



ON COFINITELY WEAK δ –SUPPLEMENTED MODULES

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Abstract. Let R be a ring and M be a left R –module. M is called *cofinitely weak δ –supplemented* (or briefly δ –CWS–module) if every cofinite submodule of M has a weak δ –supplement in M . In this paper, we give various properties of this kind of modules. It is shown that a module M is δ –CWS–module if and only if every maximal submodule has a weak δ –supplement in M . The class of cofinitely weak δ –supplemented modules are closed under taking homomorphic images, arbitrary sums and short exact sequences. Also we give some conditions equivalent to being a δ –CWS–module for a δ –coatomic module.

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1. INTRODUCTION & PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper, R will be an associative ring with identity and M will be an unitary left R –module and the symbol “ \leq ” will denote submodule property. Let M be an R –module. A submodule N of M is called *small* in M and denoted by $N \ll M$, if for every submodule K of M the equality $M = N + K$ implies $K = M$. A submodule N of M is said to be *essential* in M and denoted by $N \leq M$, if $N \cap K \neq 0$ for every nonzero submodule K of M . A module M is said to be *singular* if $M \cong \frac{N}{K}$ for some module N and a submodule $K \leq N$ with $K \leq N$. Let N, L be submodules of M . We call L as a *supplement* of N in M , if $M = N + L$ and $N \cap L$ is small in L [12]. Also L is called a *weak supplement* of N in M , if $M = N + L$ and $N \cap L \ll M$ [9, 15]. Clearly in this situation N is a weak supplement of K , too. A module M is called *(weakly) supplemented*, if every submodule of M has a *(weak) supplement*. By using this definition, Büyükaşık and Lomp showed that a ring R is left perfect if and only if every left R –module is weakly supplemented, if and only if R is semilocal and the radical of the countably infinite free left R –module has a weak supplement in [6]. Furthermore Alizade and Büyükaşık showed that a ring R is semilocal if and only if every direct product of simple modules is weakly supplemented in [4].

Following [14], recall that a submodule N of a module M is said to be δ –small in M and written $N \ll_{\delta} M$, provided $M \neq N + X$ for any proper submodule X of

M with $\frac{M}{X}$ singular. The sum of δ -small submodules of a module M is denoted by $\delta(M)$. Let M be an R -module. M is called δ -coatomic module whenever $N \leq M$ and $\delta\left(\frac{M}{N}\right) = \frac{M}{N}$ implies $\frac{M}{N} = 0$. For more detailed discussion on δ -coatomic modules we refer to [7]. Let L be a submodule of a module M . A submodule K of M is called a δ -supplement of L in M , if $M = L + K$ and $L \cap K \ll_{\delta} K$. The module M is called δ -supplemented if every submodule of M has a δ -supplement in M . On the other hand, the submodule L is said to be a weak supplement of N in M , if $M = L + N$ and $L \cap N \ll_{\delta} M$. Also, the module M is called weakly δ -supplemented if every submodule of M has a weak δ -supplement in M . For more discussion on δ -small submodules, δ -supplemented and weakly δ -supplemented modules, we refer to [8, 13, 14].

Alizade et al. studied certain modules whose maximal submodules have supplements, and introduced cofinitely supplemented modules in [3]. A submodule N of a module M is said to be cofinite if the factor module $\frac{M}{N}$ is finitely generated. M is called a cofinitely (weak) supplemented module if every cofinite submodule of M has a (weak) supplement in M (see [3, 5], respectively). Nevertheless, it is known by [3], Theorem 2.8 and [5], Theorem 2.11, an R -module M is cofinitely (weak) supplemented if and only if every maximal submodule of M has a (weak) supplement in M . Clearly, supplemented modules are cofinitely supplemented and weakly supplemented modules are cofinitely weak supplemented.

A module M is called cofinitely δ -supplemented, if every submodule of M has a δ -supplement in M . In [10], cofinitely δ -supplemented modules are introduced as a generalization of cofinitely supplemented modules. On the other hand, some properties of these modules are given in [1, 2].

In this paper, we will call a module M is cofinitely weak δ -supplemented (or briefly δ -CWS-module) if every cofinite submodule of M has a weak δ -supplement. We will introduce cofinitely weak δ -supplemented modules and obtain some properties of these modules.

2. COFINITELY WEAK δ -SUPPLEMENTED MODULES

Lemma 1. *Let M be a module and U be a cofinite (maximal) submodule of M . If V is a weak δ -supplement of U in M , then U has a finitely generated (cyclic) weak δ -supplement in M contained in V .*

Proof. If U is cofinite, then $\frac{M}{U} \cong \frac{V}{(V \cap U)}$ is finitely generated. Let $\frac{V}{(V \cap U)}$ be generated by elements $x_1 + V \cap U, x_2 + V \cap U, \dots, x_n + V \cap U$ (for every $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ $x_i \in V$). Then for the finitely generated submodule $W = Rx_1 + Rx_2 + \dots + Rx_n$ of V , we have $W + U = W + V \cap U + U = V + U = M$ and $W \cap U \leq V \cap U \ll_{\delta} M$. Therefore W is a finitely generated weak δ -supplement of U in M contained in V . If U is maximal, then $\frac{V}{(V \cap U)}$ is a cyclic module generated by some element $x + (V \cap U)$ and $W = Rx$ is a weak δ -supplement of U . \square

Lemma 2. *Let M be a module. If, for every cofinite submodule U of M , there exists a submodule V of M such that $M = U + V$ and $U \cap V$ has a weak δ -supplement in V , then M is a δ -CWS-module.*

Proof. Let U be a cofinite submodule of M . By assumption, there is a submodule V in M such that $M = U + V$ and $U \cap V$ has a weak δ -supplement X in V . Then $U \cap V + X = V$ and $(U \cap V) \cap X = U \cap X \ll_{\delta} V$. Note that $M = U + V = U + U \cap V + X = U + X$ and $U \cap X \ll_{\delta} M$. Hence X is a weak δ -supplement of U in M . It follows that M is a δ -CWS-module. \square

Lemma 3. *Let M be a module and U be a cofinite submodule of M . If U has a weak δ -supplement V in M and $\delta(K) = K \cap \delta(M)$ for every finitely generated submodule K of V , then U has a finitely generated δ -supplement in M .*

Proof. V is a weak δ -supplement of U in M , i.e. $U + V = M$ and $U \cap V \ll_{\delta} M$. Since $\frac{M}{U}$ is finitely generated, by Lemma 1 U has a finitely generated weak δ -supplement $K \leq V$ in M , i.e. $M = U + K$ and $U \cap K \ll_{\delta} M$. Then $U \cap K \leq \delta(M)$. Therefore $U \cap K \leq K \cap \delta(M) = \delta(K)$ and so K is a δ -supplement of U in M . \square

Theorem 1. *Let M be a module such that for every finitely generated submodule K of M , $\delta(K) = K \cap \delta(M)$. Then M is cofinitely weak δ -supplemented if and only if M is cofinitely δ -supplemented.*

Proof. Let U be a cofinite submodule of M . Since M is a δ -CWS-module, U has a weak δ -supplement V in M and by Lemma 3, U has a δ -supplement. Hence M is cofinitely δ -supplemented.

The converse is obvious. \square

Corollary 1. *Let M be a finitely generated module such that for every (finitely generated) submodule K of M , $\delta(K) = K \cap \delta(M)$. Then M is weakly δ -supplemented if and only if M is δ -supplemented.*

Proof. Follows from Theorem 1 as in a finitely generated module, every submodule is cofinite. \square

Proposition 1. *A homomorphic image of a δ -CWS-module is a δ -CWS-module.*

Proof. Let $f : M \rightarrow N$ be a homomorphism and M be a δ -CWS-module. Suppose that X is a cofinite submodule of $f(M)$. Then, we can easily get $\frac{M}{f^{-1}(X)} \cong \frac{(\frac{M}{\ker(f)})}{(\frac{f^{-1}(X)}{\ker(f)})} \cong \frac{f(M)}{X}$ which implies that $\frac{M}{f^{-1}(X)}$ is finitely generated. Since M is a δ -CWS-module, $f^{-1}(X)$ has a weak δ -supplement U in M , i.e. $f^{-1}(X) + U = M$ and $f^{-1}(X) \cap U \ll_{\delta} M$. So $f(f^{-1}(X) + f(U)) = f(M)$ and since X is a submodule of $f(M)$, $f(f^{-1}(X)) = X$ and so $X + f(U) = f(M)$. Furthermore, $f(f^{-1}(X)) \cap f(U) \ll_{\delta} f(M)$ by Lemma 1.3(2) in [14]. Therefore $X \cap f(U) \ll_{\delta} f(M)$. \square

Corollary 2. *Any factor module of a δ -CWS-module is a δ -CWS-module.*

To prove that an arbitrary sum of δ -CWS-modules is a δ -CWS-module, we use the following standard lemma.

Lemma 4. *Let M be a module, N and U be submodules of M with cofinitely weak δ -supplemented N and cofinite U . If $N + U$ has a weak δ -supplement in M , then U also has a weak δ -supplement in M .*

Proof. Let X be a weak δ -supplement of $N + U$ in module M . Then we have $\frac{N}{[N \cap (X + U)]} \cong \frac{N + (X + U)}{X + U} = \frac{M}{X + U} \cong \frac{\left(\frac{M}{U}\right)}{\left(\frac{X + U}{U}\right)}$. The last module is a finitely generated module. Hence $N \cap (X + U)$ has a weak δ -supplement Y in N , i.e. $Y + [N \cap (X + U)] = N$ and $Y \cap [N \cap (X + U)] = Y \cap (X + U) \ll_{\delta} N \leq M$. Since $M = U + X + N = U + X + Y + [N \cap (X + U)] = X + U + Y$, Y is a weak δ -supplement of $X + U$ in M . Therefore $U \cap (X + Y) \leq [X \cap (Y + U)] + [Y \cap (X + U)] \ll_{\delta} M$ by Lemma 1.3(1) of [14]. This means that $X + Y$ is a weak δ -supplement of U in M . \square

Proposition 2. *Any arbitrary sum of δ -CWS-modules is a δ -CWS-module.*

Proof. Let $M = \sum_{i \in I} M_i$ where each module M_i is a cofinitely weak δ -supplemented and N be a cofinite submodule of M . Then $\frac{M}{N}$ is generated by some finite set $\{x_1 + N, x_2 + N, \dots, x_n + N\}$ and therefore $M = Rx_1 + Rx_2 + \dots + Rx_n + N$. Since each x_i is contained in the sum $\sum_{j \in J} M_j$ for some finite subset $J = \{1, \dots, 1_{s(1)}, \dots, n_{s(n)}\}$ of I , $M = M_{1_1} + \sum_{j \in J - \{1_1\}} M_j + N$ has a trivial weak δ -supplement 0 in M and since M_{1_1} is a δ -CWS-module, $N + \sum_{j \in J} M_j$ has a weak δ -supplement by Lemma 4. Continuing in this way, we will obtain (after we have used Lemma 4 $\sum_{i=1}^n s(i)$ times) N has a weak δ -supplement in M . \square

Let M and N be R -modules. If there is an epimorphism $f : M^{(\Lambda)} \rightarrow N$ for some set Λ , then N is called an M -generated module. The following corollary follows from Corollary 2 and Proposition 2.

Corollary 3. *If M is a δ -CWS-module, then any M -generated module is a δ -CWS-module.*

Now we are going to prove that a module is cofinitely weak δ -supplemented if and only if every maximal submodule has a weak δ -supplement in M . Firstly we need the following lemma.

Lemma 5. *Let U, K be submodules of an R -module M . If K is a weak δ -supplement of a maximal submodule N of M . If $K + U$ has a weak δ -supplement in M , then U has a weak δ -supplement in M .*

Proof. Let K be a weak δ -supplement of a maximal submodule $N \leq M$, and X be a weak δ -supplement of $K + U$ in M , i.e. $X + K + U = M$ and $X \cap (K + U) \ll_{\delta} M$. If $K \cap (X + U) \leq N$, then $(K + X) \cap U \leq [K \cap (X + U)] + [X \cap (K + U)] \ll_{\delta} M$. So, in this case $K + X$ is a weak δ -supplement of U in M .

Now, suppose that $K \cap (X + U) \not\leq N$, i.e. $K \cap (X + U) \not\leq K \cap N$. Since $\frac{K}{(K \cap N)} \cong \left(\frac{K+N}{N}\right) = \frac{M}{N}$ and N is a maximal submodule of M , $K \cap N$ is a maximal submodule of K . Therefore $(K \cap N) + [K \cap (X + U)] = K$. Also, we get $M = U + K + X = U + (K \cap N) + [K \cap (X + U)] + X = U + (K \cap N) + X$ and $(U \cap [(K \cap N) + X]) \leq [(K \cap N) \cap (U + X)] + [(K \cap N) + U] \cap X \leq (K \cap N) + [(K + U) \cap X] \ll_{\delta} M$ by Lemma 1.3(2) of [14]. So $((K \cap N) + X)$ is a weak δ -supplement of U in M . Thus in both cases there is a weak δ -supplement of U in M . \square

For a module M , let E be the set of all submodules K such that K is a weak δ -supplement for some maximal submodule of M and $CWS_{\delta}(M)$ denote the sum of all submodules from E .

Theorem 2. *Let M be a module. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) M is a δ -CWS-module,
- (ii) Every maximal submodule of M has a weak δ -supplement,
- (iii) $\frac{M}{CWS_{\delta}(M)}$ has no maximal submodules.

Proof.

(i) \Rightarrow (ii): Since every maximal submodule is cofinite, the proof is obvious.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii): Suppose that there is a maximal submodule of $\frac{N}{CWS_{\delta}(M)}$ of $\frac{M}{CWS_{\delta}(M)}$ and $CWS_{\delta}(M) \leq N$. Then N is a maximal submodule of M . By hypothesis, there is a weak δ -supplement K of N . Then $K \in E$ and so $K \leq CWS_{\delta}(M) \leq N \leq M$. Hence $N = M$. This contradiction shows that $\frac{M}{CWS_{\delta}(M)}$ has no maximal submodules.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i): Let U be a cofinite submodule of M . Since $\frac{\left(\frac{M}{U}\right)}{\left(\frac{U+CWS_{\delta}(M)}{U}\right)} \cong \frac{M}{(U+CWS_{\delta}(M))}$, $U + CWS_{\delta}(M)$ is a cofinite submodule of M . If $\frac{M}{[U+CWS_{\delta}(M)]} \neq 0$ i.e. $U + CWS_{\delta}(M) \neq M$, then there is a maximal submodule $\frac{N}{[U+CWS_{\delta}(M)]}$ of the finitely generated $\frac{M}{[U+CWS_{\delta}(M)]}$. It follows that N is a maximal submodule of M and $\frac{N}{CWS_{\delta}(M)}$ is a maximal submodule of $\frac{M}{CWS_{\delta}(M)}$. This contradicts hypothesis. So $M = U + CWS_{\delta}(M)$. Now $\frac{M}{U}$ is finitely generated, say by elements $x_1 + U, x_2 + U, \dots, x_m + U$, we have $M = Rx_1 + Rx_2 + \dots + Rx_m + U$.

Each element x_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, m$) can be written as $x_i = u_i + c_i$, where $u_i \in U, c_i \in CWS_\delta(M)$. Since each c_i is contained in the sum of finite number of submodules from E , $M = U + K_1 + K_2 + \dots + K_n$ for some submodules K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n of M from E . Now $M = (U + K_1 + \dots + K_{n-1}) + K_n$ has a weak δ -supplement, namely 0. By Lemma 5, $U + K_1 + K_2 + \dots + K_{n-1}$ has a weak δ -supplement. Continuing in this way we obtain that U has a weak δ -supplement in M . Hence M is a δ -CWS-module. \square

Proposition 3. *Let M be a module and $\frac{M}{\delta(M)}$ be a cofinitely weak δ -supplemented. Then every cofinite submodule of $\frac{M}{\delta(M)}$ is a direct summand.*

Proof. Let $\frac{K}{\delta(M)}$ be a cofinite submodule of $\frac{M}{\delta(M)}$. By hypothesis, $\frac{K}{\delta(M)}$ has a weak δ -supplement $\frac{L}{\delta(M)}$, i.e. $\left(\frac{K}{\delta(M)}\right) + \left(\frac{L}{\delta(M)}\right) = \frac{M}{\delta(M)}$ and $\left(\frac{K}{\delta(M)}\right) \cap \left(\frac{L}{\delta(M)}\right) \ll_\delta \frac{M}{\delta(M)}$. Since $\delta\left(\frac{M}{\delta(M)}\right) = 0$, $\left(\frac{K}{\delta(M)}\right) \cap \left(\frac{L}{\delta(M)}\right) = 0_{\frac{M}{\delta(M)}}$. Hence $\frac{K}{\delta(M)}$ is a direct summand. \square

Theorem 3. *Let M be δ -coatomic module. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) M is a δ -CWS-module,
- (ii) $\frac{M}{\delta(M)}$ is a δ -CWS-module,
- (iii) Every cofinite submodule of $\frac{M}{\delta(M)}$ is a direct summand,
- (iv) Every maximal submodule of $\frac{M}{\delta(M)}$ is a direct summand,
- (v) Every maximal submodule of M has a weak δ -supplement.

Proof.

(i) \Rightarrow (ii) By Corollary 2.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) By Proposition 3.

(iii) \Rightarrow (iv) Maximal submodules are cofinite so by the assumption they are direct summand.

(iv) \Rightarrow (v) If N is a maximal submodule of M , then $\frac{N}{\delta(M)}$ is a maximal submodule of $\frac{M}{\delta(M)}$. So there is a submodule $\frac{K}{\delta(M)}$ of $\frac{M}{\delta(M)}$ such that $\frac{M}{\delta(M)} = \left(\frac{K}{\delta(M)}\right) \oplus \left(\frac{N}{\delta(M)}\right)$. Therefore $K \cap N \leq \delta(M) \ll_\delta M$. Hence K is a weak δ -supplement in M .

Let N be a maximal submodule of M which does not contain $\delta(M)$. In this case, we have $\delta(M) + N = M$. So $\delta(M)$ is a δ -supplement of N in M .

(v) \Rightarrow (i) By Theorem 2 this proof holds for every module M . \square

Theorem 4. *Let M be an R -module with $\delta(M) \ll_\delta M$ and $\frac{M}{\delta(M)}$ be a δ -CWS-module. Then M is a δ -CWS-module.*

Proof. Let U be a cofinite submodule of M . Then $\frac{M}{(U+\delta(M))} \cong \frac{\left(\frac{M}{U}\right)}{\left(\frac{U+\delta(M)}{U}\right)}$ is finitely generated, i.e. $U + \delta(M)$ is cofinite. On the other hand

$$\frac{\left(\frac{M}{\delta(M)}\right)}{\left[\frac{(U+\delta(M))}{\delta(M)}\right]} \cong \frac{M}{(U + \delta(M))}$$

is finitely generated and so $\frac{(U+\delta(M))}{\delta(M)}$ is a cofinite submodule of $\frac{M}{\delta(M)}$. By assumption, there exists a submodule $\frac{V}{\delta(M)}$ of $\frac{M}{\delta(M)}$ such that $\left[\frac{(U+\delta(M))}{\delta(M)}\right] + \left(\frac{V}{\delta(M)}\right) = \frac{M}{\delta(M)}$ and $\left[\frac{(U+\delta(M))}{\delta(M)}\right] \cap \left(\frac{V}{\delta(M)}\right) = \frac{[(U \cap V) + \delta(M)]}{\delta(M)} \ll_{\delta} \frac{M}{\delta(M)}$. Now we get $M = U + \delta(M) + V = U + V$. Since $\delta\left(\frac{M}{\delta(M)}\right) = 0_{\frac{M}{\delta(M)}}$, we obtain that $(U \cap V) + \delta(M) = \delta(M)$, that is $U \cap V \leq \delta(M)$ and since $\delta(M) \ll_{\delta} M$, $U \cap V$ is also δ -small in M . Therefore M is a δ -CWS-module. \square

Let M and N be R -modules. We call an epimorphism $f : M \rightarrow N$ is a δ -cover in case $\text{Ker} f \ll_{\delta} M$ [11].

Corollary 4. A δ -cover of a δ -CWS-module is a δ -CWS-module.

Theorem 5. Let $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$ be a short exact sequence. If L and N are δ -CWS-modules and L has a weak δ -supplement in M , then M is a δ -CWS-module.

Proof. Without restriction of generality, we will assume that $L \leq M$. Let S be weak δ -supplement of L in M , i.e. $L + S = M$ and $L \cap S \ll_{\delta} M$. Then we have, $\frac{M}{L \cap S} \cong \frac{L}{L \cap S} \oplus \frac{S}{L \cap S}$. $\frac{L}{L \cap S}$ is cofinitely weak δ -supplemented as a factor module of L which is cofinitely weak δ -supplemented. On the other hand, $\frac{S}{L \cap S} \cong \frac{M}{L} \cong N$ is cofinitely weak δ -supplemented. Then $\frac{M}{L \cap S}$ is cofinitely weak δ -supplemented as a sum of cofinitely weak δ -supplemented. If we take Theorem 4 into consideration, then M became a δ -CWS-module since $f : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{L \cap S}$ is a δ -cover. \square

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