



## ms\*-Modules

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## Abstract

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $M$  a left  $R$ -module. A module  $M$  is called ms\*-module if each maximal submodule is  $\beta^*$  equivalent to a supplement in  $M$ . In this work, we focus on ms\*-module and study various properties of this module.

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## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper  $R$  denotes associative ring with unity and all modules are unital left  $R$ -modules. For any module  $M$ ,  $Rad(M)$  and  $Soc(M)$  denote the Jacobson radical and socle of  $M$ , respectively. We briefly recall some definitions and properties of (cofinitely) (weak) supplemented

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modules. Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $N, K$  be submodules of  $M$ . A submodule  $K$  of a module  $M$  is called *small* (or superfluous) in  $M$ , denoted by  $K \ll M$ , if for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , the equality  $K + N = M$  implies  $N = M$ .  $K$  is called a *supplement* of  $N$  in  $M$ , if  $K$  is a minimal element in the set of submodules  $L$  of  $M$  with  $N + L = M$ . Equivalently,  $K$  is a supplement (weak supplement) of  $N$  in  $M$  if and only if  $K + N = M$  and  $K \cap N \ll K$  ( $K \cap N \ll M$ ). A submodule  $K$  of  $M$  is called a *supplement submodule* if it is a supplement of any submodule of  $M$ . Obviously, direct summands are supplements. A module  $M$  is called *supplemented module* (*weakly supplemented*), if every submodule of  $M$  has a supplement (weak supplement) in  $M$ . A module  $M$  is  $\oplus$ -*supplemented module* if every submodule of  $M$  has a supplement which is a direct summand in  $M$ . A submodule  $N$  of a module  $M$  is said to be *cofinite* if  $\frac{M}{N}$  is finitely generated. A module  $M$  is called a *cofinitely supplemented module* if every cofinite submodule of  $M$  has a supplement in  $M$ . It is clear that every supplemented module is cofinitely supplemented. In [1] Alizade and Büyükaşık defined *cofinitely weak supplemented* (or briefly *cws-module*) module if every cofinite submodule has a weak supplement. Obviously, cofinitely supplemented module is cofinitely weak supplemented. For additional properties and results of  $\oplus$ -supplemented, cofinitely supplemented and weakly supplemented modules, we refer to [1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [6].

### 1.1 $\beta^*$ relation

In [7], G.F.Birkenmeier et.al. defined  $\beta^*$  relation. Some properties of  $\beta^*$  relation can be found in [7].

**Definition 1.1.** Any submodules  $X, Y$  of  $M$  are  $\beta^*$  equivalent,  $X\beta^*Y$ , if  $\frac{X+Y}{X} \ll \frac{M}{X}$  and  $\frac{X+Y}{Y} \ll \frac{M}{Y}$ .

By ([7], Lemma 2.2),  $\beta^*$  is an equivalence relation and the zero submodule is  $\beta^*$  equivalent to any small submodule.

**Proposition 1.1.** *If a supplement submodule  $S$  in  $M$  is  $\beta^*$  equivalent to a cyclic submodule  $X$  of  $M$ , then  $S$  is also cyclic.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a cyclic submodule and  $S$  supplement submodule of  $M$  such that  $X\beta^*S$ . Then there exists a submodule  $L$  of  $M$  such that  $M = S + L$  and  $S \cap L \ll S$ . So  $L$  is weak supplement of  $S$  in  $M$ . By ([7], Theorem 2.6),  $L$  is also weak supplement of  $X$  in  $M$ . Thus we have  $M = X + L$  and  $X \cap L \ll M$ . Since  $X$  is cyclic, we find

$$\frac{S}{S \cap L} \cong \frac{S+L}{L} = \frac{M}{L} = \frac{X+L}{L} \cong \frac{X}{X \cap L}$$

is cyclic. By the relation  $S \cap L \ll S$ , it follows from ([6], 11.6) that  $S$  is cyclic. □

A module  $M$  is *distributive* if for submodules  $A, B$  and  $C$  of  $M$ ,  $A \cap (B + C) = (A \cap B) + (A \cap C)$ .

**Proposition 1.2.** *Let  $M$  be distributive module. Let  $M = D \oplus D'$  and  $A, B$  be submodules of  $D$ . Then  $A\beta^*B$  in  $M$  where  $B$  is supplement submodule in  $M$  if and only if  $A\beta^*B$  in  $D$  where  $B$  is supplement submodule in  $D$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $A\beta^*B$  in  $M$  such that  $B$  is supplement submodule in  $M$ . Then  $M = B + C$  and  $B \cap C \ll B$  for some submodule  $C$  of  $M$ . Let  $D = A + B + X$  for some submodule  $X$  of  $D$ . We claim that  $D = A + X$  and  $D = B + X$ . Since  $M = D \oplus D'$ , then  $M = A + B + X + D'$ . If  $A\beta^*B$  in  $M$ , then  $M = A + X + D'$  and  $M = B + X + D'$ . By modular law,  $D = D \cap M = D \cap (A + X + D') = A + X + (D \cap D') = A + X$  and  $D = D \cap M = D \cap (B + X + D') = B + X$ . Let us show  $B$

supplement submodule in  $D$ . From the modularity,  $D = D \cap M = D \cap (B + C) = B + (D \cap C)$  and  $B \cap (D \cap C) = B \cap C \ll B$ . It means that  $B$  is supplement of  $D \cap C$  in  $D$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) To prove the converse, suppose  $A\beta^*B$  in  $D$ . Then  $\frac{A+B}{A} \ll \frac{D}{A}$  and  $\frac{A+B}{B} \ll \frac{D}{B}$ . So  $\frac{A+B}{A} \ll \frac{M}{A}$  and  $\frac{A+B}{B} \ll \frac{M}{B}$  by ([6], 19.3). Thus  $A\beta^*B$  in  $M$ . We shall show that  $B$  is supplement in  $M$ . Since  $B$  is supplement submodule in  $D$ , so  $D = B + C$  and  $B \cap C \ll B$  for some submodule  $C$  of  $D$ . Therefore  $M = D \oplus D' = B + (C \oplus D')$ . It follows from the distributive condition that  $B \cap (C \oplus D') = (B \cap C) \oplus (B \cap D') = B \cap C \ll B$ . Therefore  $B$  is supplement of  $C \oplus D'$  in  $M$ .  $\square$

## 2 $ms^*$ -Modules

In [7], authors defined Goldie\*-supplemented modules using  $\beta^*$  equivalence relation. A module  $M$  is *Goldie\*-supplemented* (or shortly  $\mathcal{G}^*$ -supplemented) if for each submodule  $X$  of  $M$ , there exists a supplement submodule  $S$  of  $M$  such that  $X\beta^*S$ . It is clear that hollow modules and semisimple modules are  $\mathcal{G}^*$ -supplemented. They showed that for quasi-projective modules, supplemented and Goldie\*-supplemented modules coincide.

We start this section by giving the definition of  $ms^*$ -module and obtain some results of this module. We prove that if  $M$  is finitely generated refinable module and each maximal submodule is  $\beta^*$  equivalent to a supplement submodule, then  $M$  is  $\mathcal{G}^*$ -supplemented.

**Definition 2.1.** A module  $M$  is called  *$ms^*$ -module* if, for each maximal submodule  $K$  of  $M$ , there exists a supplement submodule  $S$  of  $M$  such that  $K\beta^*S$ .

**Example 2.1.** *Local modules and semisimple modules are  $ms^*$ -modules.*

**Theorem 2.2.** ([1], Theorem 2.16) *For a module  $M$ , the following statements are equivalent.*

1.  $M$  is cofinitely weak supplemented (cws) module,
2. Every maximal submodule of  $M$  has a weak supplement,
3.  $M/\text{cws}(M)$  has no maximal submodules.

We can use Theorem 2.2 to say  $ms^*$ -modules imply cofinitely weak supplemented modules.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $M$  be  $ms^*$ -module. Then  $M$  is cofinitely weak supplemented module.*

*Proof.* Let  $K$  be a maximal submodule of  $M$ . It is enough to show that  $K$  has a weak supplement in  $M$ . By hypothesis,  $K\beta^*S$  where  $S$  is supplement submodule in  $M$ . Then there exists a submodule  $L$  of  $M$  such that  $M = S + L$  and  $S \cap L \ll S$ . So it follows from ([6], 19.3) that  $S \cap L \ll M$ . This means that  $L$  is weak supplement of  $S$  in  $M$ . By ([7], Theorem 2.6),  $L$  is also weak supplement of  $K$  in  $M$ . Hence  $M$  is cofinitely weak supplemented module.  $\square$

The following is immediate consequence of Proposition 2.1.

**Corollary 2.3.** *If every maximal submodule of  $M$  is  $\beta^*$  equivalent to a supplement which is direct summand in  $M$ , then  $M$  is cofinitely supplemented module by ([8], Theorem 2.8).*

The converse of Proposition 2.1 does not hold in general. Cofinitely weak supplemented modules need the refinable condition to become  $ms^*$ -module.

A module  $M$  is said to be *refinable*, if, for any submodules  $U, V$  of  $M$  with  $M = U + V$ , there is a direct summand  $U'$  of  $M$  such that  $U' \subseteq U$  and  $M = U' + V$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** *If  $M$  is refinable cofinitely weak supplemented, then  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module.*

*Proof.* We will show that for each maximal submodule of  $M$  is  $\beta^*$  equivalent to any supplement submodule of  $M$ . For this, let  $K$  be a maximal submodule of  $M$ . It is clear that  $K$  is cofinite submodule in  $M$ . By assumption,  $K$  has a weak supplement  $A$  in  $M$ . Then  $M = K + A$  and  $K \cap A \ll M$ . Since  $M$  is refinable, there exists a direct summand  $K'$  of  $M$  such that  $K' \subseteq K$  and  $M = K' + A$ . We claim that  $K\beta^*K'$ . If  $K \cap A \ll M$ ,  $K' \cap A \ll M$ , then we have that  $A$  is weak supplement of  $K'$  in  $M$ . By ([7], Corollary 2.7),  $K\beta^*K'$  where  $K'$  is direct summand supplement in  $M$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** ([8], Theorem 2.8) *Let  $R$  be any ring. The following statements are equivalent for an  $R$ -module  $M$ :*

1.  $M$  is cofinitely supplemented,
2. Every maximal submodule of  $M$  has a supplement in  $M$ ,
3. The module  $M/Loc(M)$  does not contain a maximal submodule,
4. The module  $M/Cof(M)$  does not contain a maximal submodule.

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $M$  be refinable module. Then  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module if and only if  $M$  is cofinitely supplemented.*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $K$  be a maximal submodule of  $M$ . By Theorem 2.4, it is enough to show that  $K$  has a supplement in  $M$ . Since  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module, we can say that there exists a supplement submodule  $S$  of  $M$  such that  $K\beta^*S$ . Then  $M = S + L$  and  $S \cap L \ll S$  for some submodule  $L$  of  $M$ . If  $M$  is refinable, there exists a direct summand  $S'$  of  $M$  such that  $S' \subseteq S$  and  $M = S' + L$ . So  $M = S' \oplus S''$  for some submodule  $S''$  of  $M$ . In this case,  $S''$  is supplement of  $S'$  in  $M$ . If  $S' \subseteq S$  and  $S \cap L \ll S$ , then  $S' \cap L \ll S$ . By ([6], 19.3),  $S' \cap L \ll M$ . This means that  $L$  is weak supplement of  $S'$  in  $M$ . If  $S \cap L \ll S$ , then  $S \cap L \ll M$  from ([6], 19.3). By ([7], Corollary 2.7),  $S\beta^*S'$ . Since  $\beta^*$  is equivalence relation, from transitivity, if  $K\beta^*S$  and  $S\beta^*S'$ , we get  $K\beta^*S'$ . It follows from ([7], Theorem 2.6) that  $K$  has a supplement  $S''$  in  $M$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Since every cofinitely supplemented module is cofinitely weak supplemented,  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module by Proposition 2.2.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $M$  be finitely generated  $ms^*$ -module. Then  $M$  is weakly supplemented module.*

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Then  $\frac{M}{N}$  is finitely generated because  $M$  is finitely generated, so  $N$  is cofinite submodule in  $M$ . By Proposition 2.1,  $N$  has a weak supplement in  $M$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $M$  be finitely generated  $ms^*$ -module. Then  $M$  is semilocal.*

*Proof.* By ([5], Proposition 2.2) and Proposition 2.4,  $M$  is semilocal.  $\square$

Büyükaşık and Pusat Yılmaz [9] introduced the concept of  $ms$ -modules and  $md$ -modules. A module  $M$  is said to be  $ms$ -module if every maximal submodule of  $M$  is supplement submodule in  $M$ . A module  $M$  is called  $md$ -module if every maximal submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand in  $M$ . Clearly,  $md$ -module is  $ms^*$ -module. Let  $K$  be a maximal submodule of  $M$ . If  $M$  is  $md$ -module, then  $K$  is direct summand in  $M$ . Since  $K\beta^*K$ ,  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module where  $K$  is supplement submodule in  $M$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $M$  be  $ms^*$ -module with  $Rad(M) = 0$ . Then  $M$  is  $md$ -module.*

*Proof.* Let  $K$  be a maximal submodule of  $M$ . Now we shall prove that  $K$  is direct summand in  $M$ . Since  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module, there exists a supplement submodule  $S$  of  $M$  such that  $K\beta^*S$ . So we have  $M = S + L$  and  $S \cap L \ll S$  for some submodule  $L$  of  $M$ . Therefore  $S \cap L \subseteq Rad(M)$ . If  $Rad(M) = 0$ , then the supplement submodule  $S$  is direct summand in  $M$ , that is,  $M = S \oplus L$ . It is clear that  $L$  is supplement of  $S$  in  $M$ . By Theorem ([7], Theorem 2.6),  $L$  is also supplement of  $K$  in  $M$ , that is,  $M = K + L$  and  $K \cap L \ll L$ . In a similar manner we see that  $M = K \oplus L$ .  $\square$

In [10], authors defined notion of maximally  $\oplus$ -supplemented module. A module  $M$  is called *maximally  $\oplus$ -supplemented* if every maximal submodule of  $M$  has a supplement that is direct summand of  $M$ . If  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module with  $Rad(M) = 0$ , then we can easily say that  $M$  is maximally  $\oplus$ -supplemented module by Proposition 2.5.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $M$  be finitely generated refinable  $ms^*$ -module. Then  $M$  is  $\mathcal{G}^*$ -supplemented.*

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . By Corollary 2.5,  $M$  is semilocal, that is,  $\frac{M}{Rad(M)}$  is semisimple. So  $\frac{M}{Rad(M)}$  is  $\mathcal{G}^*$ -supplemented. Then  $\frac{N + Rad(M)}{Rad(M)} \beta^* \frac{X}{Rad(M)}$  such that  $\frac{X}{Rad(M)}$  is supplement submodule in  $\frac{M}{Rad(M)}$ . Therefore by ([7], Proposition 2.9),  $N\beta^*X$  in  $M$ . Let  $\frac{X}{Rad(M)}$  be a supplement of  $\frac{Y + Rad(M)}{Rad(M)}$  in  $\frac{M}{Rad(M)}$  for some submodule  $Y$  of  $M$ . In this case,  $\frac{M}{Rad(M)} = \frac{X}{Rad(M)} + \frac{Y + Rad(M)}{Rad(M)}$  and  $\frac{X}{Rad(M)} \cap \frac{(Y + Rad(M))}{Rad(M)} = \frac{(X \cap Y) + Rad(M)}{Rad(M)} \ll \frac{X}{Rad(M)}$ . Thus  $M = X + Y$  and by ([2], 2.2),  $X \cap Y \ll M$ . Since  $M$  is refinable, there exists a direct summand  $U$  of  $M$  such that  $U \subseteq X$  and  $M = U + Y$ . If  $U \cap Y \subseteq X \cap Y \ll M$ , then  $U \cap Y \ll M$ . We can say that  $Y$  is weak supplement of  $U$  in  $M$ . By ([7], Corollary 2.7),  $X\beta^*U$ . Since the relation  $\beta^*$  is equivalence relation,  $N\beta^*X$  and  $X\beta^*U$  imply  $N\beta^*U$  such that  $U$  is supplement submodule in  $M$ . Hence  $M$  is  $\mathcal{G}^*$ -supplemented.  $\square$

**Example 2.7.** *Let  $M$  be a radical module, that is,  $Rad(M) = M$ . Then by ([9], 2.3 Proposition),  $M$  is  $md$ -module. Hence  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module.*

**Example 2.8.** *The  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Q}$  is  $ms^*$ -module.*

Clearly, every  $\mathcal{G}^*$ -supplemented module is  $ms^*$ -module. Observe that  $ms^*$ -module need not to be  $\mathcal{G}^*$ -supplemented.

**Example 2.9.** *Let  $K$  be the quotient field of a discrete valuation domain  $R$  which is not complete. Let  $M = K \oplus K$ . Since  $Rad(K) = K$ ,  $Rad(M) = M$ , that is,  $M$  is radical module. By Example 2.7,  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module but not  $\mathcal{G}^*$ -supplemented by ([7], Example 3.9 (iii))*

**Proposition 2.6.**  *$M$  is  $ms^*$ -module if and only if for maximal submodule  $K$  of  $M$ ,  $K = S + H$  where  $S$  is supplement submodule in  $M$  and  $H \ll M$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $K$  be a maximal submodule of  $M$ . By assumption,  $K\beta^*S$  where  $S$  is supplement submodule in  $M$ . Then  $M = S + L$  and  $S \cap L \ll S$  for some submodule  $L$  of  $M$ . So  $L$  is weak supplement of  $S$  in  $M$ . By ([7], Theorem 2.6),  $L$  is also weak supplement of  $K$  in  $M$ . In this case we have  $M = K + L$  and  $K \cap L \ll M$ . If  $M = S + L$ , by modularity,  $K = S + (K \cap L)$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) To prove  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module it is enough to show that for each maximal submodule  $K$  of  $M$ , there exists a supplement submodule  $S$  of  $M$  such that  $K\beta^*S$ . Let  $K$  be a maximal submodule of  $M$ . By assumption,  $K = S + H$  where  $S$  is supplement submodule in  $M$  and  $H \ll M$ . Since  $\beta^*$  is equivalence relation,  $K\beta^*K$ , that is,  $K\beta^*(S + H)$ . By ([7], Corollary 2.12), we say that  $K\beta^*S$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.7.** *Let  $M$  be  $ms^*$ -module with  $Rad(M) = 0$ . Then any coclosed submodule  $N$  of  $M$  with  $Soc(M) \subseteq N$  is  $ms^*$ -module.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module with  $Rad(M) = 0$ . Then  $M$  is md-module by Proposition 2.5. From ([9], 2.4 Proposition),  $N$  is md-module. Therefore  $N$  is  $ms^*$ -module.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.8.** *Let  $M$  be  $ms^*$ -module. For small submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $\frac{M}{N}$  is  $ms^*$ -module.*

*Proof.* Let  $\frac{K}{N}$  be a maximal submodule of  $\frac{M}{N}$ . We note that  $K$  is maximal submodule in  $M$ . By assumption,  $K\beta^*S$  where  $S$  is supplement submodule in  $M$ . Let  $\sigma : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{N}$  be a canonical epimorphism. By ([7], Proposition 2.9),  $\frac{K}{N}\beta^*(\frac{S+N}{N})$ . From ([11], Lemma 4),  $\frac{S+N}{N}$  is supplement in  $\frac{M}{N}$ . In other words,  $\frac{M}{N}$  is  $ms^*$ -module.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.10.** *Let  $M$  be  $ms^*$ -module with  $Rad(M) \ll M$ . Then  $\frac{M}{Rad(M)}$  is  $ms^*$ -module.*

For the converse of Proposition 2.8, refinable condition is needed.

**Proposition 2.9.** *Let  $\frac{M}{N}$  be refinable  $ms^*$ -module for small submodule  $N$  of  $M$ . Then  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module.*

*Proof.* Let  $K$  be a maximal submodule of  $M$  containing  $N$ . Then  $\frac{K}{N}$  is maximal submodule in  $\frac{M}{N}$ . If  $\frac{M}{N}$  is  $ms^*$ -module, so  $\frac{K}{N}\beta^*\frac{S}{N}$  where  $\frac{S}{N}$  is supplement submodule in  $\frac{M}{N}$ . Then there exists submodule  $\frac{A+N}{N}$  in  $\frac{M}{N}$  such that  $\frac{M}{N} = \frac{A+N}{N} + \frac{S}{N}$  and  $\frac{S}{N} \cap \frac{A+N}{N} = \frac{(S \cap A) + N}{N} \ll \frac{S}{N}$ . This yields  $M = A + S$  and  $S \cap A \ll M$ , i.e.,  $S$  is weak supplement of  $A$  in  $M$ . In the refinable situation, there exists a direct summand  $S'$  of  $M$  such that  $S' \subseteq S$  and  $M = S' + A$ . Moreover, in this case,  $S'$  is a supplement submodule in  $M$ . Our claim is to show that  $K\beta^*S'$ . We know that  $S' \cap A \subseteq S \cap A \ll M$  implies  $S' \cap A \ll M$ , that is,  $S'$  has a weak supplement  $A$  in  $M$ . By ([7], Corollary 2.7),  $S\beta^*S'$ . Let  $\sigma : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{N}$  be a canonical epimorphism. By ([7], Proposition 2.9(ii)),  $\sigma^{-1}(\frac{K}{N})\beta^*\sigma^{-1}(\frac{S}{N})$ . Thus  $K\beta^*S$ . Since  $S\beta^*S'$ , we get  $K\beta^*S'$  with the property of transitivity of  $\beta^*$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.10.** *Let  $M$  be projective and refinable module. Then  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module if and only if every simple factor of  $M$  has a projective cover.*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module. Let  $K$  be a maximal submodule of  $M$ . Then  $K\beta^*S$  where  $S$  is supplement submodule in  $M$ . Then  $M = S + L$  and  $S \cap L \ll S$  for some submodule  $L$  of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is refinable, there exists a direct summand  $S'$  of  $M$  such that  $S' \subseteq S$  and  $M = S' + L$ . So  $S' \cap L \subseteq S \cap L \ll S$ , that is,  $S' \cap L \ll S$ . It implies that  $S' \cap L \ll M$  by ([6], 19.3). We have that  $L$  is weak supplement of  $S'$  in  $M$ . By ([7], Corollary 2.6),  $S\beta^*S'$ . By transitivity of  $\beta^*$  relation, we mention that  $K\beta^*S'$ . Since  $S'$  is direct summand in  $M$ , that is,  $M = S' \oplus S''$  for some submodule  $S''$  of  $M$ , by Theorem ([7], Theorem 2.6),  $S''$  is supplement of  $K$  in  $M$  because  $S''$  is supplement of  $S'$  in  $M$ . Thus  $\frac{M}{K}$  has a projective cover from ([6], 42.1).

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $K$  be a maximal submodule of  $M$ . With the assumption we can say that  $\frac{M}{K}$  has a projective cover. By ([6], 42.1), there exists a direct summand  $V$  of  $M$  such that  $M = K + V$  and

$K \cap V \ll V$ . Since  $M$  is refinable, there exists a direct summand  $K'$  of  $M$  such that  $K' \subseteq K$  and  $M = K' + V$ . Then as similar to above  $K' \cap V \ll M$ , that is,  $V$  is weak supplement of  $K'$  in  $M$ . Since  $K \cap V \ll M$ , so  $K\beta^*K'$  by ([7], Corollary 2.7) where  $K'$  is supplement submodule in  $M$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.11.** *Let  $R$  be a semiperfect ring. Then every projective refinable module is  $ms^*$ -module.*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be projective and refinable  $R$ -module. Then by ([6], 42.6), every simple factor module of  $M$  has a projective cover. Hence  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module from previous proposition.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.11.** *Let  $M$  be  $ms^*$ -module with  $Rad(M) \ll M$ . Then every maximal submodule of  $\frac{M}{Rad(M)}$  is direct summand. The converse holds if  $M$  is refinable.*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be  $ms^*$ -module with  $Rad(M) \ll M$ . Then by Proposition 2.1,  $M$  is cofinitely weakly supplemented. Then by ([1], Theorem 2.21), every maximal submodule of  $\frac{M}{Rad(M)}$  is a direct summand. For the converse, suppose that  $M$  is refinable. Let  $K$  be a maximal submodule of  $M$ . Then  $\frac{K}{Rad(M)}$  is maximal submodule of  $\frac{M}{Rad(M)}$ . By assumption,  $\frac{M}{Rad(M)} = \frac{K}{Rad(M)} \oplus \frac{A + Rad(M)}{Rad(M)}$  for some submodule  $\frac{A + Rad(M)}{Rad(M)}$  of  $\frac{M}{Rad(M)}$  where  $A$  is submodule of  $M$ . So we have  $M = A + K$  and  $A \cap K \subseteq Rad(M)$ . Since  $Rad(M) \ll M$ ,  $A \cap K \ll M$ , this means that  $K$  is a weak supplement of  $A$  in  $M$ . By ([1], Theorem 2.21),  $M$  is cofinitely weakly supplemented. If  $M$  is refinable, from Proposition 2.2 we say that  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module.  $\square$

A module  $M$  is said to be *coatomic* if for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $Rad(\frac{M}{N}) = \frac{M}{N}$  implies  $M = N$ , equivalently, every proper submodule of  $M$  is contained in a maximal submodule of  $M$  (see [12]). For instance, finitely generated and semisimple modules are coatomic. It is clear that every factor module of coatomic module is coatomic.

**Proposition 2.12.** *Let  $M$  be finitely generated  $ms^*$ -module over a Dedekind domain and let  $K$  be a maximal submodule of  $M$ . Then the following hold:*

1. *Every weak supplement of  $K$  is coatomic.*
2. *Every maximal submodule of  $M$  is coatomic.*

*Proof.* 1) Let  $L$  be a weak supplement of  $K$  in  $M$ . Then  $M = K + L$  and  $K \cap L \ll M$ . Since  $R$  is dedekind domain, by ([13], Lemma 2.1),  $K \cap L$  is coatomic. Let  $\sigma : \frac{M}{K} \rightarrow \frac{L}{K \cap L}$  be an isomorphism. If  $K$  is maximal submodule of  $M$ , then  $\frac{M}{K}$  is simple, that is,  $\frac{M}{K}$  is coatomic. Then  $\frac{L}{K \cap L}$  is coatomic. Let

$$0 \rightarrow K \cap L \rightarrow L \rightarrow \frac{L}{K \cap L} \rightarrow 0$$

be an short exact sequence of modules. By ([14], Lemma 3),  $L$  is coatomic.

2) Let  $K$  be a maximal submodule of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module, there exists a supplement submodule  $S$  in  $M$  such that  $K\beta^*S$ . So  $\frac{K}{S} \ll \frac{M}{S}$  by definition of  $\beta^*$  relation. It follows from ([13], Lemma 2.1) that  $\frac{K}{S}$  is coatomic. Since  $S$  is supplement submodule of  $M$  and  $M$  is finitely generated,  $S$  is finitely generated too. It implies that  $S$  is coatomic. Let

$$0 \rightarrow S \rightarrow K \rightarrow \frac{K}{S} \rightarrow 0$$

be an short exact sequence of modules. If  $S$  and  $\frac{K}{S}$  are coatomic modules, then  $K$  is coatomic from ([14], Lemma 3).  $\square$

**Proposition 2.13.** *Let  $M$  be projective and refinable module. If  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module, then every direct summand of  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module.*

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be a direct summand of  $M$ . Then  $M = N \oplus L$  for some submodule  $L$  of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is projective, so  $N$  is projective. By assumption and ([2], 11.31),  $M$  has the finite exchange property. Then  $N$  has the finite exchange property from ([2], 11.9). Again by ([2], 11.31), we have  $N$  is refinable. Let  $K$  be a maximal submodule of  $N$ . To use Proposition 2.10 we want to show that  $\frac{N}{K}$  has a projective cover. Let  $\pi : M \rightarrow N$  be a projection and  $f : N \rightarrow \frac{N}{K}$  be an epimorphism. Thus  $g : M \rightarrow \frac{N}{K}$  is an epimorphism such that  $g = f\pi$ . In this case,  $Ker g = K \oplus L$ . By the isomorphism theorem,  $\frac{M}{K \oplus L} \cong \frac{N}{K}$  is simple. By Proposition 2.10,  $\frac{M}{K \oplus L}$  has a projective cover. So  $h : P \rightarrow \frac{M}{K \oplus L}$  is a projective cover of  $\frac{M}{K \oplus L}$  such that  $Ker h \ll P$ . Let  $\alpha : \frac{M}{K \oplus L} \rightarrow \frac{N}{K}$  be an isomorphism. Then  $\alpha h : P \rightarrow \frac{N}{K}$  is a projective cover of  $\frac{N}{K}$  with  $Ker \alpha h \ll P$ . By Proposition 2.10,  $N$  is  $ms^*$ -module.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.12.** *Let  $M$  be a finitely generated refinable module. If  $M$  is projective, then the following are equivalent:*

1.  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module,
2.  $M$  is cofinitely supplemented,
3.  $M$  is supplemented,
4.  $M$  is semiperfect.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Let  $M$  be  $ms^*$ -module. By Proposition 2.10, every simple factor of  $M$  has a projective cover. By ([6], 42.5),  $M$  is semiperfect.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) If  $M$  is semiperfect, by ([6], 42.3), then  $M$  is supplemented since  $M$  is projective module.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) It is clear that every supplemented module is also cofinitely supplemented.

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (1) Let  $M$  be refinable module. By Proposition 2.3,  $M$  is  $ms^*$ -module if and only if  $M$  is cofinitely supplemented.  $\square$

### 3 Conclusion

In this work, we defined  $ms^*$ -modules using  $\beta^*$  relation and investigate some properties of this module. From results, we see that for a refinable module,  $ms^*$ -module and cofinitely supplemented modules coincide. Moreover, we obtain that every finitely generated  $ms^*$ -module is semilocal and every projective refinable module is  $ms^*$ -module over semiperfect ring.

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