

SS-DISCRETE MODULES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we define semi- ss -discrete and quasi- ss -discrete modules as a strongly notion of semi-discrete and quasi-discrete modules with the help of ss -supplement in [3]. We examined the basic properties of these modules and included characterization of strongly ss -discrete modules over semi-perfect rings.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this study, R is used to show a ring which is associative and has an identity. All mentioned modules will be unital left R -module. Let M be an R -module. The notation $A \leq M$ means that A is a submodule of M . Any submodule A of an R -module M is called *small* in M and showed by $A \ll M$ whenever $A + C \neq M$ for all proper submodule C of M . The Jacobson radical of M denoted by $Rad(M)$. Dually, a submodule A of a R -module M is called to be *essential* in M which is showed by $A \triangleleft M$ if $A \cap K \neq 0$ for each non-zero submodule K of M . The socle of M which is the sum of all simple submodules of M is denoted by $Soc(M)$. A non-zero module M is called *hollow* if every proper submodule of M is small in M and is called *local* providing that the sum of all proper submodules of M is also a proper submodule of M . A submodule N of M is called *coclosed* in M if whenever $\frac{N}{K} \ll \frac{M}{K}$ for a submodule K of M with $K \subseteq N$, $N = K$.

Let A and B be submodules of M . Then A is called a *supplement* of B in M when A is minimal with the property $M = A + B$; in other words, $M = A + B$ and $A \cap B \ll A$. Definition of *supplemented module* M is every submodule of M has a supplement in M . Two submodules A and B of M are called *mutual supplements* if, $M = A + B$, $A \cap B \ll A$ and $A \cap B \ll B$, [1]. There are a lot of papers related with supplemented modules such as [7, 8]. If M is supplemented and self-projective, then M is called *strongly discrete*. The module M is called *amply supplemented* if for any submodules A and B of M with $M = A + B$, there exists a supplement X of A such that $X \subseteq B$.

In [7], a module M is called *lifting* if for every submodule A of M lies over a direct summand, that is, there is a decomposition $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ such that $M_1 \leq A$, $A \cap M_2 \ll M_2$. By [8], M is lifting iff M is amply supplemented and every supplement submodule of M is a direct summand of it.

Following [9], the sum of all simple submodules of M which are small in M is named with $Soc_s(M)$, that is, $Soc_s(M) = \sum \{A \ll M \mid A \text{ is simple}\}$. Note that $Soc_s(M) \subseteq Rad(M)$

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and $Soc_s(M) \subseteq Soc(M)$. In [3], a module M is called *strongly local* providing that M is local and $Rad(M) \subseteq Soc(M)$. In the same paper, a ring R is called *left strongly local ring* if ${}_R R$ is a strongly local module.

According to [3], *ss*–supplemented modules was examined and founded as a proper generalization of supplemented modules. Let M be a module and $A, B \leq M$. If $M = A + B$ and $A \cap B \subseteq Soc_s(B)$, then B is a *ss*–*supplement* of A in M . Any module M is named *ss*–*supplemented* if each submodule A of M has a *ss*–supplement B in M . As a result of this definition, any finitely generated module is *ss*–supplemented iff it is supplemented and $Rad(M) \subseteq Soc(M)$. In the same paper, amply *ss*–supplemented modules were defined. A submodule A of a module M has ample *ss*–supplements in M if A contains a *ss*–supplement of B in M with $M = A + B$. M is called *amply ss*–*supplemented* if every submodule of M has ample *ss*–supplements in M .

According to [2], a module M is called *semisimple lifting or briefly ss*–*lifting* if for every submodule A of M , there is a decomposition $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ such that $M_1 \leq A$, $A \cap M_2 \ll M$ and $A \cap M_2$ is semisimple. Some new fundamental properties of *ss*–lifting modules will be examined in this paper.

Let c be a cardinal number. The module M is said to have the *c*–internal exchange property if every decomposition $M = \bigoplus_I M_i$ with $card(I) \leq c$ is exchangeable. A module

M has the (finite) *internal exchange property* if it has the *c*–internal exchange property for every (finite) cardinal c [1, 11.34]. A lifting module with the finite internal exchange property is called a *semi-discrete module*. The module M is called *discrete* if M is lifting and satisfies the following condition:

(D_2) : If $N \subseteq M$ such that $\frac{M}{N}$ is isomorphic to a direct summand of M , then N is a direct summand of M .

The module M is called *quasi-discrete* if M is lifting and satisfies the following condition;

(D_3) : If N and K are direct summands of M such that $M = N + K$, then $N \cap K$ is a direct summand of M (See [7]). In [1, 4.29], the notion of \cap –direct projective modules is defined as a equivalent condition to the property (D_3).

By [7, Lemma 4.6], (D_2) implies (D_3). The module M is called *direct projective* if, for every direct summand X of M , every epimorphism $M \rightarrow X$ splits. By [1, 4.21], a module M is direct projective if and only if M has the property (D_2). For every direct summand N of M , if every epimorphism $f : M \rightarrow N$ splits, then M is called *direct projective*. It is clear that M is direct projective if and only if M has the property (D_2) by [1, 4.21].

In the first part of this study, we define semi-*ss*–discrete and quasi-*ss*–discrete modules based on the definition of *ss*–lifting module. We give examples of these modules. We show that every quasi-*ss*–discrete module is *ss*–lifting and amply *ss*–supplemented. The factor module of a quasi-*ss*–discrete module is showed to be quasi-*ss*–discrete again under special conditions. In addition, theorems related with the decomposition of quasi-*ss*–discrete modules are obtained. In the second part, we define (strongly) *ss*–discrete modules and determine their relationship with *ss*–supplemented modules.

2. SEMI-SS-DISCRETE AND QUASI-SS-DISCRETE MODULES

In this section, semi-ss-discrete modules and quasi-ss-discrete modules are defined and some of the basic features of these modules are obtained.

Definition 2.1. If M is a ss-lifting module with finite internal exchange property, then M is called a *semi-ss-discrete module*. If M is both π -projective and ss-supplemented module, then M is called a *quasi-ss-discrete module*. Let N be any submodule of M . Any submodule K of M is called *N -ss-lifting* if every homomorphism $M \rightarrow \frac{M}{N \cap K}$ where $N \cap K$ is semisimple lifts to an endomorphism of M . If K is a ss-supplement of N of M , then K is called a *N -lifting ss-supplement* in M .

Recall from [1] that a module K is said to be *generalized M -projective* if, for any epimorphism $g : M \rightarrow X$ and homomorphism $f : K \rightarrow X$, there exist decompositions $K = K_1 \oplus K_2$, $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$, a homomorphism $h_1 : K_1 \rightarrow M_1$ and an epimorphism $h_2 : M_2 \rightarrow K_2$, such that $g \circ h_1 = f|_{K_1}$ and $f \circ h_2 = g|_{M_2}$.

Proposition 2.2. *The following statements are equivalent for M :*

- (1) M is semi-ss-discrete;
- (2) M is ss-supplemented, every ss-supplement in M is a direct summand and $K \cap L$ are relatively generalized projective, for every decomposition $M = K \oplus L$,
- (3) M is ss-lifting and K, L are relatively generalized projective, for every decomposition $M = K \oplus L$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Since M is ss-lifting, it is ss-supplemented and every ss-supplement is a direct summand by [2, Theorem 1]. Let $M = N + K$. Then N contains a ss-supplement N' of K which is a direct summand of M . So, we have $M = N' \oplus L' \oplus K'$ with $L' \subseteq L$ and $K' \subseteq K$ since M has the finite internal exchange property. Thus L is generalized K -projective by [1, 4.42]. Similarly, it is easy to see that K is generalized L -projective.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) It is enough to prove that M is ss-lifting. Let $N \subseteq M$. By hypothesis, N has a ss-supplement K which is a direct summand of M , that is $M = N \oplus K$. Then L is generalized K -projective and so $M = N' \oplus L' \oplus K' = N' + K$, where $N' \subseteq N$, $K' \subseteq K$ and $L' \subseteq L$ by [1, 4.42] since $M = N + K$. From here $N = N' + (N \cap K)$. Since $N \cap K \ll K$ and $N \cap K$ is semisimple, we have M is a ss-lifting module.

(3) \Rightarrow (1) Suppose $M = K \oplus L$. Since [2, Theorem 3] K and L are ss-lifting modules, K and L are relatively generalized projective by the hypothesis. It follows from [1, 23.10] that M has the 2-internal exchange property. \square

Recall from [5] that a module M is called *duo* if for every submodule U of M is fully invariant, i.e. $f(U) \subseteq U$ for every $f \in \text{End}(M)$ and $U \subseteq M$.

Proposition 2.3. *Let $M = M_1 \oplus \dots \oplus M_n$ be a duo module where each M_i is semi-ss-discrete. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) M is semi-ss-discrete;
- (2) M is ss-lifting and $M = M_1 \oplus \dots \oplus M_n$ is an exchange decomposition;

- (3) For any direct summand K of $\bigoplus_I M_i$ and any direct summand L of $\bigoplus_J M_j$, K and L are relatively generalized projective where I, J non-empty disjoint subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$;
- (4) If M'_i is any direct summand of M_i and T is any direct summand of $\bigoplus_{j \neq i} M_j$, then M'_i and T are relatively generalized projective for any $1 \leq i \leq n$;

Proof. is clear by [1, 23.14] and [2, Theorem 9]. \square

As an immediate consequence of Proposition 2.3, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 2.4. *Let $M = M_1 \oplus \dots \oplus M_n$ be a duo module where each M_i is a semi-ss-discrete module. If M_i and M_j are relatively generalized projective for each $i \neq j$, then M is semi-ss-discrete.*

Recall from [1, 12.1] that an R -module M is said to be an *LE-module* if its endomorphism ring $\text{End}(M)$ is local.

Theorem 2.5. *Let M be a ss-lifting module with an indecomposable decomposition $M = \bigoplus_I M_i$ is a duo module. Then M is a semi-ss-discrete module if one of the following statements is satisfied:*

- (1) M_i is an LE-module for all $i \in I$;
- (2) every non-zero direct summand of M contains a non-zero indecomposable direct summand and the decomposition $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ complements maximal direct summands.

Proof. A module M with an indecomposable exchange decomposition has the internal exchange property. Hence we can apply [1, 24.13, 24.10] to [3, Theorem 30]. \square

We can compare quasi-ss-discrete modules, ss-supplemented modules and ss-lifting modules in following lemmas.

Lemma 2.6. *If M is quasi-ss-discrete module, then M is ss-lifting.*

Proof. Since M is π -projective, it is clear by [1, 20.9] and [2, Theorem 1] that ss-supplements are direct summands in M . So it is enough to prove that M is amply ss-supplemented. Suppose that $M = U + V$ and X is a ss-supplement of U in M . Then for any $f \in \text{End}(M)$ with $\text{Im}(f) \subseteq V$ and $\text{Im}(1-f) \subseteq U$, we have $M = U + f(X)$ and $U \cap f(X) = f(U \cap X) \ll f(X)$. Since $U \cap X$ is semisimple, $U \cap f(X)$ is semisimple by [8, 20.3]. Thus $f(X)$ is a ss-supplement of U contained in V . \square

By the help of [8, 41.15], it can be seen that if the intersection of any pair of mutual ss-supplements is zero in a ss-supplemented module, then ss-supplement submodules of M are direct summands.

Lemma 2.7. *If M is ss-lifting and π -projective, then M is amply ss-supplemented and the intersection of any pair of mutual ss-supplements in M is zero.*

Proof. Follows from [2, Theorem 1] and [1, 20.9]. \square

Corollary 2.8. *If M is a quasi-ss-discrete module, then M is amply ss-supplemented and the intersection of any pair of mutual ss-supplements in M is zero.*

Proof. Clear by Lemmas 2.6 and 2.7. \square

It is clear that every quasi-ss-discrete module is quasi-discrete by Definition 2.1. The following example shows that the converse is not need to be true. So the notion of quasi-ss-discrete module is a stronger than that of quasi-discrete module.

Example 2.9. For any prime integer p , consider the left \mathbb{Z} -module $M = \mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}$. M is supplemented but not ss-supplemented by [3, Example 17]. Since M has the property (D_3) , M is quasi-discrete but not quasi-ss-discrete.

The following corollary is obtained by automatically by Lemma 2.7.

Corollary 2.10. *If M is ss-lifting module and has the property (D_3) , then M is a quasi-ss-discrete module.*

Lemma 2.11. *Let M be a quasi-ss-discrete module, K be a submodule of M and L be a ss-supplement of K . If N is a ss-supplement submodule of M contained in K , then $N \cap L = 0$ and $N \oplus L$ is a direct summand of M .*

Proof. Since M is a quasi-ss-discrete module, M is ss-lifting by Lemma 2.6. If we use [2, Theorem 1], it can be concluded that L and N are direct summand of M . Therefore there exists a submodule N_1 of M such that $M = N \oplus N_1$. It is clear that $K = (K \cap N_1) \oplus N$ and so $M = N + L + (K \cap N_1)$. By [2, Theorem 1], $K \cap N_1$ contains a ss-supplement X of $N + L$, where X is a direct summand of M . Thus $X \oplus N$ is a direct summand of M due to $X \leq N$. However, we have that $(X \oplus N) \cap L$ is a direct summand of M by [4.14 (4)]. From here $(X \oplus N) \cap L \leq K \cap L \subseteq Soc_s(L)$. Finally we can get $(X \oplus N) \cap L = 0$ and so $M = X \oplus N \oplus L$. \square

Proposition 2.12. *If K, L are direct summand of a quasi-ss-discrete module M and L is hollow, then*

- (i) $K \cap L = 0$ and $K \oplus L$ is a direct summand of M or
- (ii) $K + L = K \oplus S$ with $S \subseteq Soc_s(M)$ and L is isomorphic to a summand of K .

Proof. Suppose that T is a ss-supplement of $K + L$. Then we have $M = T + (K + L)$ and $T \cap (K + L) \subseteq Soc_s(T)$. By Lemma 2.11, $K \cap T = 0$. Let's complete the proof by evaluating the following two situations.

(1) If $L \not\leq K \oplus T$, then $L \cap (K + T) = 0$ and so L is a ss-supplement of $K + T$. It follows that $K \cap L = 0$ and $K \oplus L$ is a direct summand of M by Lemma 2.11.

(2) Assume that $L \leq K \oplus T$. Since $M = K + T + L = K + T$ and $K \cap T = 0$, we have $M = K \oplus T$. If we intersect the equality $M = K + T$ with $K + L$, then we can write $K + L = K \oplus S$ where $S = (K + L) \cap T$. Moreover $S \subseteq Soc_s(M)$ by [2, Theorem 1]. Since L is a direct summand of M , there exists a submodule L_1 of M such that $M = L \oplus L_1$. It follows that $M = K + L + L_1 = K + [(K + L) \cap T] + L_1 = K + L_1$

because $(K + L) \cap T \ll M$. Let N_1 be a ss -supplement of L_1 contained in K . Then, we get $M = [N_1 \oplus (K \cap L_1)] + L_1 = N_1 \oplus L_1$ and $L \cong N_1$. \square

Theorem 2.13. *If M is a quasi- ss -discrete module, then M is ss -lifting and for every decomposition $M = K \oplus L$, K and L are relatively projective.*

Proof. We obtain by Lemmas 2.6 and 2.7 that M is amply ss -supplemented and the intersection of any pair of mutual ss -supplements in M is zero. Since M is ss -supplemented, ss -supplements are direct summands and so M is ss -lifting by [2, Theorem 1]. Suppose that $M = U + V$ where U and V are direct summands of M . Let X be a ss -supplement of V such that $X \subseteq U$. Then $M = X \oplus V$. As $U = X \oplus (U \cap V)$, we get $U \cap V$ is a direct summand of M . Therefore M is \cap -direct projective. The rest follows from [1, 4.14(2)]. \square

By the definition, every quasi ss -discrete module is semi- ss -discrete. But the converse is not always true as in the following example.

Example 2.14. Consider the \mathbb{Z} -module $U = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p\mathbb{Z}}$ and $V = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p^2\mathbb{Z}}$ where p is prime. Then U and V are relatively generalised projective but U is not V -projective. So M is not a quasi ss -discrete module although M is a ss -lifting module. Since $M = U \oplus V$ is a ss -lifting module with the finite internal exchange property, M is semi- ss -discrete.

Now we can obtain properties of quasi ss -discrete modules.

Proposition 2.15. *Let M be a quasi- ss -discrete module. Then every direct summand of M is quasi- ss -discrete and every ss -supplement submodule of it is a direct summand.*

Proof. Let N be a direct summand of M . Since M is ss -lifting and π -projective, every ss -supplement submodule of M is a direct summand by [2, Theorem 1]. Since every direct summand of a π -projective module is again π -projective, N is ss -supplemented by [3, Corollary 38]. Therefore N is quasi- ss -discrete module. \square

Lemma 2.16. *Let M be a quasi ss -discrete module and $S = \text{End}(M)$. Let $e \in S$ be an idempotent and N be a semisimple direct summand of M . If $(1 - e)(N) \ll (1 - e)(M)$, then $N \cap (1 - e)(M) = 0$ and $N \oplus (1 - e)(M)$ is a direct summand in M .*

Proof. The proof can be obtained similarly as in [8, 41.16(2)]. \square

Proposition 2.17. *Let M be a quasi- ss -discrete module. If $\{N_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a directed family of semisimple direct summands of M with respect to inclusion, then $\bigcup_{i \in I} N_i$ is also a semisimple direct summand in M .*

Proof. Assume $\{N_i\}_{i \in I}$ is given as indicated. Then $N = \bigcup_{i \in I} N_i$ is a submodule, and there exists an idempotent $e \in S$ with $e(M) \subset N$ and $(1 - e)(N) \ll (1 - e)(M)$. Therefore for every $i \in I$, we have $(1 - e)(N_i) \subset (1 - e)(N) \ll (1 - e)(M)$ and $N_i \cap (1 - e)(M) = 0$ by Lemma 2.16. This implies that $N \cap (1 - e)(M) = 0$ and $M = N \oplus (1 - e)(M)$. Since N_i is semisimple for every $i \in I$, N is semisimple due to every N_i directed with respect to inclusion. \square

Lemma 2.18. *Let M be a quasi-ss-discrete module. Then for every $0 \neq m \in M$, there is a decomposition $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ such that M_1 is semisimple, $m \notin M_1$ and M_2 is hollow.*

Proof. For every $0 \neq m \in M$. Let's define the set $S = \{T \subset M \mid T \text{ is semisimple direct summand and } m \notin T\}$. This set is non-empty and inductive with respect to inclusion by Proposition 2.17 and has a maximal element M_1 by Zorn's Lemma. Since M_1 is a direct summand, there exists a submodule M_2 of M such that $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$. Therefore M_2 must be hollow. If M_2 is not hollow, then there is a proper non-superfluous submodule in M_2 . By Proposition 2.15 and Lemma 2.6, M_2 is a quasi-ss-discrete module and M_2 is ss-lifting. It follows that there exists a decomposition $M_2 = V \oplus V_1$ with $V \subset U$ and $U \cap V_1 \subseteq \text{Soc}_s(V_1)$ for some submodule V, V_1 of M_2 . Since U is non-superfluous submodule in M_2 , $V \neq \{0\}$ and $V_1 \neq \{0\}$ and so $M = M_1 \oplus M_2 = M_1 \oplus V \oplus V_1$. By the maximality of M_1 , we get $m \in M_1 \oplus V$ and $m \in M_1 \oplus V_1$. But this means $m \in M_1$ contradicting the choice of M_1 . Therefore all proper submodules in M_2 are superfluous, i.e. M_2 is hollow. \square

Theorem 2.19. *Any quasi-ss-discrete module M has a decomposition $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} H_i$ where H_i is hollow and semisimple for every $i \in I$. In particular, for every semisimple direct summand N of M , there exists a subset $J \subset I$ such that $M = \left(\bigoplus_J H_i \right) \oplus N$.*

Proof. We indicate by Ω the set of all hollow and semisimple submodules in M and take into account $\Phi = \{\wp \subset \Omega \mid \sum_{H \in \wp} H \text{ is a direct sum and a direct summand in } M\}$. This set is non-empty and inductive with respect to inclusion by Proposition 2.17 has a maximal element \wp by Zorn's Lemma. By indexing the elements in \wp with i , let $L = \bigoplus_{i \in I} H_i$. Since L is a direct summand, there exists a submodule K of M such that $M = L \oplus K$. If we prove that $K = \{0\}$, then the proof will be completed. Suppose that $K \neq \{0\}$. Then, there is an element a of K with $a \neq 0$. Moreover, K is a quasi-ss-discrete module by Proposition 2.15. We get that a decomposition $K = K_1 \oplus K_2$, $a \notin K_1$ and K_2 is hollow and semisimple by Lemma 2.18. Then we have $M = L \oplus K = L \oplus K_1 \oplus K_2 = (L \oplus K_2) \oplus K_1$ and so $K_2 \neq \{0\}$ because of $a \notin K_1$. Therefore, the direct summand $L \oplus K_2$ of M is properly larger than L . This contradicts the maximality of L . Consequently $K = 0$ and we deduce that $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} H_i$.

Suppose that N is a semisimple direct summand of M . Let's define $S = \{\Lambda \subset I \mid N \cap \left(\bigoplus_{\Lambda} H_{\lambda} \right) = \{0\} \text{ and } N \cap \left(\bigoplus_{\Lambda} H_{\lambda} \right) \text{ is a direct summand in } M\}$. By using Proposition 2.17 and Zorn's Lemma, we can say that S has a maximal element J . Assume that $L = N \cap \left(\bigoplus_J H_i \right)$. We must prove that $M = L$. Assume that $L \neq M$. Then by Lemma 2.18, we have a decomposition $M = K \oplus H$ with $L \subset K$, K is semisimple and H is hollow. If we show that $H = \{0\}$, then the proof is completed. Suppose that $H \neq \{0\}$. We consider the canonical projection $p : M \rightarrow H$. It is clear that if $p(H_j) = H$ holds for some $j \in I$, then $M = K + H_j$. If $K \cap H_j = H_j$, then $M = K$ and so $H = \{0\}$. Because of

$K \cap H_j \neq H_j$, we get that $K \cap H_j \ll H_j$. Since M is π -projective, we have $K \cap H_j = \{0\}$, i.e. $M = K \oplus H_j$. $L \oplus H_j$ is a direct summand of M because L is a direct summand of M . Since $j \notin J$, this is a contradiction to the maximality of J . It follows from $p(H_i) \neq H$ for every $i \in I$. From here, if we say $T = H_{i_1} \oplus H_{i_2} \oplus \dots \oplus H_{i_n}$ for every finite $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n \in I$, then $p(T) = p(H_{i_1}) \oplus p(H_{i_2}) \oplus \dots \oplus p(H_{i_n}) \ll H$. Moreover, for the canonical projection $e : M \rightarrow K$, we get that $p = I_M - e$ and $p(T) = (I_M - e)(T) \ll H = (I_M - e)(M)$. Since T is semisimple, we have $T \cap H = 0$ by Lemma 2.16. This situation is valid for every finite i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n we obtain $\left(\bigoplus_I H_i\right) \cap H = \{0\}$ and so $H = M \cap H = \{0\}$. It is a contradiction to the $H \neq \{0\}$. Hence $H = \{0\}$, this means $M = L$. \square

Recall that a module M is called *coatomic* if every proper submodule of M is contained in a maximal submodule of M . A ring R is called *left max* if every non-zero left R -module has a maximal submodule. Note that if R is a left max ring, then every left R -module is coatomic.

Lemma 2.20. *Let M be a quasi-ss-discrete and coatomic module. Then $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ can be written where each M_i is a strongly local module.*

Proof. Proof is a corollary of [3, Theorem 30]. \square

Lemma 2.21. *Let M be a quasi-ss-discrete and coatomic module. There is a decomposition $M = \left(\bigoplus_I L_i\right) \oplus K$ with strongly local modules L_i , $\text{Rad}\left(\bigoplus_I L_i\right) \ll \bigoplus_I L_i$ and $\text{Rad}(K) = K$.*

Proof. Since M is amply ss -supplemented, $\text{Rad}(M)$ has a ss -supplement L which has a ss -supplement K such that $K \subset \text{Rad}(M)$. Then $L \cap K = \{0\}$ by Lemma 2.7 and so $M = L \oplus K$. From here, if we use Proposition 2.15, we obtain that M is a quasi-ss-discrete module. Moreover, since $\text{Rad}(L) = L \cap \text{Rad}(M) \ll L$, there are strongly local modules L_i such that $L = \bigoplus_I L_i$. It follows that $\text{Rad}(K) = K \cap \text{Rad}(M) = K$ because K is a ss -supplement of L . \square

Proposition 2.22. *Let R be a left max ring and $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ be a quasi-ss-discrete R -module. Then every direct summand M_i is a strongly local module.*

Proof. Clear by [3, Corollary 32]. \square

Proposition 2.23. *The following statements are equivalent for an amply ss -supplemented module M .*

- (1) M is quasi-ss-discrete;
- (2) M is π -projective.

Proof. Clear by [8, 41.15] and [3, Proposition 26]. \square

Recall from [1, 4.13] that any factor module $\frac{M}{N}$ of a π -projective module M by a fully invariant submodule N is π -projective.

The following proposition can be proven by [3, Proposition 26].

Proposition 2.24. *Let M be a quasi-ss-discrete module and N be a fully invariant submodule of M . Then $\frac{M}{N}$ is quasi-ss-discrete.*

Proposition 2.25. *The following statements are equivalent for any module M .*

- (1) M is quasi-ss-discrete;
- (2) M is amply ss-supplemented and all ss-supplements of any coclosed submodule N of M are K -ss-lifting.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) It is clear that M is amply ss-supplemented by [3, Proposition 37]. Let N be a coclosed submodule of M and K be a ss-supplement of N in M . Then N and K are ss-supplements of each other and so $K \cap N = 0$ by [7, Proposition 4.11].

(2) \Rightarrow (1) It is enough to prove that M is π -projective. Let N and K be submodules of M with $M = N + K$. Since M is amply ss-supplemented, there exists a submodule K' of M such that $M = N + K'$, $N \cap K' \ll K'$, $N \cap K'$ is semisimple, $K' \subseteq K$ and a submodule N' of M such that $M = K' + N'$, $K' \cap N' \ll N'$, $K' \cap N'$ is semisimple and $N' \subseteq N$. Therefore K' and N' are ss-supplements of each other. Define $\varphi : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{K' \cap N'}$ by $\varphi(k' + n') = k' + (K' \cap N')$ ($k' \in K', n' \in N'$). By the hypothesis, there exists a homomorphism $\theta : M \rightarrow M$ where $\theta(M) \subseteq K'$ and $(1 - \theta)(M) \subseteq N'$. Hence M is π -projective. \square

Lemma 2.26. *Let N be a submodule of M such that $\frac{M}{N} \cong \frac{M}{N'}$ with N' is a coclosed submodule of M . If K is a N -lifting ss-supplement, then $M = N \oplus K$.*

Proof. Suppose that K is a ss-supplement of N in M . Then we have $M = N + K$, $N \cap K \ll K$ and $N \cap K$ is semisimple, and every homomorphism $\psi : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{N \cap K}$ lifts to a homomorphism of M . Since $\frac{M}{N} \cong \frac{M}{N'}$, then an isomorphism $\xi : \frac{M}{N'} \rightarrow \frac{M}{N}$. We can similarly obtain rest of the proof follows from [4, Lemma 2.2]. \square

Corollary 2.27. *Let N be a coclosed submodule of M . If K is a L -lifting ss-supplement in M , then $M = N \oplus K$.*

Proof. Clear by Lemma 2.26. \square

In the following theorem, we give a characterization of ss-lifting modules via coclosed submodule from renaissance of [4, Theorem 2.4].

Theorem 2.28. *Let M be an amply ss-supplemented module. M is ss-lifting if and only if every coclosed submodule N of M has a N -lifting ss-supplement.*

Proof. Follows from Corollary 2.27 and [2, Theorem 1]. \square

3. SS-DISCRETE MODULES AND STRONGLY SS-DISCRETE MODULES

In this section, we define notions of ss-discrete modules and strongly ss-discrete modules, and we obtain some elementary characterizations of these notions.

Definition 3.1. Let M be a ss-supplemented module which is π -projective and direct projective, then we call M as a *ss-discrete module*. If M is a ss-supplemented module which is self-projective, then we call M as a *strongly ss-discrete module*.

By this definition we can obtain that if a module M is ss-lifting and has the property (D_2) , then M is a ss-discrete module.

Lemma 3.2. *Let N be a ss-supplement in M . N is a direct summand of M if and only if there exists a ss-supplement K of N in M such that K is a direct summand of M and every homomorphism $f : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{N \cap K}$ can be lifted to a homomorphism $\varphi : M \rightarrow M$.*

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Clear.

(\Leftarrow) Let L be a ss-supplement of N in M with the stated property and $f : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{N \cap K}$ be the homomorphism defined by $f(a + b) = a + (N \cap K)$ for every $a \in N$ and $b \in K$. By the hypothesis, there exists a homomorphism $\varphi : M \rightarrow M$ such that f can be lifted to the homomorphism φ . We have $M = K \oplus K'$ for some submodule K' of M and $K \cap N \ll N$ and $K \cap N$ is semisimple. By [6, Lemma 2.1], we have $M = \varphi(K') \oplus K$. Since $\varphi(K') \leq N$, then $N = \varphi(K') \oplus (N \cap K)$. This implies that $N \cap K = 0$. Thus N is a direct summand of M . \square

Now we can characterize ss-lifting modules via the above lemma.

Corollary 3.3. *Let M be an amply ss-supplemented module. M is ss-lifting if and only if for every ss-supplement N in M there is a direct summand ss-supplement K of N in M such that every homomorphism $f : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{N \cap K}$ can be lifted to a homomorphism $\varphi : M \rightarrow M$.*

Proposition 3.4. *Let M be a module with $\text{Rad}(M) \subseteq \text{Soc}(M)$. If M is a (quasi-)discrete module, then M is a (quasi-)ss-discrete module.*

Proof. Clear by [3, Theorem 20]. \square

Proposition 3.5. *Let M be a ss-discrete module. Then every direct summand of M is a ss-discrete module.*

Proof. Let N be a direct summand of M . Since M is direct projective by [1, 4.22], we have N is direct projective, i.e. N has the property (D_2) . Since M is ss-supplemented and π -projective, M is ss-lifting by [2, Theorem 2]. Thus N is ss-lifting by [2, Theorem 3] and so N is a ss-discrete module. \square

Example 3.6. Consider the self-projective \mathbb{Z} -module $M = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}$. Since M is ss-supplemented, M is strongly ss-discrete.

Proposition 3.7. *Let M be a projective module. M is a strongly ss-discrete module if and only if M is a strongly discrete module and $\text{Rad}(M) \subseteq \text{Soc}(M)$.*

Proof. Since M be a projective module, M is self-projective. The proof is obvious by [3, Theorem 20] \square

Proposition 3.8. *Let M be a strongly ss-discrete module. Then every direct summand of M is a strongly ss-discrete module.*

Proof. As self-projective modules are closed under direct summands, the proof clear by [2, Theorem 3]. \square

Theorem 3.9. *Let $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$ be any finite family of R -modules and let $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$. Suppose that for every $i \in I$, $\text{Rad}(M_i) \subseteq \text{Soc}(M_i)$. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) M is strongly ss-discrete;
- (2) (a) each M_i is strongly discrete;
(b) for each $i \in I$, M_i is M_j -projective for $j \neq i$.

Proof. The proof similar to these of [1, 27.16] and [3, Theorem 20]. \square

In the following corollary, we prove that strongly ss-discrete rings thanks to semiperfect ring.

Corollary 3.10. *The following statements are equivalent for a ring R :*

- (1) ${}_R R$ is ss-supplemented;
- (2) ${}_R R$ is semiperfect and $\text{Rad}({}_R R) \subseteq \text{Soc}({}_R R)$;
- (3) for any finite set I and for each $i \in I$, every left R -module $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ where M_i is a strongly local M -projective module;
- (4) ${}_R R$ is strongly ss-discrete.

Proof. Follows from [3, Theorem 41]. \square

Finally we give the following hierarchy for any module M :

M strongly ss-discrete $\Rightarrow M$ ss-discrete $\Rightarrow M$ quasi-ss-discrete $\Rightarrow M$ semi-ss-discrete $\Rightarrow M$ ss-lifting

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