

ON MAXIMAL PRERADICAL RATIONAL EXTENSIONS

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ABSTRACT The concepts of t -rational extensions and t -essential extensions of modules, where t a preradical for $R\text{-Mod}$, are introduced. The structures of such extensions are determined. Relations between maximal t -rational extensions and other concepts of modules are studied.

1. Introduction

The notion of rational extensions of modules was introduced by Utumi [7] and Findlay-Lambek [2]. For a preradical t , as torsion theoretically, we will define t -rational extensions of modules. This is a dual concept of t -corational extensions [5].

In general, rational extensions do not preserve direct sums. However, t -rational extensions preserve direct sums. In this paper, first, we determine the form of t -rational extension of t -torsionfree module.

Next, we show that every t -torsion free module has the maximal t -rational extension uniquely up to isomorphism. Moreover, we characterize t -rationally complete module.

Throughout this paper, R denotes a ring with identity and all modules are unitary left R -modules. We denote the category of all modules by $R\text{-Mod}$ and the injective hull of a module A by $E(A)$.

For a preradical t of $R\text{-Mod}$, a module A is said to be t -torsion (resp. t -torsionfree) if $t(A) = A$ (resp. $t(A) = 0$). The t -torsion class (resp. t -torsionfree class) of modules or the class of t -torsion (resp.

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t -torsionfree) modules will be denoted by $T(t)$ (resp $F(t)$). Also, for two preradicals t and s of $R\text{-Mod}$, we shall say that s is less than t (or t is larger than s) if $s(A) \subseteq t(A)$ for every module A .

We denote the left linear topology corresponding to a left exact preradical t by $L(t)$, that is,

$$L(t) = \{ {}_R I \leq R \mid R/I \in T(t) \}$$

Also, for each module M , $Z(M)$ denotes the singular submodule of M , that is,

$$Z(M) = \{ x \in M \mid Ix = 0, \text{ for some essential left ideal } I \text{ of } R \}$$

We refer the reader to Stenström [6] for additional terminology and properties of preradicals and torsion theories.

2. t -rational extensions

Let Q be a module. We define a preradical k_Q by

$$k_Q(M) = \cap \{ \text{Ker } f \mid f \in \text{Hom}_R(M, Q) \}$$

for all modules M . As is well known, k_Q is the largest preradical t such that $t(Q) = 0$. In fact, k_Q is a radical. All preradicals in this paper are over $R\text{-Mod}$ for a fixed ring R . Let t be a preradical. We call an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ is a t -rational extension of A if B is in $F(t)$ and any submodule of $\text{Coker}(\alpha)$ is in $T(t)$. If α is an inclusion map, then we say that A is a t -rational submodule of B . It is immediate that an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ is a rational extension of A if and only if it is a k_B -rational extension of A . Also, if an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ is a t -rational extension of A , then it is a rational extension of A .

The converse of the above remark is not true in general, as follows:

EXAMPLE 2.1. Let R be the ring \mathbf{Z} of integers. We put $A = 12\mathbf{Z}$, $B = \mathbf{Z}$ and $t = \text{Soc}$. Since $Z(B) = 0$ and A is an essential submodule of B , $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\iota} B$ is a rational extension of A , where ι an inclusion map. However, $\text{Soc}(B/A) = 2\mathbf{Z}/12\mathbf{Z} \neq B/A$. Thus $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\iota} B$ is not a t -rational extension of A .

On the other hand, for any preradical t , an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ is called a t -essential extension of A if it is an essential extension of A and every submodule of $\text{Coker}(\alpha)$ is in $T(t)$. If α is an inclusion map, we say that A is a t -essential submodule of B .

Obviously, we see that if $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ is a t -rational extension of A , then it is a t -essential extension of A .

The converse of this remark is not true in general, as follows:

EXAMPLE 2 2. Let R be the ring \mathbf{Z} of rational integers. We put $A = 4\mathbf{Z}/8\mathbf{Z}$, $B = \mathbf{Z}/8\mathbf{Z}$ and $t = Z$ be the singular torsion functor. Then $Z(B) = B$, and so $Z(B/A) = B/A$. Also since A is an essential submodule of B , $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} B$ is a t -essential extension of A , where i is an inclusion map. However, $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} B$ is not a t -rational extension of A .

We note that for any left exact preradical t , an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ is a t -rational extension of A if and only if B is in $F(t)$ and $\text{Coker}(\alpha)$ is in $T(t)$.

Let t be a preradical. We say that a left R -module A is t -injective if the functor $\text{Hom}_R(-, A)$ preserves exactness for all exact sequences

$$0 \rightarrow C' \rightarrow C \rightarrow C'' \rightarrow 0$$

with $C'' \in T(t)$.

PROPOSITION 2 3. Let t be a left exact radical, and $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ and $0 \rightarrow B \xrightarrow{\beta} C$ be two exact sequences. Then $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ is a t -rational extension of A and $0 \rightarrow B \xrightarrow{\beta} C$ is a t -rational extension of B if and only if $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\beta\alpha} C$ is a t -rational extension of A .

Proof Assume that both $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ and $0 \rightarrow B \xrightarrow{\beta} C$ are t -rational extensions. Then since

$$0 \rightarrow \beta(B)/\beta\alpha(A) \rightarrow C/\beta\alpha(A) \rightarrow C/\beta(B) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact,

$$(C/\beta\alpha(A))/(\beta(B)/\beta\alpha(A)) \cong C/\beta(B)$$

On the other hand, since $\beta(B)/\beta\alpha(A) \cong B/\alpha(A)$, $\beta(B)/\beta\alpha(A)$ and $C/\beta(B)$ are in $T(t)$, we see that $C/\beta\alpha(A)$ is in $T(t)$. Thus $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\beta\alpha} C$ is a t -rational extension of A .

Conversely, suppose that $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\beta\alpha} C$ is a t -rational extension of A . We must show that $B/\alpha(A)$ and $C/\beta(B)$ are in $T(t)$. Since

$$B/\alpha(A) \cong \beta(B)/\beta\alpha(A) \subseteq C/\beta\alpha(A),$$

$B/\alpha(A)$ is in $T(t)$. On the other hand, since

$$C/\beta(B) \cong (C/\beta\alpha(A))/(\beta(B)/\beta\alpha(A))$$

which is contained in $T(t)$, it follows that $C/\beta(B)$ is in $T(t)$. This completes the proof. \square

PROPOSITION 2.4. Let t be a left exact preradical and $\{0 \rightarrow A_\lambda \xrightarrow{\alpha_\lambda} B_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ be a family of t -rational extensions. Then

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} A_\lambda \xrightarrow{\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \alpha_\lambda} \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} B_\lambda$$

is a t -rational extension

Proof. Since B_λ is in $F(t)$ for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$, $\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} B_\lambda$ is in $F(t)$. Also,

$$f : \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} B_\lambda / \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \alpha_\lambda(A_\lambda) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (B_\lambda / \alpha_\lambda(A_\lambda)),$$

which is defined by

$$f((b_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} + \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \alpha_\lambda(A_\lambda)) = (b_\lambda + \alpha_\lambda(A_\lambda))_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$$

is a monomorphism. Since $\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (B_\lambda / \alpha_\lambda(A_\lambda))$ is in $T(t)$,

$$\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} B_\lambda / \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \alpha_\lambda(A_\lambda)$$

is in $T(t)$. Thus $0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} A_\lambda \xrightarrow{\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \alpha_\lambda} \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} B_\lambda$ is a t -rational extension \square

Let t be a preradical. We call a module A t -uniform (resp. strongly t -uniform) if every nonzero submodule of A is t -essential (resp. t -rational) submodule. Clearly, every strongly t -uniform module is t -uniform. Also, every nonzero submodule of a strongly t -uniform module is strongly t -uniform. If ${}_R R$ is t -uniform (resp. strongly t -uniform), we say that the ring R is left t -uniform (resp. left strongly t -uniform).

If A is in $F(t)$ and t -uniform, then it is strongly t -uniform.

PROPOSITION 2 5. Let t be a left exact radical and M be a submodule of a module N . If M is both a strongly t -uniform and a t -rational submodule of N , then N is strongly t -uniform.

Proof Let N' be a nonzero submodule of N . Then $0 \neq N' \cap M$ is a t -rational submodule of M . Also, since $N' \cap M \subseteq M \subseteq N$ and M is a t -rational submodule of N , $N' \cap M$ is a t -rational submodule of N , by Proposition 2 3. Thus N' is a t -rational submodule of N . Consequently, N is strongly t -uniform. \square

A ring R is called a *domain* if R has no nonzero divisors of zero and a *left Ore domain* if, in addition, $Ra \cap Rb \neq 0$, for all $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$ in R .

LEMMA 2 6. A ring R is left Ore domain if and only if $Z({}_R R) = 0$ and R is left uniform.

Proof. Suppose that R is left Ore domain. Then clearly, R is left uniform and so that $L(Z)$, the family of essential left ideals of R , actually consists of all nonzero left ideals. If $a \in Z({}_R R)$, $Ia = 0$, for some $I \in L(Z)$. Thus $a = 0$.

Conversely, assume that $ab = 0$ and $a \neq 0$ in R . Then $Rab = 0$ and $Ra \in L(Z)$, that is, $b \in Z(R) = 0$. Consequently, R is a domain. \square

COROLLARY 2 7. Let t be a preradical. If R is left strongly t -uniform, then R is a left Ore domain. The converse is not true in general.

Proof. Assume that R is strongly t -uniform. Then clearly, R is left uniform and $Z = k_{E(R)}$ which is indicated previously, that is, $Z({}_R R) = 0$. Therefore, by Lemma 2 6, R is a left Ore domain.

Next, we put $R = \mathbf{Z}$, $t = Soc$ and $I = 8\mathbf{Z}$. Then R is left Ore domain. But

$$Soc(R/I) = 4\mathbf{Z}/8\mathbf{Z} \neq R/I$$

This means I is not even a t -rational submodule of R . \square

THEOREM 2 8. Let t be a preradical and $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ is a t -rational extension of A and $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha'} B'$ an exact sequence. If there exist homomorphisms $f : B \rightarrow B'$ and $g : B' \rightarrow B$ such that $f\alpha = \alpha'$ and $g\alpha' = \alpha$, then $gf = 1_B$.

Proof. By the assumption, $gf\alpha = \alpha$ and so $(gf - 1_B)\alpha = 0$. Thus we have

$$\alpha(A) \subseteq \text{Ker}(gf - 1_B)$$

and

$$B/\text{Ker}(gf - 1_B) \cong \text{Im}(gf - 1_B) \subseteq B$$

Since $B/\text{Ker}(gf - 1_B)$ is t -torsionfree and $B/\alpha(A)$ is t -torsion, we see that $B/\text{Ker}(gf - 1_B) = 0$, that is, $\text{Ker}(gf - 1_B) = B$. Hence $gf - 1_B = 0$, that is, $gf = 1_B$. \square

COROLLARY 2.9. Let t be a preradical, and both $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ and $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha'} B'$ t -rational extensions of A . If there exist homomorphisms $f : B \rightarrow B'$ and $g : B' \rightarrow B$ such that $f\alpha = \alpha'$ and $g\alpha' = \alpha$, then $B \cong B'$.

3. Maximal t -rational extensions

Let t be a preradical. We call an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ a *maximal t -rational extension* of A if

- (i) $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ is a t -rational extension of A ,
- (ii) For any t -rational extension $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha'} B'$ of A , there exists a homomorphism $f : B' \rightarrow B$ such that $f\alpha' = \alpha$.

By Corollary 2.9, we obtain the following important statement

THEOREM 3.1. Let t be a left exact radical and A a t -torsion free module. Then there exists a maximal t -rational extension of A , uniquely up to isomorphism.

Proof. We put that $t(E(A)/A) = B/A$, where $A \subseteq B \subseteq E(A)$. Then as is easily seen, $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} B$ is a t -rational extension of A where i is an inclusion map. Let $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha'} B'$ be any t -rational extension of A . Then we have the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \rightarrow & A \xrightarrow{\alpha'} B' \\ & & \downarrow \swarrow \\ & & E(A) \end{array}$$

where v' is an inclusion map. Thus $f\alpha' = v'$ and f is monomorphism, we show that $f(B') \subseteq B$, since $f\alpha'(A) = A$ and $\alpha(A) \subseteq B'$, $A \subseteq \text{Im}f$. Also since

$$(\text{Im}f + B)/B \cong \text{Im}f/(\text{Im}f \cap B) \cong (\text{Im}f/A)/((\text{Im}f \cap B)/A)$$

and

$$\text{Im}f/A \cong B'/\alpha'(A)$$

$(\text{Im}f + B)/B$ is in $T(t)$. Since

$$0 \longrightarrow B/A \longrightarrow (\text{Im}f + B)/A \longrightarrow (\text{Im}f + B)/B \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact, B/A and $(\text{Im}f + B)/B$ are in $T(t)$. Thus $(\text{Im}f + B)/A$ is in $T(t)$.

Moreover,

$$B/A = t(E(A)/A) \supseteq t((\text{Im}f + B)/A) = (\text{Im}f + B)/A$$

and

$$t(B/A) = B/A.$$

Thus $B = \text{Im}f + B$, that is, $\text{Im}f \subseteq B$. Hence $0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{t} B$ is a maximal t -rational extension of A .

Finally, let two exact sequences $0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} B_1$ and $0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} B_2$ be maximal t -rational extensions of A . Then by Corollary 2.9, we have $B_1 \cong B_2$ □

LEMMA 3.2 ([3], Proposition 3.3). Let t be a preradical and $0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ an exact sequence. If B is t -injective and $\text{Coker}(\alpha)$ is in $F(t)$, then A is t -injective.

Proof. Since $\alpha(A) \cong A$, we will show that $\alpha(A)$ is t -injective. Let

$$0 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow Y/X \longrightarrow 0$$

be an exact sequence with $Y/X \in T(t)$. Then there exists a homomorphism $g : Y \longrightarrow B$ such that the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & X & \xrightarrow{t} & Y & \longrightarrow & Y/X \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & & & \downarrow f & \swarrow & \\ & & & & \alpha(A) & & \\ & & & & \downarrow j & & \\ & & & & B & & \end{array}$$

Thus g induces a homomorphism $g' \cdot Y/X \rightarrow B/\alpha(A)$, since Y/X is in $T(t)$ and $B/\alpha(A)$ is in $F(t)$, $g' = 0$. Hence $g(Y) \subseteq \alpha(A)$, that is, $\alpha(A)$ is t -injective. \square

THEOREM 3.3. Let t be a left exact radical. If $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ is the maximal t -rational extension of A , then B is t -injective.

Proof From Lemma 3.2 and the method of construction of maximal t -rational extensions of A in Theorem 3.1, B is t -injective. \square

Let t be a preradical. We call a module A t -rationally complete if $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ a t -rational extension of A implies A is isomorphic to B .

THEOREM 3.4. Let t be a left exact radical and A a t -torsion free module. Then A is t -rationally complete if and only if A is t -injective.

Proof Assume that A is t -rationally complete. By Theorem 3.1, there exists a maximal t -rational extension $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ of A . From Theorem 3.3, B is t -injective.

Conversely, suppose that A is t -injective. If $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B$ is a t -rational extension of A , then the fact that $B/\alpha(A)$ is in $T(t)$ implies $\alpha(A)$ is a direct summand of B . Also, since $\alpha(A)$ is an essential submodule of B , $B = \alpha(A)$, that is, $A \cong B$. Thus A is t -rationally complete. \square

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