0$. Therefore, we have $\tau(X) \leq_e X$.

(2) Because $N + K$ has a τ -supplement in M , let A be a submodule of M with $M = (N + K) + A$ and $(N + K) \cap A \leq \tau(A)$. Since N is τ -weakly supplemented module, there exists a submodule B of N such that $[(K + A) \cap N] + B = N$ and $[(K + A) \cap N] \cap B \leq \tau(B)$. Hence $M = K + A + B$ and B is a τ -supplement of $K + A$ in M . We claim that $A + B$ is a τ -supplement of K in M . Since $B + K \leq N + K$, we have $A \cap (B + K) \leq \tau(A)$. Now, $(A + B) \cap K \leq \tau(A) + \tau(B) \leq \tau(A + B)$. □

The following theorem generalizes a part of [2, 17.13].

Theorem 1.5. *Any finite sum of τ -weakly supplemented modules is τ -weakly supplemented module.*

Proof. Let M_1 and M_2 be τ -weakly supplemented modules and $M = M_1 + M_2$. Let N be a submodule of M . Clearly, $M_1 + M_2 + N$ has a τ -supplement 0 in M . By Lemma 2.4, $M_2 + N$ has a τ -supplement in M . Again by Lemma 2.4, N has a τ -supplement in M . This implies that $M = M_1 + M_2$ is τ -weakly supplemented module. \square

We recall that a module M is τ -projective if and only if it is projective with respect to every R -epimorphism having a τ -torsion kernel [3].

Lemma 1.6. *Let M be a module and L a direct summand of M and K a submodule of M such that M/K is τ -projective and $M = L + K$ and $L \cap K$ is τ -torsion. Then $L \cap K$ is direct summand of M .*

Proof. Let $M = L \oplus L'$ and $\alpha: M/L' \rightarrow L$ be the isomorphism and $\beta: L \rightarrow M/K \cong L/(L \cap K)$ the epimorphism that having $L \cap K$ as kernel. Then we have epimorphism $\beta\alpha: M/L' \rightarrow M/K$ having kernel $((L \cap K) \oplus L')/L' \cong L \cap K$ which is τ -torsion. Since M/K is τ -projective, there exists $g: M/K \rightarrow M/L'$ such that $1 = \beta\alpha g$. Hence $L \cap K$ is direct summand. \square

An epimorphism $f: P \rightarrow M$ is called a τ -projective cover of M if P is τ -projective and $\text{Ker}(f)$ is small τ -torsion submodule of P (see [3, Page 117]).

Lemma 1.7.

- (1) *If $f: P \rightarrow N$ is a τ -projective cover and $g: N \rightarrow M$ is a τ -projective cover, then $gf: P \rightarrow M$ is a τ -projective cover.*
- (2) *The following are equivalent for a module M and $N \leq M$.*
 - (a) *If M/N has a τ -projective cover.*
 - (b) *N has a τ -supplement K in M which has a τ -projective cover.*
 - (c) *If N' is a submodule of M with $M = N + N'$, then N has a τ -supplement X such that $X \leq N'$ and X has a τ -projective cover.*

Proof. (1) For the proof, we claim that $\text{Ker}(gf)$ is small τ -torsion. By [7, Lemma 4.2], $\text{Ker}(gf)$ is small. Let $x \in \text{Ker}(gf)$. Then $f(x) \in \text{Ker}(g) \leq \tau(N) = f(\tau(P))$. For any $p \in \tau(P)$, we have $f(x) = f(p)$, and so $x - p \in (f)\tau(P)$, that is $x \in \tau(P)$.
 (2)(a) \Rightarrow (c) is [6, Lemma 3.1].
 (2)(a) \Rightarrow (b) is [6, Lemma 3.3].
 (2)(c) \Rightarrow (b) is clear.
 (2)(b) \Rightarrow (a) assume N has a τ -supplement K in M which has a τ -projective cover, that is $f: P \rightarrow K$ with $\text{Ker}(f)$ is small τ -torsion. Let $g: K \rightarrow M/N$. It is easy to see that, $\text{Ker}(g)$ small τ -torsion. Since $N/N \cap K = M/N$, we have $gf: P \rightarrow M/N$ is τ -projective cover of M/N by (1). \square

Following [6], a module M is said to be a $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented when for every submodule N of M there exists a direct summand K of M such that $M = N + K$ and $N \cap K$ is τ -torsion, and M is called a *completely $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented* if every direct summand of M is $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented and the module M is called *strongly $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented* if for any submodule N of M there exists a direct summand K of M with $M = N + K$ and $N \cap K$ is small τ -torsion in K by [6].

Theorem 1.8. *Let P be a projective R -module. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1) P is τ -supplemented.
- (2) P is $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Clear from definitions.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Let N be submodule of P . By (2), there exists a direct summand K of P such that $P = N + K = K' \oplus K$ and $N \cap K$ is τ -torsion. By [7, Lemma 4.47], there exists a direct summand L of P such that $P = L \oplus K$ and $L \leq N$. Since N/L is isomorphic to $N \cap K$, N/L is τ -torsion. (2) follows. \square

In [6], a ring R is called a *right τ -perfect* ring if every right R -module has a τ -projective cover (compare with [11, Remark 4.5]). Every right τ -perfect ring is right perfect, and any strongly $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented module is $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented.

Theorem 1.9. *Let R be a ring. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1) R is a right τ -perfect ring.
- (2) Every projective R -module is a strongly $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented module.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Let N be submodule of the projective module M . By (1), M/N has τ -projective cover. By Lemma 2.7, there exists a submodule L of M such that $M = N + L$ with $N \cap L$ is small and τ -torsion in L . Again by Lemma 2.3, N contains a submodule K such that $M = K + L$ with $K \cap L$ is small and τ -torsion in K . By [6, Lemma 3.2], $K \cap L = 0$. Hence $M = N + L = K \oplus L$ and $N \cap L$ is small and τ -torsion in L . It follows that M is strongly $\tau - \oplus$ -supplemented.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Let M be any R -module, P a projective module and f an epimorphism $f : P \rightarrow M$. By (2), P has direct summands K and K' so that $P = \text{Ker}(f) + K = K' \oplus K$ with $\text{Ker}(f) \cap K$ small and τ -torsion in K . Hence K is the required τ -projective cover of M . \square

Similar to τ -perfect module, we call a module M *τ -semiperfect* if every homomorphic image of M has a τ -projective cover.

Theorem 1.10. *The following are equivalent for a module M*

- (1) M is a τ -semiperfect module;
- (2) M is a τ -weakly supplemented module and each τ -supplement submodule of M has τ -projective cover.
- (3) For any submodules K, N of M such that $M = N + K$, there exist a τ -supplement submodule X of N that X has a τ -projective cover.

Proof. Clear from Lemma 2.7 and Theorem 2.1. \square

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