

## A DECOMPOSITION THEOREM FOR UTUMI AND DUAL-UTUMI MODULES

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**ABSTRACT.** We show that if  $M$  is a Utumi module, in particular if  $M$  is quasi-continuous, then  $M = Q \oplus K$ , where  $Q$  is quasi-injective that is both a square-full as well as a dual-square-full module,  $K$  is a square-free module, and  $Q$  &  $K$  are orthogonal. Dually, we also show that if  $M$  is a dual-Utumi module whose local summands are summands, in particular if  $M$  is quasi-discrete, then  $M = P \oplus K$  where  $P$  is quasi-projective that is both a square-full as well as a dual-square-full module,  $K$  is a dual-square-free module, and  $P$  &  $K$  are factor-orthogonal.

### 1. Preliminaries

A module  $Y$  is called a square if  $Y \cong X \oplus X$  for some module  $X$ . A module  $M$  is called square-free if it does not contain a non-zero square. A submodule  $X$  of a module  $M$  is called a square-root in  $M$  if  $X \oplus X$  embeds in  $M$ . The module  $M$  is called square-full if every non-zero submodule of  $M$  contains a non-zero square-root. A well-known result of Mohamed and Müller, [8, Theorem 2.37], asserts that every quasi-continuous module  $M$  has a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ , unique up to superspectivity, such that:

- (1)  $M_1$  is square-free;
- (2)  $M_2$  is square-full and quasi-injective;
- (3)  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are orthogonal.

The notion of square-free was dualized in [1] as follows: a right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called dual-square-free if  $M$  has no proper submodules  $A$  and  $B$  with  $M = A + B$  and  $M/A \cong M/B$ . Equivalently, [7], if  $L$  is a factor module of  $M$  such that  $L \cong N \oplus N$  for some module  $N$ , then  $N = 0$ . Subsequently, a thorough investigation of dual-square-free modules was carried out in [2].

In [6], the notion of factor-square-full modules was introduced and a dualization of the aforementioned result of Mohamed and Müller was established.

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According to [6], a submodule  $Y \subseteq M$  is called dual-square-root if there is an epimorphism  $f : M \rightarrow (M/Y)^2$ , where  $(M/Y)^2 := (M/Y) \oplus (M/Y)$ . A module  $M$  is called factor-square-full if, every proper submodule  $X$  of  $M$  is contained in a proper dual-square-root  $Y$  of  $M$ . It was shown in [6, Proposition 3.4 and Theorem 3.7] that every quasi-discrete module  $M$  is a direct sum  $M_1 \oplus M_2$  of a factor-square-full module  $M_1$  and a dual-square-free module  $M_2$ , which are factor orthogonal. Moreover, such a decomposition is unique up to isomorphism and the module  $M_1$  is quasi-projective.

In this paper we show that if  $M$  is a Utumi module ( $U$ -module, for short), then  $M = Q \oplus K$  where  $Q$  is quasi-injective that is both a square-full as well as a dual-square-full module,  $K$  is a square-free module, and  $Q$  and  $K$  are orthogonal. In particular, such a decomposition holds for quasi-continuous modules. Dually, we also show that if  $M$  is a Dual-Utumi module ( $DU$ -module, for short) whose local summands are summands, then  $M = P \oplus K$ , where  $P$  is quasi-projective that is both a square-full as well as a dual-square-full module,  $K$  is a dual-square-free module, and  $P$  &  $K$  are factor-orthogonal. In particular, such a decomposition holds for quasi-discrete modules. Our results may be considered as an improvement of the work on quasi-discrete modules in [6].

Let's recall first some definitions. According to [3], the notion of a  $U$ -module was introduced as a non-trivial and simultaneous generalization of quasi-continuous, square-free and automorphism-invariant modules, where a right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a  $U$ -module if, whenever  $A$  and  $B$  are submodules of  $M$  with  $A \cong B$  and  $A \cap B = 0$ , there exist two summands  $K$  and  $T$  of  $M$  such that  $A \subseteq^{ess} K$ ,  $B \subseteq^{ess} T$  and  $K \oplus T \subseteq^{\oplus} M$ . Dually, in [4], the notion of  $DU$ -modules was introduced as a strict and simultaneous generalization of the quasi-discrete, pseudo-discrete and dual-square-free modules. As defined in [4], a right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a  $DU$ -module if, for any two proper submodules  $A$  and  $B$  of  $M$  with  $M/A \cong M/B$  and  $A + B = M$ , there exist two summands  $K$  and  $L$  of  $M$  such that  $A$  lies over  $K$ ,  $B$  lies over  $L$  and  $K \cap L \subseteq^{\oplus} M$ . For the definitions of quasi-continuous, quasi-discrete, discrete, quasi-injective, and quasi-projective, we refer the reader to the textbooks [8] and [9].

Throughout, all rings  $R$  are associative with unity and all modules are unitary  $R$ -modules. For a module  $M$ , we use  $rad(M)$ ,  $E(M)$  and  $End(M_R)$  to denote the Jacobson radical, the injective hull and the endomorphism ring of  $M$ , respectively. If  $M = R$ , we write  $J(R) = rad(R)$ . We write  $N \subseteq M$  if  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ ,  $N \subseteq^{ess} M$  if  $N$  is an essential submodule of  $M$ ,  $N \subseteq^{\oplus} M$  if  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ , and  $N \ll M$  if  $N$  is a small submodule of  $M$ . A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called proper if  $N \subsetneq M$ . A submodule  $N$  of a right  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to lie over a direct summand of  $M$  if there is a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  with  $M_1 \subseteq N$  and  $N \cap M_2 \ll M$ . Furthermore, two right  $R$ -modules  $M$  and  $N$  are called orthogonal, if they do not contain non-zero isomorphic submodules. Dually,  $M$  and  $N$  are called factor orthogonal if no non-zero factor of  $M$  is isomorphic to a factor of  $N$ .

## 2. Results

**Lemma 2.1** ([3, Theorem 3.13]). *If  $M$  is a  $U$ -module, then  $M = Q \oplus T$ , where*

- (1)  $Q$  is a quasi-injective module;
- (2)  $Q = A \oplus B \oplus D$ , where  $A \cong B$  and  $D$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $A \oplus B$ ;
- (3)  $T$  is a square-free module;
- (4)  $T$  is  $Q$ -injective, and
- (5)  $Q$  and  $T$  are orthogonal.

Recall that a local summand of a module  $M$  is a direct sum  $L := \bigoplus_{i \in I} N_i$  of submodules of  $M$  such that  $\bigoplus_{i \in F} N_i$  is a summand of  $M$  for any finite subset  $F$  of  $I$ .

**Lemma 2.2** ([4, Theorem 4.4]). *Let  $M$  be a  $DU$ -module whose local summands are summands. Then  $M = Q \oplus P$ , where*

- (1)  $Q$  is a  $DSF$ -module;
- (2)  $Q = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} Q_\lambda$ , a direct sum of pairwise non-isomorphic indecomposable modules;
- (3)  $P = C \oplus A \oplus B$  is a quasi-projective and discrete module with  $A \cong B$ , and  $C$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $A \oplus B$ ;
- (4)  $Q$  is  $P$ -projective;
- (5)  $P$  and  $Q$  are factor-orthogonal.

**Lemma 2.3.** *If  $M = A \oplus B \oplus C$  with  $A \stackrel{f}{\cong} B$ , and  $C$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $A \oplus B$ , then  $M$  is both a square-full as well as a dual square-full module.*

*Proof.* First we show that  $M$  is square-full. Let  $0 \neq X \subseteq M = (A \oplus B) \oplus C$  and suppose that  $Q =: X \cap A \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $Q \cong f(Q)$  with  $Q \cap f(Q) = 0$ . This means that  $Q$  is a non-zero square root embedded in  $M$ . Similarly, if  $S = X \cap B \neq 0$ , then  $S$  is a non-zero square root embedded in  $M$ . Now, suppose that  $E =: X \cap C \neq 0$ , and let  $\sigma : C \rightarrow A \oplus B$  be an embedding. Clearly,  $E \cong \sigma(E)$  with  $E \cap \sigma(E) = 0$ , and so  $E$  is a non-zero square root embedded in  $M$ . Therefore, it remains to consider the case when  $X \cap A = X \cap B = X \cap C = 0$ . By [8, Lemma 1.31],  $X$  and one of  $A$ ,  $B$  or  $C$  have non-zero isomorphic submodules. Without loss of generality, let  $X' \subseteq X$  and  $A' \subseteq A$  be such that  $X' \cong A'$ . Inasmuch as  $X' \cap A' = 0$ , we infer that  $X'$  is a square-root in  $M$ . This shows that  $M$  is a square-full module. Next, we show that  $M$  is dual-square-full. Let  $X$  be a proper submodule of  $M$ . Clearly, we have the following epimorphism:

$$\begin{aligned} M &\rightarrow A \oplus B \cong B \oplus B \\ &\cong M/(A \oplus C) \oplus M/(A \oplus C) \rightarrow M/(A+X+C) \oplus M/(A+X+C). \end{aligned}$$

Now, if  $Y := A+X+C \neq M$ , then  $Y$  is a proper factor-square-full submodule containing  $X$ . Otherwise, suppose that  $Y := A+X+C = M$ . In this case

$M/(X+C) \cong A/(A \cap (X+C))$ , and we have the following epimorphism:

$$\begin{aligned} M \rightarrow A \oplus B &\cong A \oplus A \rightarrow A/(A \cap (X+C)) \oplus A/(A \cap (X+C)) \\ &\cong M/(X+C) \oplus M/(X+C). \end{aligned}$$

Now, if  $X+C \neq M$ , then  $X+C$  is a proper factor-square-full submodule containing  $X$ . If  $M = X+C$ , then by the hypothesis,  $C \cong D \subseteq^{\oplus} A \oplus B$  for a submodule  $D \subseteq M$ , and we have the following epimorphism:

$$M = A \oplus B \oplus C \rightarrow D \oplus C \cong C \oplus C \rightarrow C/(X \cap C) \oplus C/(X \cap C) \cong M/X \oplus M/X.$$

In this case  $X$  is a proper factor-square-full submodule. This shows that  $M$  is dual-square-full, completing the proof.  $\square$

Now, the next two results are immediate consequences of Lemma 2.1, Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3. Recall first that a module  $M$  is said to satisfy the  $C1$ -condition if every submodule of  $M$  is essential in a direct summand.  $M$  is said to satisfy the  $C3$ -condition if the sum of any two summands of  $M$  with zero intersection is a summand of  $M$ . A module is called *quasi-continuous* if it satisfies both the  $C1$ - and  $C3$ -conditions. Moreover, a module  $M$  is called *automorphism-invariant* (*auto-invariant*) if it is invariant under any automorphism of its injective hull.

**Theorem 2.4.** *If  $M$  is a  $U$ -module, then  $M = Q \oplus K$ , where  $Q$  is quasi-injective that is both a square-full as well as a dual-square-full module,  $K$  is a square-free module, and  $Q$  and  $K$  are orthogonal. In particular, such a decomposition holds for both quasi-continuous and auto-invariant modules.*

A module  $M$  is said to satisfy the  $D1$ -condition if every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  lies over a direct summand of  $M$ . The module  $M$  is said to satisfy the  $D3$ -condition if  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are direct summands of  $M$ , and  $M = M_1 + M_2$ , then  $M_1 \cap M_2$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . A module is called *quasi-discrete* if it satisfies both the  $D1$ - and  $D3$ -conditions.

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $M$  be a  $DU$ -module whose local summands are summands. Then  $M = P \oplus K$ , where  $P$  is quasi-projective and discrete that is both a square-full as well as a dual-square-full module,  $K$  is a dual-square-free module, and  $P$  and  $K$  are factor-orthogonal. In particular, such a decomposition holds for quasi-discrete modules.*

A module  $M$  is called  $H$ -supplemented [6] if, for any submodule  $X \subseteq M$ , there exist a submodule  $Y \subseteq M$  and a decomposition  $M = A \oplus B$  such that  $X \subseteq Y$ ,  $A \subseteq Y$ ,  $Y/X \ll M/X$  and  $Y/A \ll M/A$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are modules, then  $A$  is called radical- $B$ -projective [6] if, for every homomorphism  $f : A \rightarrow X$  and every epimorphism  $g : B \rightarrow X$  there exists a homomorphism  $h : A \rightarrow B$  such that  $\text{Im}(f - gh) \ll X$ . A module  $M$  is called quasi-radical-projective if  $M$  is radical- $M$ -projective.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $M$  be an  $H$ -supplemented module that satisfies the  $D3$ -condition, then  $M = Q \oplus P$ , where  $Q$  is a dual-square-free module,  $P$  is a quasi-radical-projective module that is both a square-full as well as a dual-square-full module, and  $P$  and  $Q$  are factor-orthogonal.*

*Proof.* It follows from Lemma 2.3 and the proof of Proposition 2.16 in [5].  $\square$

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