

## Small-Closed Submodules

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### ABSTRACT

Throughout this paper  $R$  represents an associative ring with identity and  $M$  is unitary right  $R$ -module, the purpose of this paper is to study a new concept, named  $s$ -closed submodules. It is stronger than the concept of closed submodules, where a submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $s$ -closed in  $M$ , if it has no proper small-essential in  $M$ . As an application of this closedness, we consider  $s$ -closed injective modules.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $R$  be an associative ring with identity and  $M$  a unitary right  $R$ -module. It is well known that a submodule  $K$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be small in  $M$  notationally,  $K \leq_s M$ , if  $K + L = M$  for every submodule  $L$  of  $M$ , then  $L = M$ . Dually, a nonzero submodule  $K$  of  $M$  is called essential (briefly  $K \leq_e M$ ), if  $K \cap L \neq 0$  for each nonzero submodule  $L$  of  $M$  [6, P.106], if this is case, then we say that  $M$  is essential extension of  $K$ . Let  $K$  be a submodule of a module  $M$ .  $K$  is said to be small-essential (shortly  $s$ -essential) in  $M$  and denoted by  $K \leq_{se} M$ , if  $K \cap L = 0$  with  $L \leq_s M$  implies  $L = 0$ . Equivalently,  $K \leq_{se} M$  if and only if for each  $0 \neq m \in M$ , if  $Rm \leq_s M$ , then there is an element  $r \in R$  such that  $0 \neq rm \in K$  [9].

A submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called closed in  $M$ , if it has no proper essential extension in  $M$  [5, P.18]. In our work we introduce a new class of closed submodules, namely small-closed submodules, which is stronger than that of closed submodules, where a submodule  $K$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called small-closed (simply  $s$ -closed) if  $K$  has no proper small-essential extension in  $M$ , i.e. if  $K \leq_{se} L \leq M$  then  $K = L$ .

Following C. Gomes [5], let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be an  $R$ -modules,  $M_1$  is called  $M_2$ - $C$ -injective if every homomorphism  $\alpha: K \rightarrow M_1$ , where  $K$  is a closed submodule of  $M_2$ , can be extended to a

homomorphism  $\beta: M_2 \rightarrow M_1$ . This concept lead us to introduced the following: The module  $M_1$  is called scl- $M_2$ -injective if every homomorphism  $\alpha: K \rightarrow M_1$ , where  $K$  is a s-closed submodule of  $M_1$ , can be extended to a homomorphism  $\beta: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ . This paper consist of two sections, in section one we investigate the main properties of s-closed submodules. Also we study the relationships between s-closed submodules, closed submodules and y-closed submodules [5, P.42]. In section two, we introduced the concept s-closed injective and study some basic properties.

## 2. Small-Closed Submodules

**Definition (2.1):** A submodule  $K$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called s-closed, denoted by  $K \leq_{sc} M$ , if  $K$  has no proper s-essential extension in  $M$ , that is, whenever  $N \leq M$  such that  $K \leq_{se} N \leq M$ , then  $K = N$ . An right ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is called an s-closed, if it is s-closed submodule in  $R_R$ .

### Remarks and Examples (2.2):

1. Every s-closed submodule in  $R$ -module  $M$  is closed in  $M$ .

**Proof:** Let  $K$  be an s-closed submodule in  $M$ , and let  $K \leq M$  with  $K \leq_e N \leq M$ . By [9], then  $K \leq_{se} N$ . But  $K$  is an s-closed submodule in  $M$ , thus  $K = N$ .

The converse may not true in general, for example: Consider  $Z_{12}$  as  $Z$ -module, let  $4Z_{12} \leq_c Z_{12}$  but  $4Z_{12} \not\leq_{sc} Z_{12}$  since  $4Z_{12} \leq_{se} 2Z_{12}$ .

2. It is well-known that, every direct summand is closed by [5], but in case s-closed submodules, there is no relationship with direct summands. For example: Consider  $Z_6$  as  $Z$ -module, the non-trivial direct summands of  $Z_6$  are  $2Z_6$  and  $3Z_6$  which aren't s-closed submodule of  $Z_6$  since  $2Z_6 \leq_{se} Z_6$  and  $3Z_6 \leq_{se} Z_6$ .

3. The intersection of s-closed submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is s-closed in  $M$ .

**Proof:** Let  $H \leq M$  such that  $A \cap B \leq_{se} H \leq M$ . By [9],  $A \leq_{se} H$  and  $B \leq_{se} H$ . Since  $A$  and  $B$  are s-closed submodules in  $M$ , then  $A = H = B$ , hence  $A \cap B = H$ .

4. Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module, and  $A$  an s-closed submodule of  $M$ . If  $B$  is a submodule of  $M$  such that  $A \cong B$ , then it is not necessary that  $B$  is an s-closed submodule in  $M$ . For example, consider  $Z$  as  $Z$ -module,  $Z$  is an s-closed submodule in  $Z$ , and  $Z \cong 2Z$ , but  $2Z$  is not s-closed submodule in  $Z$ , since  $2Z$  is an s-essential submodule of  $Z$ .

5. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$  such that  $A \leq B \leq M$ . If  $B$  is s-closed submodule in  $M$ , then  $A$  need not be s-closed submodule in  $M$ . For example; consider  $Z$  as  $Z$ -module,  $Z$  is an s-closed submodule of  $Z$  and  $3Z \leq Z$ , while  $3Z$  is not s-closed submodule in  $Z$ .

6. Let  $K \leq Q$  be submodules of  $M$  with  $K$  is s-closed in  $M$ . Then  $Q \leq_{se} M$  if and only if  $\frac{Q}{K} \leq_{se} \frac{M}{K}$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $\frac{P}{K} \leq_s \frac{M}{K}$  such that  $\frac{Q}{K} \cap \frac{P}{K} = 0$  and since  $Q \leq_{se} M$  and  $P \leq_{se} M$  so  $K = Q \cap P \leq_{se} P$  and since  $K \leq_{sc} M$  so  $K = P$  i.e.  $\frac{P}{K} = 0$ . The converse is clear by [9].

Recall that a nonzero  $R$ -module  $M$  is hollow if every proper submodule of  $M$  is small [3].

**Remark (2.3):** In case of hollow modules, the concept of essential submodule and  $s$ -essential are equivalent and hence closed and  $s$ -closed are equivalent.

Recall that a singular submodule defined by  $Z(M) = \{ m \in M : r_R(m) \leq_e R \}$  equivalent,  $Z(M)$  is the set of those  $m \in M$  for which  $mI = 0$ , for some essential right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ .  $Z(M)$  is a submodule of  $M$ , it is called the singular submodule of  $M$ . An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a singular if  $Z(M) = M$ . At the extreme,  $M$  is called nonsingular if  $Z(M) = 0$  [5]. A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is a  $y$ -closed submodule of  $M$  provided  $M/N$  is nonsingular [5]. We cannot find a direct relation between  $s$ -closed and  $y$ -closed submodules. However, under some conditions we can find some cases of this relationship as the following theorem shows.

**Proposition (2.4):** Let  $M$  be a hollow  $R$ -module, and let  $K$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Consider the following statements:

1.  $K$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule;
2.  $K$  is an closed submodule;
3.  $K$  is an  $y$ -closed submodule.

Then (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) and (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). If  $M$  is a nonsingular module, then (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3).

**Proof:** Since  $M$  is hollow module then by Remark (2.3) and by Remarks and Examples (2.2), then (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2). And (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) By [8]. If  $M$  is a nonsingular module, then (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $K$  be an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $M$ , By Remarks and Examples (1.2),  $K$  be a closed submodule in  $M$ . But  $M$  is a nonsingular module, so by [8],  $N$  is a  $y$ -closed submodule of  $M$ .  $\square$

**Proposition (2.5):** Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be two  $R$ -modules. Then  $A$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $M_1$  and  $B$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $M_2$  if and only if  $A \oplus B$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A \oplus B \leq_{se} N$ . Consider  $\pi_i: M \rightarrow M_i$  ( $i=1, 2$ ) the projection maps. Clear that by [1]  $N = \pi_1(N) \oplus \pi_2(N)$  since  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are an idempotent. Hence  $A \oplus B \leq_{se} N = \pi_1(N) \oplus \pi_2(N)$ , and by [9] we get  $A \leq_{se} \pi_1(N)$  and  $B \leq_{se} \pi_2(N)$ . But  $A$  and  $B$  are  $s$ -closed, so  $A = \pi_1(N)$  and  $B = \pi_2(N)$ . Thus  $A \oplus B \leq_{sc} M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Conversely, Let  $A \leq_{se} K_1$  and  $B \leq_{se} K_2$ , then by [9]  $A \oplus B \leq_{se} K_1 \oplus K_2$  but  $A \oplus B \leq_{sc} M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ , thus  $A \oplus B = K_1 \oplus K_2$  so  $A = K_1$  and  $B = K_2$ .  $\square$

**Proposition (2.6):** Let  $f: M \rightarrow M'$  be an epimorphism and  $N$  a submodule of  $M$  such that  $\ker f \subseteq N$ . If  $N$  is an  $s$ -closed in  $M$ , then  $f(N)$  is an  $s$ -closed in  $M'$ .

**Proof:** Let  $K'$  be a submodule of  $M'$  such that  $f(N) \leq_{se} K' \leq M'$ . Then  $f^{-1}(f(N)) \leq_{se} f^{-1}(K') \leq M$  by [9]. We can easily show that  $f^{-1}(f(N)) = N$  since  $\ker f \subseteq N$ . This implies that  $N \leq_{se} f^{-1}(K')$ .

But  $N$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $M$ , then  $N = f^{-1}(K')$ . Since  $f$  is epimorphism so  $f(N) = f(f^{-1}(K')) = K' \cap M' = K'$ .  $\square$

**Corollary (2.7):** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . If  $B$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $M$ , then  $B/A$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $M/A$ .  $\square$

**Proposition (2.8):** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module, and let  $A$  and  $B$  be submodules of  $M$  such that  $A \leq B$ . If  $A$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $M$ , then  $A$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $B$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $A \leq_{se} L \leq B$ , so  $L \leq M$ . But  $A$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $M$ , therefore  $A = L$ .  $\square$

**Corollary (2.9):** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . If  $A \cap B$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $M$ , then  $A \cap B$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $A$  and  $B$ .  $\square$

**Corollary (2.10):** If  $N$  and  $K$  are  $s$ -closed submodules in an  $R$ -module  $M$ , then  $N$  and  $K$  are  $s$ -closed submodules in  $N + K$ .

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called chained if for each submodules  $A$  and  $B$  of  $M$  either  $A \leq B$  or  $B \leq A$  [7].

**Proposition (2.11):** Let  $M$  be a chain  $R$ -module, and let  $A$  and  $B$  be submodules of  $M$  such that  $A \leq B \leq M$ . If  $A$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $B$  and  $B$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $M$  then  $A$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $M$ .

**Proof:** Let  $K$  be a submodule of  $M$  such that  $A \leq_{se} K \leq M$ . By assumption we have two cases: If  $K \leq B$ , since  $A$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $B$  then  $A = K$ , hence  $A$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $M$ . If  $B \leq K$ , since  $A \leq_{se} K$ , so by [9],  $B \leq_{se} K$ . But  $B$  is an  $s$ -closed in  $M$ , thus  $B = K$ . That is  $A \leq_{se} B$ . On the other hand,  $A$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $B$ , so  $A = B$ , hence  $A$  is an  $s$ -closed submodule in  $M$ .  $\square$

Consider the following condition(\*): Every small submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is small in every it is (proper) extension in  $M$ , that is, if  $K \leq L \leq M$ , where  $K$  and  $L$  are submodules of  $M$ , if  $K \leq_s M$ , then  $K \leq_s L$ .

There is a question will arises, is there an  $R$ -module which satisfies condition(\*)?

From [2, Pro. (20.2)] the condition(\*) holds in every supplemented module [2, P.236].

Now, we will use condition(\*) to prove the following propositions:

**Proposition (2.12):** Let an R-module M with condition(\*) and let  $K \leq L \leq M$ . Then  $K \leq_{se} L$  and  $L \leq_{se} M$ , if and only if  $K \leq_{se} M$ .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$ ) Let N be a small submodule of M with  $K \cap N = 0$ . Then we have two cases:

i. If  $N \leq L$ , then by condition(\*)  $N \leq_s L$  and since  $K \leq_{se} L$ , then  $N = 0$ .

ii. If  $N \not\leq L$ , then  $N \cap L \leq N \leq M$  and hence  $N \cap L \leq_s M$ , by condition(\*)  $N \cap L \leq_s L$  thus  $K \cap N \cap L = K \cap N = 0$ , but  $K \leq_{se} L$ , then  $N \cap L = 0$  and since  $L \leq_{se} M$ , then  $N = 0$ . This shows that  $K \leq_{se} M$ .

$\Leftarrow$ ) It is clear by [9, Pro.2.7].

**Note (2.13):** The result above is incorrect without condition (\*) see [9, Ex.2.8].

**Proposition (2.14):** Let M be an R-module with condition(\*). Then every submodule of M is s-essential in s-closed.

**Proof:** Let C be a submodule of an R-module M. Consider the collection  $\mathcal{C} = \{K : K \leq M \mid C \leq_{se} K\}$ . It is clear that  $\mathcal{C}$  is nonempty and  $\mathcal{C}$  is partial order set with respect to inclusion relation of submodules. Let  $\mathcal{C}' = \{K_\alpha \mid K_\alpha \in \mathcal{C}, \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be a chain in  $\mathcal{C}$  and let  $W = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} K_\alpha$ , to show that  $C \leq_{se} W$ . For each  $x \in W$  with  $xR \leq_s W$  then  $xR \leq K_{\alpha_0}$  for some  $\alpha_0 \in \Lambda$ , so by condition(\*),  $xR \leq_s K_{\alpha_0}$ , then there exist  $r (\neq 0) \in R$  and  $xr (\neq 0) \in K_{\alpha_0} \leq W$ . Therefore,  $W \in \mathcal{C}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{C}'$  has an upper bound W in  $\mathcal{C}$ . By Zorn's lemma  $\mathcal{C}$  has a maximal element say H, to show that H is s-closed in M. Let D be a submodule of M such that  $H \leq_{se} D$  and since H is maximal submodule, thus  $H = D$ .  $\square$

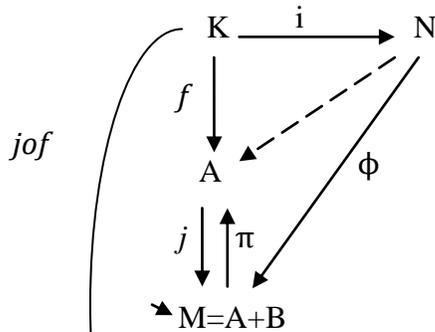
### 3. Injectivity on Small-Closed Submodules

This section we give a generalization of injective, namely s-closed injective (shortly scl-injective)

**Definition (3.1):** Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be an R-modules.  $M_2$  is called scl- $M_1$ -injective if every homomorphism  $\alpha: K \rightarrow M_2$ , where K is a s-closed submodule of  $M_1$ , can be extended to a homomorphism  $\beta: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ . An R-module M is called quasi-scl-injective module if M is scl-M-injective. An R-module M is called scl-injective if M is scl-N-injective, for every R-module N. Clearly, if  $M_2$  is  $M_1$ -injective, then  $M_2$  is scl- $M_1$ -injective and the converse is not true in general, for example: Consider the module  $Z_n$  as Z-module. Since  $Z_n$  is the only s-closed submodule of  $Z_n$  and hence  $Z_n$  is scl-injective. But  $Z_n$  is not divisible where  $0 = n Z_n \neq Z_n$ . Hence  $Z_n$  is not injective.

**Proposition (3.2):** A direct summand of scl-N-injective module is scl-N-injective.

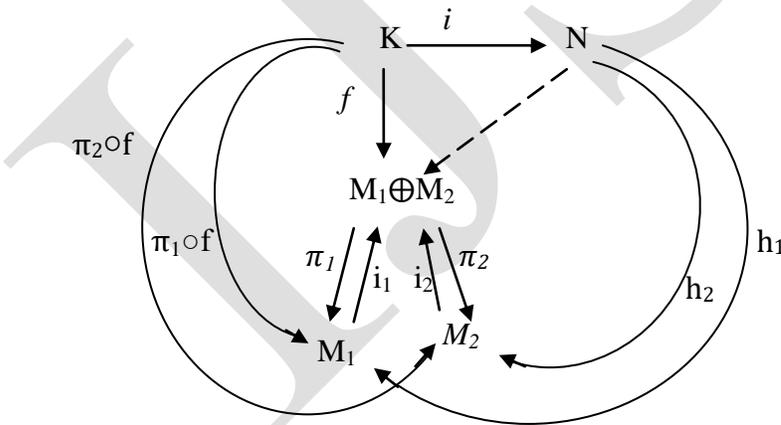
**Proof:** let  $M = A \oplus B$  be scl-N-injective. To show that A is scl-N-injective. Let K be an s-closed submodule of N and let  $f: K \rightarrow A$  be an R-homomorphism. Now consider the following diagram



Where  $i, j$  are the inclusion maps and  $\pi$  is the projection map since  $M$  is scl-injective, then there exists an R-homomorphism  $\phi: N \rightarrow M$  such that  $jof = \phi oi$ . Let  $g = \pi o \phi$ , then  $goi = \pi o \phi oi = \pi o jof = f$ . Thus A is scl-injective module.  $\square$

**Proposition (3.3):** let  $M_1, M_2$  and N be R-modules. If  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are scl-N-injective modules, then  $M_1 \oplus M_2$  is scl-N-injective.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are scl-N-injective modules. Let K be an s-closed submodule of N and let  $f: K \rightarrow M_1 \oplus M_2$  be an R-homomorphism. Now consider the following diagram



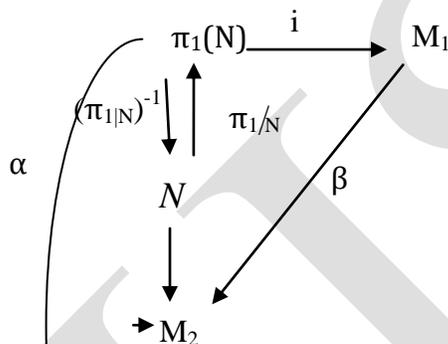
Where  $i_1, i_2$  are the inclusion maps and  $\pi_1, \pi_2$  are the projection map. Since  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are scl-N-injective modules, then there exists homomorphism  $h_1: N \rightarrow M_1$  and  $h_2: N \rightarrow M_2$  such that  $\pi_1 of = h_1 oi$  and  $\pi_2 of = h_2 oi$ . Define  $h: N \rightarrow M_1 \oplus M_2$  as follows  $h(n) = (h_1(n), h_2(n))$ , for each  $n \in N$ . To show that  $f = hoi$ . Let  $k \in K$ , then  $f(k) = (m_1, m_2)$ , where  $m_1 \in M_1$  and  $m_2 \in M_2$ . Thus  $hoi(k) = h(i(k)) = (h_1(i(k)), h_2(i(k))) = (\pi_1 of(k), \pi_2 of(k)) = (m_1, m_2)$ . Hence  $M_1 \oplus M_2$  is scl-N-injective module.  $\square$

**Proposition (3.4):** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module, and let  $A$  be an  $s$ -closed submodule of  $M$ . If  $A$  is  $scl$ - $M$ -injective module, then  $A$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .

**Proof:** Assume that  $A$  is  $scl$ - $M$ -injective module and let  $I: A \rightarrow A$  be the identity map since  $A$  is  $scl$ - $M$ -injective module, then there exists a homomorphism  $f: M \rightarrow A$  such that  $I = foi$ . Claim that  $M = \ker f \oplus A$ . Let  $x \in M$ , then one can easily show that  $x - f(x) \in \ker f$ , thus  $x = f(x) + x - f(x) \in A + \ker f$ . To show that  $A \cap \ker f = 0$ , let  $x \in A \cap \ker f$ , so  $f(x) = 0$ . But  $f(x) = x$ , therefore  $x = 0$ . Thus  $A$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .  $\square$

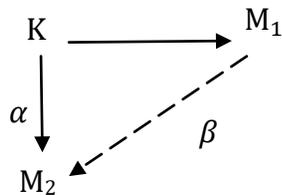
**Theorem (3.5):** Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be  $R$ -modules and let  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Then  $M_2$  is  $scl$ - $M_1$ -injective if and only if, for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  such that  $N \cap M_2 = 0$  and  $\pi_1(N)$  is a  $s$ -closed submodule of  $M_1$ , there exists a submodule  $N'$  of  $M$  such that  $N \leq N'$  and  $M = N' \oplus M_2$ , where  $\pi_1$  the natural projection of  $M$  into  $M_1$ .

**Proof:** Assume that  $M_2$  is  $scl$ - $M_1$ -injective. Let  $\pi_i: M \rightarrow M_i$  ( $i=1,2$ ) denote the projection mapping and let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$  such that  $N \cap M_2 = 0$  and  $\pi_1(N) \leq_{sc} M_1$ . Consider the following diagram



Define  $\alpha: \pi_1(N) \rightarrow M_2$  as follows, for every  $x \in \pi_1(N)$  there is  $n \in N$  such that  $x = \pi_1(n)$  set  $\alpha(x) = \pi_2(n)$ . Clearly,  $\alpha$  is well-define and homomorphism, the map  $\alpha$  can be extended to a homomorphism  $\beta: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  since  $M_2$  is  $scl$ - $M_1$ -injective and  $\pi_1(N) \leq_{sc} M_1$ . Define  $N' = \{x + \beta(x) \mid x \in M_1\}$ , clearly  $N'$  is a submodule of  $M$  and claim  $M = N' \oplus M_2$ . To see this, let  $m \in M$ , there exist  $m_1 \in M_1$  and  $m_2 \in M_2$  such that  $m = m_1 + m_2 = (m_1 + \beta(m_1)) + m_2 - \beta(m_1) \in N' \oplus M_2$ . Now suppose that  $m \in N' \cap M_2$ , then  $m = m_2 = m_1 + \beta(m_1)$ , where  $m_1 \in M_1$  and  $m_2 \in M_2$ . Hence  $m_1 = m_2 - \beta(m_1) \in M_1 \cap M_2 = 0$ , so  $N' \cap M_2 = 0$ . Thus  $M = N' \oplus M_2$ . Now let  $0 \neq x = a + b \in N$ , where  $a \in M_1$ ,  $b \in M_2$ , since  $\pi_1(x) = a$  and  $\pi_2(x) = b$ , then  $x = \pi_1(x) + \pi_2(x) = \pi_1(x) + \beta\pi_1(x) \in N'$  since for every  $x \in N$ ,  $\beta\pi_1(x) = \alpha\pi_1(x) = \pi_2(x)$ . Thus  $N$  is a submodule of  $N'$ . Conversely; assume that, for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  such that  $N \cap M_2 = 0$  and  $\pi_1(N) \leq_{sc} M_1$ , there exists a submodule  $N'$  of  $M$  such that  $N \leq N'$  and  $M = N' \oplus M_2$ . Let  $K$  be a  $s$ -closed<sup>1</sup> submodule of  $M_1$  and let  $\alpha: K \rightarrow M_2$  be a homomorphism. Define  $N = \{x - \alpha(x) \mid x \in K\}$ , clearly  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ . Claim that  $N \cap M_2 = 0$ , to see this, let  $x' \in N \cap M_2$ , then  $x' \in M_2$  and  $x' = x - \alpha(x)$ ,  $x \in K$ , hence  $x' + \alpha(x) = x \in M_1 \cap M_2$  which means that

$x' = 0$ . Thus  $N \cap M_2 = 0$ . It is not hard to prove that  $\pi_1(N) = K$  and so  $\pi_1(N) \leq_{sc} M_1$ . Then, by hypothesis, there exists a submodule  $N'$  of  $M$  such that  $N \leq N'$  and  $M = N' \oplus M_2$ . Let  $\pi_2: M \rightarrow M_2$  denote the projection with kernel  $N'$  and let  $\beta: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be the restriction of  $\pi$  to  $M_1$ . Consider the following diagram.



For every  $x \in K$ ,  $\beta(x) = \pi(x) = \pi(x - \alpha(x) + \alpha(x)) = \alpha(x)$  and therefore,  $\beta$  extends  $\alpha$ . Thus  $M_2$  is scl- $M_1$ -injective.  $\square$

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