

# Homological properties of modules characterized by matrices

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**Abstract:** Some homological properties of  $R$ -modules were investigated by matrices over a ring  $R$ . Given two cardinal numbers  $\alpha, \beta$  and an  $\alpha \times \beta$  row-finite matrix  $A$ , it was proved that  $\text{Ext}_R^1(R^{(\alpha)}/R^{(\beta)}A, M) = 0$  if and only if  $M_\alpha / r_{M_\alpha}(R^{(\beta)}A) \cong \text{Hom}_R(R^{(\beta)}A, M)$  if and only if  $r_{M_\beta}l_{R^{(\alpha)}}(A) = AM_\alpha$ . Thus, the notion of  $(m, n)$ -injectivity was extended. Moreover,  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -flatness was characterized via annihilators of matrices, factorizations of homomorphisms as well as homological groups so that  $(m, n)$ -flat modules, f-projective modules and  $n$ -projective modules were consolidated under the notion of  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -flat modules. Furthermore, a characterization of left  $R$ -ML modules and some equivalent conditions for  $R^{(\beta)}A$  to be left  $R$ -ML were presented. Consequently, the notions of coherent rings,  $(m, n)$ -coherent rings and  $\pi$ -coherent rings were consolidated under that of  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -coherent rings.

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$(m, n)$ -injective modules were discussed by Chen et al. in Ref. [1]. Given  $m$  and  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  (the set of natural numbers), a right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $(m, n)$ -injective if every right  $R$ -homomorphism from an  $n$ -generated submodule of  $R^m$  to  $M$  extends to one from  $R^m$  to  $M$ . This definition unifies several definitions on generalizations of injectivity of modules, such as f-injective modules, P-injective modules and FP-injective modules. Many characterizations of  $(m, n)$ -injective modules were given and the notions of  $(m, n)$ -flat modules as well as  $(m, n)$ -coherent rings were introduced in Ref. [2].

Finite projectivity of modules was originally investigated by Simon<sup>[3]</sup> under the terminology of  $\aleph_{-1}$ -projectivity and was studied in Refs. [4, 5]. The concept of locally projective modules was introduced by Gruson and Raynaud<sup>[6]</sup>.

It is well known that

$$\text{injective} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{FP-injective} = (m, n)\text{-injective} \ (\forall m, n \in \mathbf{N}) \Rightarrow \text{P-injective} = (1, 1)\text{-injective} \\ \text{f-injective} = (1, n)\text{-injective} \ (\forall n \in \mathbf{N}) \Rightarrow \text{P-injective} = (1, 1)\text{-injective} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\text{projective} \Rightarrow \text{locally projective} \Rightarrow \text{finitely projective} \Rightarrow \text{flat} = (m, n)\text{-flat} \ (\forall m, n \in \mathbf{N})$$

But none of the above implications is invertible in general.

The purpose of the present discussion is to supersede  $m$  and  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  by two (possibly infinite) cardinal numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  when investigating some homological properties of modules so that some known results can be extended.

Throughout  $R$  is an associative ring with identity and all modules are unitary.  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are two fixed cardinal numbers (unless specified otherwise). We write  $M_R({}_R M)$  to indicate a right (left)  $R$ -module and  $M_{(\alpha)}(M^{(\alpha)})$  to indicate the direct sum of  $\alpha$  copies of  $M_R({}_R M)$ , while the direct product of  $\alpha$  copies of  $M_R({}_R M)$  is denoted as  $M_\alpha(M^\alpha)$ . Elements in  $M_{(\alpha)}(M^{(\alpha)})$  are regarded as column (row) vectors and elements in  $M_\alpha(M^\alpha)$  are regarded similarly. Thus, matrix product may freely be adopted. For example, given  $a \in R^{(\beta)}$ ,  $\beta \times \alpha$  row-finite matrix  $A$  over  $R$ , and  $x \in M_\alpha$ , we may define  $aA \in R^{(\alpha)}$  and  $Ax \in M_\beta$  as usual. Hence  $R^{(\beta)}A$  may stand for the set  $\{aA \in R^{(\alpha)} \mid a \in R^{(\beta)}\}$ . For a left  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $r_{M_\alpha}(R^{(\beta)}A)$  denotes the right annihilator of  $R^{(\beta)}A$  in  $M_\alpha$ . Similarly,  $l_{R^{(\beta)}}(A)$  is the left annihilator of  $A$  in  $R^{(\beta)}$ .

**Theorem 1** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be two cardinal numbers and  $A$  a  $\beta \times \alpha$  row-finite matrix over  $R$ . The following are equivalent for a left  $R$ -module  $M$ :

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- ① Every left  $R$ -homomorphism from  $R^{(\beta)}A \subseteq R^{(\alpha)}$  to  $M$  extends to one from  $R^{(\alpha)}$  to  $M$ ;  
 ②  $\text{Ext}_R^1(R^{(\alpha)}/R^{(\beta)}A, M) = 0$ ;  
 ③ Every short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow_R M \rightarrow_R L \rightarrow R^{(\alpha)}/R^{(\beta)}A \rightarrow 0$  splits;  
 ④ If the sequence  $0 \rightarrow_R K \rightarrow_R L \rightarrow R^{(\alpha)}/R^{(\beta)}A \rightarrow 0$  is exact then any  $R$ -homomorphism  $f: {}_R K \rightarrow {}_R M$  extends to  ${}_R L$ ;  
 ⑤  $\varphi: \text{Hom}_R(R^{(\alpha)}/R^{(\beta)}A, E) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R^{(\alpha)}/R^{(\beta)}A, E/M)$  derived from the canonical map  $\pi: E \rightarrow E/M$  is an epimorphism, where  $E$  is the injective envelope of  $M$ ;  
 ⑥  $\sigma: M_\alpha / r_{M_\alpha}(R^{(\beta)}A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R^{(\beta)}A, M)$  derived from the canonical isomorphism  $M_\alpha \cong \text{Hom}_R(R^{(\alpha)}, M)$  is an isomorphism;  
 ⑦ For any  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(R^{(\beta)}A, M)$ , if  $(g, h)$  is the pushout of  $(f, i)$  in the following diagram (where  $i$  is the inclusion map)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R^{(\beta)}A & \xrightarrow{i} & R^{(\alpha)} \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow h \\ M & \xrightarrow{g} & L \end{array}$$

there exists a homomorphism  $\varphi: L \rightarrow M$  such that  $\varphi \circ g = 1_M$ ;

$$\textcircled{8} \quad r_{M_\beta} 1_{R^{(\beta)}}(A) = AM_\alpha.$$

**Proof** ①  $\Leftrightarrow$  ②  $\Leftrightarrow$  ③  $\Leftrightarrow$  ④, ②  $\Leftrightarrow$  ⑤ and ③  $\Leftrightarrow$  ⑦ are trivial.

①  $\Leftrightarrow$  ⑧. Note that  $\text{Hom}_R(R^{(\beta)}A, M) \cong \{x \in M_\beta \mid 1_{R^{(\beta)}}(A) \subseteq 1_{R^{(\beta)}}(x)\} = r_{M_\beta} 1_{R^{(\beta)}}(A)$  and  $\text{Hom}_R(R^{(\alpha)}, M) \cong M_\alpha$  as abelian groups.

②  $\Leftrightarrow$  ⑥. Let  $I = R^{(\beta)}A \subseteq R^{(\alpha)} = F$ . Then the result follows by the following commutative diagram with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 \rightarrow r_{M_\alpha}(I) & \longrightarrow & M_\alpha & \longrightarrow & M_\alpha / r_{M_\alpha}(I) & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & \cong \downarrow & \cong \downarrow & & \sigma \downarrow & & \\ 0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(F/I, M) & \rightarrow & \text{Hom}_R(F, M) & \rightarrow & \text{Hom}_R(I, M) & \rightarrow & \text{Ext}_R^1(F/I, M) \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

**Definition 1** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be two cardinal numbers. A left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -injective if it satisfies the equivalent conditions in theorem 1 for every  $\beta \times \alpha$  row-finite matrix  $A$  over  $R$ .

**Remark 1** ① It is easy to see that  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -injectivity coincides with  $(m, n)$ -injectivity<sup>[1]</sup> in the case  $\alpha = m$  and  $\beta = n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus some known results on  $(m, n)$ -injective (respectively, P-injective,  $n$ -injective, f-injective and FP-injective) modules in Refs. [1, 2] can be obtained as corollaries of theorem 1.

② From Baer's criterion of injectivity one can see that a left  $R$ -module is injective if and only if it satisfies the equivalent conditions in theorem 1 for every  $|R| \times 1$  matrix  $A$  over  $R$ .

**Proposition** Let  $A$  be a  $\beta \times \alpha$  row-finite matrix over  $R$ ,  $i: R^{(\beta)}A \rightarrow R^{(\alpha)}$  the inclusion map and  $\pi: M \rightarrow M/K$  with  ${}_R K \leqslant {}_R M$ . Suppose that  $\text{Hom}_R(i, M)$  is an epimorphism, i. e.,  $r_{M_\beta} 1_{R^{(\beta)}}(A) \subseteq AM_\alpha$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- ①  $\text{Hom}_R(i, K)$  is an epimorphism, i. e.,  $r_{K_\beta} 1_{R^{(\beta)}}(A) \subseteq AK_\alpha$ ;  
 ②  $\text{Hom}_R(R^{(\alpha)}/R^{(\beta)}A, \pi)$  is an epimorphism;  
 ③  $\{x \in M_\alpha \mid R^{(\beta)}Ax \subseteq K\} = K_\alpha + r_{M_\alpha}(R^{(\beta)}A)$ .

**Proof** ①  $\Leftrightarrow$  ② is straightforward.

①  $\Rightarrow$  ③.  $\{x \in M_\alpha \mid R^{(\beta)}Ax \subseteq K\} \supseteq K_\alpha + r_{M_\alpha}(R^{(\beta)}A)$  always holds. Suppose ① holds. Then, for any  $x \in M_\alpha$  with  $R^{(\beta)}Ax \subseteq K$ , it is easy to see that  $Ax \in r_{K_\beta} 1_{R^{(\beta)}}(A)$  and hence  $Ax = Ay$  for some  $y \in K_\alpha$ . Thus  $x = y + (x - y) \in K_\alpha + r_{M_\alpha}(R^{(\beta)}A)$ .

③  $\Rightarrow$  ①. For any  $x \in r_{K_\beta} 1_{R^{(\beta)}}(A)$ , we have  $x \in r_{M_\beta} 1_{R^{(\beta)}}(A)$  and hence  $x = Ay$  for some  $y \in M_\alpha$ . It follows that  $R^{(\beta)}Ay \subseteq K$ . Thus  $y = y_1 + y_2$  with  $y_1 \in K_\alpha$  and  $y_2 \in r_{M_\alpha}(R^{(\beta)}A)$ . Therefore  $x = Ay = Ay_1 + Ay_2 = Ay_1 \in AK_\alpha$ .

**Remark 2** One can deduce some equivalent conditions, under which a submodule of an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -injective (respectively, P-injective,  $n$ -injective, f-injective and FP-injective) module is  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -injective (respectively, P-injective,  $n$ -injective, f-injective and FP-injective) from the above proposition.

Now let  $N$  be a right  $R$ -module and  $A$  a  $\beta \times \alpha$  matrix over  $R$ . Suppose the  $i$ -th row of  $A$  is  $a_i = (a_{ij})$  and  $e_i \in$

$R^{(\beta)}$  with 1 in the  $i$ -th position and 0 elsewhere. Define  $f: R^{(\beta)} \rightarrow R^{(\beta)}A$  such that  $f(e_i) = a_i$  (for all  $i$ ), then  $f$  is an epimorphism of left  $R$ -modules with  $\text{Ker } f = l_{R^{(\beta)}}(A)$ . Let  $\tau: l_{R^{(\beta)}}(A) \rightarrow R^{(\beta)}$  be the inclusion map. We have an exact sequence

$$N \otimes l_{R^{(\beta)}}(A) \xrightarrow{N \otimes \tau} N \otimes R^{(\beta)} \xrightarrow{N \otimes f} N \otimes R^{(\beta)}A \rightarrow 0$$

Consequently, for each  $x = (x_i) \in N^{(\beta)}$  with  $\sum_i (x_i \otimes a_i) = 0$  in  $N \otimes R^{(\beta)}A$ , it follows that  $\sum_i (x_i \otimes e_i) \in \text{Ker}(N \otimes f) = \text{Im}(N \otimes \tau)$ . Thus we have the following lemma.

**Lemma** For each  $x = (x_i) \in N^{(\beta)}$  with  $\sum_i (x_i \otimes a_i) = 0$  in  $N \otimes R^{(\beta)}A$ , there is a positive integer  $k, y \in N^k$  and  $k \times \beta$  row-finite matrix  $C$  over  $R$  such that  $CA = 0$  and  $x = yC$ .

For each  $x \in N, a \in R^{(\beta)}$  and  $b \in R_{(\alpha)}$ , by usual multiplication of matrices, we have  $xaA \in N^\alpha$  and  $xaAb \in N$ . Then, by the above lemma, there is a canonical map  $\mu: N \otimes R^{(\beta)}A \rightarrow N^\alpha$  defined via  $\mu(x \otimes aA) = xaA$  for each  $x \in N$  and  $a \in R^{(\beta)}$ . Simultaneously, there is a canonical map  $\nu: N \otimes R^{(\beta)}A \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(AR_{(\alpha)}, N)$  such that  $[\nu(x \otimes aA)](Ab) = xaAb$  for all  $x \in N, a \in R^{(\beta)}$  and  $b \in R_{(\alpha)}$ . It is easy to see that  $\nu(x \otimes aA) = 0$  if and only if  $xaA = 0$ .

**Theorem 2** Given two cardinal numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , a  $\beta \times \alpha$  matrix  $A$  over  $R$  and a right  $R$ -module  $N_R$ . Let  $S = \{f \in \text{Hom}_R(R_\beta/AR_{(\alpha)}, N_R) \mid \exists x \in N^{(\beta)} \text{ such that } f(a + AR_{(\alpha)}) = xa \text{ for all } a \in R_\beta\}$ . The following statements are equivalent:

- ① The canonical map  $\mu: N \otimes R^{(\beta)}A \rightarrow N^\alpha$  is a monomorphism;
- ② The canonical map  $\nu: N \otimes R^{(\beta)}A \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(AR_{(\alpha)}, N)$  is a monomorphism;
- ③ For each  $x \in l_{N^{(\beta)}}(A)$ , there is a positive integer  $k, y \in N^k$  and  $k \times \beta$  row-finite matrix  $C$  over  $R$  such that  $CA = 0$  and  $x = yC$ ;
- ④ For each  $f \in S$ , there is a finitely generated free (or projective) right  $R$ -module  $F$  such that  $f = f_2 \circ f_1$  for some  $f_1 \in \text{Hom}_R(R_\beta/AR_{(\alpha)}, F_R)$  and  $f_2 \in \text{Hom}_R(F_R, N_R)$ ;
- ⑤ For each  $f \in S$ , if  $\varphi: L_R \rightarrow N_R$  is an epimorphism, there exists  $g \in \text{Hom}_R(R_\beta/AR_{(\alpha)}, L_R)$  such that  $\text{Im } g$  is contained in a finitely generated submodule of  $L$  and  $f = \varphi \circ g$ .

In the case that  $A$  is row-finite, the above conditions are equivalent to

- ⑥  $\text{Ext}_R^1(R^{(\alpha)}/R^{(\beta)}A, N^+) = 0$ , where  $N^+ = \text{Hom}_Z(N, \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z})$ ;
- ⑦  $\text{Tor}_R^1(N, R^{(\alpha)}/R^{(\beta)}A) = 0$ .

**Proof** ①  $\Leftrightarrow$  ②  $\Leftrightarrow$  ③ follows by the preceding lemma. ④  $\Leftrightarrow$  ⑤ is easy.

③  $\Leftrightarrow$  ④. Note that  $S \cong l_{N^{(\beta)}}(A)$  as abelian groups.

If  $A$  is row-finite,  $R^{(\beta)}A \subseteq R^{(\alpha)}$  and  $\text{Im } \mu \subseteq N^{(\alpha)}$ . Then ①  $\Leftrightarrow$  ⑥ and ①  $\Leftrightarrow$  ⑦ are clear.

Suppose that  $\beta = n$  is a positive integer and  $\alpha$  is a cardinal number. Given an  $n \times \alpha$  row-finite matrix  $A$  over  $R$  and a right  $R$ -module  $N$ , we define  $\varphi: N \otimes l_{R^n}(A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R_n/AR_{(\alpha)}, N)$  such that  $[\varphi(x \otimes a)](b + AR_{(\alpha)}) = xab$  for all  $x \in N, a \in R^n$  and  $b \in R_n$ . Then we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} N \otimes l_{R^n}(A) & \longrightarrow & N \otimes R^n & \longrightarrow & N \otimes R^n A \longrightarrow 0 \\ \downarrow \varphi & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \nu \\ 0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R_n/AR_{(\alpha)}, N) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_R(R_n, N) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_R(AR_{(\alpha)}, N) \end{array}$$

where  $l_{R^n}(A) \cong \text{Hom}_R(R_n/AR_{(\alpha)}, R)$ . Note that  $\nu$  is a monomorphism if and only if  $\varphi$  is an epimorphism. So the equivalence of ① and ② in theorem 2 yields the following corollary.

**Corollary 1** Given a positive integer  $n$ , a cardinal number  $\alpha$ , an  $n \times \alpha$  row-finite matrix  $A$  over  $R$ . Let  $P = R_n/AR_{(\alpha)}$  and  $P^* = \text{Hom}_R(P, R_R)$ . The following statements are equivalent for a right  $R$ -module  $N_R$ :

- ① The canonical map  $\mu: N \otimes R^n A \rightarrow N^\alpha$  is a monomorphism;
- ② The canonical map  $\varphi: N \otimes l_{R^n}(A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R_n/AR_{(\alpha)}, N)$  is an epimorphism;
- ③ The canonical map  $\sigma: N \otimes P^* \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P, N_R)$  such that  $[\sigma(x \otimes g)](z) = xg(z)$  ( $\forall x \in N, g \in P^*$  and  $z \in P$ ) is an epimorphism.

**Definition 2** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be two cardinal numbers. A right  $R$ -module  $N$  is called  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -flat if it satisfies the equivalent conditions ① to ⑤ in theorem 2 for every  $\beta \times \alpha$  matrix  $A$  over  $R$ .

**Remark 3** ① It is easy to see that  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -flatness coincides with  $(m, n)$ -flatness<sup>[2]</sup> in the case  $\alpha = m$  and  $\beta = n \in \mathbf{N}$ .

② For a positive integer  $n$ , it is easy to see that a right  $R$ -module  $N$  is  $n$ -projective<sup>[15]</sup> if and only if it satisfies the equivalent conditions in theorem 2 and corollary 1 for all cardinal numbers  $\alpha$  and every  $n \times \alpha$  matrix  $A$  over  $R$ . Furthermore,  $N$  is f-projective if and only if it is  $n$ -projective for all positive integers  $n$ .

③ As an immediate consequence of theorem 2 and corollary 1, we can obtain corresponding characterizations of, respectively,  $(m, n)$ -flat modules, flat modules,  $n$ -projective modules and f-projective modules.

Recall that a right  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be  $R$ -Mittag Leffler ( $R$ -ML) in the case the canonical map  $\mu_{M,I}: M \otimes R^I \rightarrow M^I$  defined via  $\mu_{M,I}(x \otimes \{r_i\}) = \{xr_i\}$  is a monomorphism for every set  $I$ <sup>[17]</sup>. Left  $R$ -ML modules can be defined similarly. It is well-known that  $M$  is  $R$ -ML if and only if, for every finitely generated submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , the inclusion map factors through a finitely presented module. Moreover,  $M$  is finitely presented if and only if  $M$  is finitely generated and  $R$ -ML.  $M$  is f-projective if and only if  $M$  is flat and  $R$ -ML.

**Theorem 3** Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module and  $\pi: F_R \rightarrow M_R$  an epimorphism with  $\text{Ker} \pi = K$ , where  $F$  is free. Then the following are equivalent:

- ①  $M$  is  $R$ -ML;
- ② For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and any  $x \in M^n$ , there exists  $y \in M^m$ ,  $m \times k$  matrix  $A$  and  $m \times n$  matrix  $B$  over  $R$  for some  $m, k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x = yB$ ,  $yA = 0$  and  $Br_{R^n}(x) \subseteq AR_k$ .

**Proof** ① $\Rightarrow$ ②. For any  $x \in M^n$ ,  $xR_n$  is a finitely generated submodule of  $M$ . Suppose the inclusion map  $i: xR_n \rightarrow M$  factors through  $R_m/AR_k$ , where  $A$  is an  $m \times k$  matrix  $A$  over  $R$ ,  $m, k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Say  $i = \psi \circ \varphi$  with  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_R(xR_n, R_m/AR_k)$  and  $\psi \in \text{Hom}_R(R_m/AR_k, M)$ . Let  $\pi_1: R_n \rightarrow xR_n$  and  $\pi_2: R_m \rightarrow R_m/AR_k$  be the natural epimorphisms. Then  $\varphi \circ \pi_1 = \pi_2 \circ f$  for some homomorphism  $f: R_n \rightarrow R_m$ . Note that  $f(a) = Ba$  for some  $m \times n$  matrix  $B$  over  $R$  and for all  $a \in R_n$ . In addition,  $(\psi \circ \pi_2)(b) = yb$  for some  $y \in M^m$  and for all  $b \in R_m$ . It is easy to see that  $y, A$  and  $B$  are as desired.

② $\Rightarrow$ ①. Let  $xR_n$  be a finitely generated submodule of  $M$  with  $x \in M^n$ . Then the inclusion map  $i: xR_n \rightarrow M$  factors through  $R_m/AR_k$ .

**Theorem 4** Given two cardinal numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  and a  $\beta \times \alpha$  matrix  $A$  over  $R$ . The following statements are equivalent:

- ①  $R^{(\beta)}A$  is a left  $R$ -ML module;
- ② For any cardinal number  $\gamma$ , the canonical map  $\mu_{R_\gamma}: R_\gamma \otimes_R R^{(\beta)}A \rightarrow (R_\gamma)^\alpha$  is a monomorphism;
- ③ For any free right  $R$ -module  $F$  and any cardinal number  $\gamma$ , the canonical map  $\mu_{F_\gamma}: F_\gamma \otimes_R R^{(\beta)}A \rightarrow (F_\gamma)^\alpha$  is a monomorphism;
- ④ The canonical map  $\mu_{M_i}: (\prod M_i) \otimes_R R^{(\beta)}A \rightarrow (\prod M_i)^\alpha$  is a monomorphism whenever  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a set of right  $R$ -modules such that, for each  $M_i$ , the canonical map  $\mu_i: M_i \otimes_R R^{(\beta)}A \rightarrow (M_i)^\alpha$  is a monomorphism.

**Proof** ① $\Leftrightarrow$ ②, ③ $\Rightarrow$ ② and ④ $\Rightarrow$ ② are clear.

② $\Rightarrow$ ③. Let  $F = R_{(I)}$  where  $I$  is a set. Note that  $F$  is a pure submodule of  $R_I$  by Ref. [4].

③ $\Rightarrow$ ④. For each  $i \in I$ , there is a natural epimorphism  $\pi_i: F_i \rightarrow M_i$  with  $\text{Ker} \pi_i = K_i$  (where  $F_i$  is a free right  $R$ -module). Then we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} (\prod M_i) \otimes_R R^{(\beta)}A & \rightarrow & (\prod F_i) \otimes_R R^{(\beta)}A & \rightarrow & (\prod M_i) \otimes_R R^{(\beta)}A & \rightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu_{\prod M_i} & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & (\prod M_i)^\alpha & \rightarrow & (\prod F_i)^\alpha & \rightarrow & (\prod M_i)^\alpha \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

It is trivial to verify that  $\mu_{\prod M_i}$  is a monomorphism.

Recall that  $R$  is said to be left  $(m, n)$ -coherent<sup>[2]</sup> in the case that every  $n$  generated submodule of  ${}_R R^m$  is finitely presented.  $R$  is said to be left coherent<sup>[8]</sup> in the case that every finitely generated left ideal  $R$  is finitely presented.  $R$  is called a left  $\pi$ -coherent<sup>[9]</sup> ring if every finitely generated torsionless left  $R$ -module is finitely presented. Note that  $R^{(\beta)}A$  is a  $\beta$  generated (torsionless) submodule of  $R^\alpha$  in theorem 4 and, in the case that  $\beta$  is finite,  $R^{(\beta)}A$  is  $R$ -ML if and only if it is finitely presented. Naturally, we call  $R$  an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -coherent ring if  $R^{(\beta)}A$  is a left  $R$ -ML module for each  $\beta \times \alpha$  matrix  $A$  over  $R$ . Thus  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -coherence coincides with  $(m, n)$ -coherence in the case  $\alpha = m$  and  $\beta = n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover,  $R$  is left coherent ( $\pi$ -coherent) if and only if it is left  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -coherent for all  $\alpha = m$  and  $\beta = n \in \mathbb{N}$  (for all  $\beta \in \mathbb{N}$  and all cardinal number  $\alpha$ ).

We complete this paper with the following corollary, which is an immediate consequence of theorem 4.

**Corollary 2**<sup>[2,8,9]</sup> The following are equivalent for a ring  $R$ :

- ①  $R$  is left  $(m, n)$ -coherent (respectively, coherent,  $\pi$ -coherent);
- ② Every direct product of  $R$  is  $(m, n)$ -flat (respectively, flat, f-projective) as a right  $R$ -module;
- ③ The class of  $(m, n)$ -flat (respectively, flat, f-projective) right  $R$ -modules is closed under direct product.

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## 用矩阵刻画模的同调性质

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**摘要:** 用环  $R$  上的矩阵研究了  $R$ -模的一些同调性质. 对于任给的基数  $\alpha, \beta$  以及  $\beta \times \alpha$  行有限矩阵  $A$ , 证明了  $\text{Ext}_R^1(R^{(\alpha)}/R^{(\beta)}A, M) = 0$  当且仅当  $M_\alpha/r_{M_\alpha}(R^{(\beta)}A) \cong \text{Hom}_R(R^{(\beta)}A, M)$  当且仅当  $r_{M_\beta}1_{R^{(\beta)}}(A) = AM_\alpha$ , 进一步推广了  $(m, n)$ -内射性的概念, 并从矩阵的零化子, 同态的分解和同调群等角度给出  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -平坦性的等价刻画, 从而使  $(m, n)$ -平坦模, f-投射模和  $n$ -投射模统一到  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -平坦模的概念之下. 此外还给出了左  $R$ -ML 模的一个刻画和  $R^{(\beta)}A$  是左  $R$ -ML 模的等价条件, 从而把凝聚环、 $(m, n)$ -凝聚环、 $\pi$ -凝聚环等概念统一到  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -凝聚环的概念之下.

**关键词:**  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -内射模;  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -平坦模;  $R$ -ML 模;  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -凝聚环

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