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## Abstract

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module. A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is said to be  $g$ -small in  $M$ , if for every submodule  $L \leq M$ , with  $N + L = M$  implies that  $L = M$ . Then  $Rad_g(M) = \sum N \leq M \mid N \text{ is a } g\text{-small submodule of } M$ . We call  $M$   $g$ -coatomic module whenever  $N \leq M$  and  $M/N = Rad_g(M/N)$  then  $M/N = 0$ . Also,  $R$  is called right (left)  $g$ -coatomic ring if the right (left)  $R$ -module  $R_R$  ( ${}_R R$ ) is  $g$ -coatomic. In this work, we study  $g$ -coatomic modules and ring. We investigate some properties of these modules. We prove  $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i$  is  $g$ -coatomic if and only if each  $M_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) is  $g$ -coatomic. It is proved that if  $R$  is a  $g$ -semiperfect ring with  $Rad_g(R/Rad_g(R)) = 0$ , then  $R$  is  $g$ -coatomic ring.

**Keywords:**  $g$ -small submodule, Coatomic module,  $g$ -coatomic module,  $g$ -semiperfect module

## 1. Introduction

Throughout the present paper, all rings are associative rings with identity and all modules are unital right modules.

Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. We denote a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  by  $N \leq M$ . Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and let  $N \leq M$ . A submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called small in  $M$  (we write  $N \ll M$ ), if for every submodule  $L \leq M$ , with  $N + L = M$  implies that  $L = M$ . A submodule  $L \leq M$  is said to be essential in  $M$ , denoted as  $L \trianglelefteq M$ , if  $L \cap N = 0$  for every non-zero submodule  $N \leq M$ . The submodule  $K$  is called a generalized small (briefly,  $g$ -small) submodule of  $M$  if, for every essential submodule  $T$  of  $M$  such that  $M = K + T$  implies that  $T = M$ , we can write  $K \ll_g M$  (in [12], it is called an  $e$ -small submodule of  $M$  and denoted by  $K \ll_e M$ ). It is clear that every small submodule is a  $g$ -small submodule but the converse is not true generally. If  $T$  is essential and maximal submodule of  $M$  then  $T$  is said to be a generalized maximal submodule of  $M$ . The intersection of all generalized maximal submodules of  $M$  is called the generalized radical of  $M$  and denoted by  $Rad_g(M)$  that also knows as the sum of all  $g$ -small submodules in  $M$  [6,12]. For any  $R$ -module  $M$ , we write  $Rad(M)$ ,  $Soc(M)$  and  $Z(M)$  for the radical, socle and singular submodule of  $M$ , respectively.  $M$  is said

to be singular (or non-singular) if  $M = Z(M)$  (or  $Z(M) = 0$ ).  $M$  is called coatomic if every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $Rad(M/N) = M/N$  implies  $M/N = 0$ , equivalently every proper submodule of  $M$  is contained in a maximal submodule of  $M$  see ([1], [3,4]). A submodule  $N$  of a module  $M$  is called  $\delta$ -small in  $M$ , denoted by  $N \ll_\delta M$ , if  $N + K \neq M$  for any proper submodule  $K$  of  $M$  with  $M/K$  singular. Further, for a module  $M$  the submodule  $\delta(M)$  is generated by all  $\delta$ -small submodules of  $M$  [10]. In [5]  $M$  is called  $\delta$ -coatomic if every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $\delta(M/N) = M/N$  implies  $M/N = 0$ . The paper deals with  $g$ -coatomic modules as a generalization of coatomic modules. We say that a module  $M$  is  $g$ -coatomic, if every submodule of  $M$  is contained in a generalized maximal submodule of  $M$  or equivalently, for a submodule  $N \leq M$ , if  $Rad_g(M/N) = M/N$  then  $M/N = 0$ . In Section 2, some properties of generalized small submodules are given. In Section 3, several basic properties and characterizations of  $g$ -coatomic modules and rings are given.

We will refer to [1,2,9] for all undefined notions used in the text, and also for basic facts concerning coatomic and singular modules.

## 2. $g$ -small submodule and the functor $Rad_g(M)$

In this section, some important properties of generalized small submodules are presented.

**Definition 2.1.** [6,12] Let  $N$  be a submodule of a module  $M$ .  $N$  is said to be  $g$ -small, denoted by  $N \ll_g M$ , in  $M$  if, for every essential submodule  $T$  of  $M$  such that  $M = N + T$  implies that  $T = M$  (in [12], it is called an  $e$ -small submodule of  $M$  and denoted by  $K \ll_e M$ ). If  $N$  is any small submodule of  $M$ , then  $N$  is  $g$ -small submodule of  $M$ . For the reader's convenience, we record here some of the known results which will be used repeatedly in the sequel.

**Proposition 2.2.** [12, Proposition 2.3] Let  $N$  be a submodule of a module  $M$ . The following are equivalent.

- (1)  $N \ll_g M$ ,
- (2) if  $M = X + N$ , then  $M = X \oplus Y$  with  $M/X$  a semisimple module and  $Y \leq M$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $M$  be a module. Then

- (1) For submodules  $N, K, L$  of  $M$  with  $K \leq N$ , we have
  - (a) if  $N \ll_g M$ , then  $K \ll_g M$  and  $N/K \ll_g M/K$ .
  - (b)  $N + L \ll_g M$  if and only if  $N \ll_g M$  and  $L \ll_g M$ .
- (2) If  $K \ll_g M$  and  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a homomorphism, then  $f(K) \ll_g N$ . In particular, if  $K \ll_g M \leq N$ , then  $K \ll_g N$ .
- (3) Let  $N, K, L$ , and  $T$  be submodules of  $M$ . If  $K \ll_g L$  and  $N \ll_g T$ , then  $K + N \ll_g L + T$ .
- (4) Let  $K_1 \leq M_1 \leq M$ ,  $K_2 \leq M_2 \leq M$  and  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Then  $K_1 \oplus K_2 \ll_g M_1 \oplus M_2$  if and only if  $K_1 \ll_g M_1$  and  $K_2 \ll_g M_2$ .

**Proof.** See Proposition 2.5 of [12,] or see [6].

**Corollary 2.4.** [6] Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module,  $K \ll_g M$  and  $L \leq M$ . Then  $K + L/L \ll_g M/L$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [12] Let  $M$  be a module. Define  $Rad_g(M) = \cap \{N \trianglelefteq M \mid N \text{ is maximal in } M\}$ . For a module  $M$ , the intersection of maximal essential submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a generalized radical of  $M$  and denoted by  $Rad_g(M)$  (in [12], it is denoted by  $Rad_e(M)$ ). If  $M$  have no maximal essential submodules, then we denote  $Rad_g(M) = M$ . Obviously,  $Rad(M) \subseteq \delta(M) \subseteq Rad_g(M)$ . For an arbitrary ring  $R$ , let  $Rad_g(R) = Rad_g(R_R)$ . In the following we use  $g$ -small submodules to characterize  $Rad_g(M)$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -modules. Then  $Rad_g(M) = \sum_{N \ll_g M} N$ .

**Proof.** [12, Theorem 2.10].

**Lemma 2.7.** Let  $M$  and  $N$  be modules. Then

- (1) If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is an  $R$ -homomorphism, then  $f(Rad_g(M)) \leq Rad_g(N)$ .

- (2) If every proper essential submodule of  $M$  is contained in a maximal submodule of  $M$ , then  $Rad_g(M)$  is the unique largest  $g$ -small submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof.** [12] Corollary 2.11.

**Lemma 2.8.** If  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$  then  $Rad_g(M) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} Rad_g(M_i)$ .

**Proof.** See [6, Lemma 4].

**Lemma 2.9.** Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then  $Rad_g(M) \ll_g M$ .

**Proof.** See [8, Lemma 14].

**Remark 2.10.** It is clear that, in general,  $Rad_g(M)$  need not be  $g$ -small in  $M$ . But if  $M$  is a coatomic module, i.e. every proper submodule of  $M$  is contained in a maximal submodule of  $M$ , then  $Rad_g(M)$  is  $g$ -small in  $M$  by Lemma 2.7(2).

**Remark 2.11.** Clearly, for a module  $M$ , if  $Rad(M)$  is small in  $M$  then  $M/Rad(M)$  has no nonzero small submodule. Also, in [5, Lemma 1.3(2)] If  $\delta(M)$  is  $\delta$ -small in  $M$ , then  $\delta(M/\delta(M)) = 0$ . However this statement cannot be generalized for  $Rad_g(M)$ , i.e., if  $Rad_g(M) \ll_g M$ , maybe  $Rad_g(M/Rad_g(M)) \neq 0$ . As the following example shows.

**Example 2.12.** Let  $M$  be the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}$ .  $Rad_g(M) = 2\mathbb{Z}_{24} \ll_g M$ . But  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}_{24}}{2\mathbb{Z}_{24}} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \ll_g \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

**Lemma 2.13.** Let  $M$  be a nonsingular module. If  $Rad_g(M)$  is  $g$ -small in  $M$  and  $K/Rad_g(M)$  is also  $g$ -small in  $M/Rad_g(M)$  where  $K \leq M$ , then  $K$  is  $g$ -small in  $M$ .

**Proof.** Let  $K/Rad_g(M)$  be a  $g$ -small submodule of  $M/Rad_g(M)$  and  $M = K + L$  with  $L \trianglelefteq M$ . So,  $L + Rad_g(M) \trianglelefteq M$ . By [2, Proposition 1.21],  $M/(L + Rad_g(M))$  is singular, so  $M/Rad_g(M)/(L + Rad_g(M))/Rad_g(M)$  is singular. By [2, Proposition 1.21],  $(L + Rad_g(M))/Rad_g(M)$  is essential submodule of  $M/Rad_g(M)$ , and since  $M/Rad_g(M) = K/Rad_g(M) + (L + Rad_g(M))/Rad_g(M)$  and  $K/Rad_g(M)$  is  $g$ -small submodule of  $M/Rad_g(M)$ ,  $M = L + Rad_g(M)$ . Being  $Rad_g(M)$  is  $g$ -small in  $M$  and  $L \trianglelefteq M$ , we then have  $M = L$  and so  $K$  is  $g$ -small in  $M$ .

Now we give a characterization of  $M/Rad_g(M)$ .

**Proposition 2.14.** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module.

- (1) If, for any submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , there exists a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  such that  $M_1 \leq N$  and  $N \cap M_2 \ll_g M_2$ , then  $M/Rad_g(M)$  is semisimple.

- (2) If, for every submodule  $A$  of  $M$ , there exists a submodule  $B$  of  $M$  such that  $M = A + B$  and  $A \cap B \ll_g M$ , then  $M / \text{Rad}_g(M)$  is semisimple.

**Proof:**

- (1) Let  $\text{Rad}_g(M) \leq N \leq M$ . Then  $N / \text{Rad}_g(M) \leq M / \text{Rad}_g(M)$ . By assumption, there exists a submodule  $A$  of  $N$  such that  $M = A \oplus B$  and  $N \cap B \ll_g B$  for some submodules  $B$  of  $M$ . So  $M / \text{Rad}_g(M) = N / \text{Rad}_g(M) \oplus ((B + \text{Rad}_g(M)) / \text{Rad}_g(M))$ .  
 (2) Let  $\text{Rad}_g(M) \leq N \leq M$ . By hypothesis, there exists a submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $M = N + K$  and  $N \cap K \ll_g M$ . Then  $N \cap K \leq \text{Rad}_g(M)$ . Hence  $M / \text{Rad}_g(M)$  is semisimple by [7, Proposition 2.1].

### 3. g-Coatomic modules and rings

In this section, we define g-coatomic modules and g-semiperfect modules. We study properties and characterizations of g-coatomic and g-semiperfect modules. In [5] the authors defined  $\delta$ -coatomic modules in this vein, we introduce g-coatomic modules.

**Definition 3.1.** An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a g-coatomic if every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $\text{Rad}_g(M/N) = M/N$  implies  $M/N = 0$ . In The ring  $R$  is called right (or left) g-coatomic if the right (or left)  $R$ -module  $R_R$  (or  ${}_R R$ ) is g-coatomic.

We can give another definition of g-coatomic module.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $M$  be a module. The following are equivalent.

- (1)  $M$  is g-coatomic.
- (2) Every proper submodule  $K$  of  $M$  is contained in a generalized maximal submodule.

**Proof**

1  $\Rightarrow$  2: Let  $K$  be any proper submodule of  $M$ . By (1),  $\text{Rad}_g(M/K) \neq M/K$ . Hence there exists a singular simple module  $S$  and homomorphism  $f : M/K \rightarrow S$ . Let  $\text{Ker}(f) = N/K$ . Then  $N$  is an essential and maximal submodule in  $M$ .

2  $\Rightarrow$  1: Let  $K$  be a proper submodule of  $M$ . Assume that  $\text{Rad}_g(M/K) = M/K$ . We prove  $M/K = 0$ . By (2) there exists an essential and maximal submodule  $N$  of  $M$  such that  $K \leq N$ . Let  $p$  denote the canonical epimorphism from  $M/K$  onto  $M/N$ . Since  $\text{Ker}(p) = N/K$ ,  $\text{Rad}_g(M/K) \leq N/K$ . By assumption  $M/K = N/K$ , and so  $M = N$ . This contradiction completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module with  $\text{Rad}_g(M) \ll_g M$  and  $\text{Rad}_g(M / \text{Rad}_g(M)) = 0$ . Then  $M$

is g-coatomic if it satisfies one of the following conditions.

- (1)  $M / \text{Rad}_g(M)$  is semisimple.
- (2) For every submodule  $A$  of  $M$ , there exists a submodule  $B$  of  $M$  such that  $M = A + B$  and  $A \cap B \ll_g M$ .

**Proof**

- (1) Suppose that  $M / \text{Rad}_g(M)$  is semisimple with  $\text{Rad}_g(M) \ll_g M$  and  $\text{Rad}_g(M / \text{Rad}_g(M)) = 0$ . For any submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , let  $\text{Rad}_g(M/N) = M/N$ . Since  $M / \text{Rad}_g(M)$  is semisimple, there exists a submodule  $K$  of  $M$  with  $\text{Rad}_g(M) \leq K$  and  $M / \text{Rad}_g(M) = ((N + \text{Rad}_g(M)) / \text{Rad}_g(M)) \oplus K / \text{Rad}_g(M)$ . Then  $M = N + K$  and  $N \cap K \leq \text{Rad}_g(M)$ . Hence  $M/N = (N + K)/N \cong K/(N \cap K)$ . Let  $p$  denote the canonical epimorphism  $K/(N \cap K) \rightarrow K / \text{Rad}_g(M)$ . By Lemma 2.3,  $K / \text{Rad}_g(M) = p(K / (N \cap K)) = p(\text{Rad}_g(K / (N \cap K))) \leq \text{Rad}_g(K / \text{Rad}_g(M))$ , and by assumption,  $\text{Rad}_g(M / \text{Rad}_g(M)) = 0$ , and so  $\text{Rad}_g(K / \text{Rad}_g(M)) = 0$ . Hence  $K / (N \cap K) = 0$ . Thus  $M/N = 0$ .  
 (2) Assume that, for every submodule  $A$  of  $M$ , there exists a submodule  $B$  of  $M$  such that  $M = A + B$  and  $A \cap B \ll_g M$ . By Proposition 2.14,  $M / \text{Rad}_g(M)$  is semisimple. Hence  $M$  is g-coatomic by part (1).

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $M$  be a module. Then the following holds.

- (1) If  $X \leq \text{Rad}_g(M)$  and  $X$  is g-coatomic, then  $X \ll M$ .
- (2) If  $M$  is g-coatomic, then  $\text{Rad}_g(M) \ll M$ . In either case  $\text{Rad}_g(M) \ll_g M$ .

**Proof**

- (1) Suppose that  $X \leq \text{Rad}_g(M)$  and  $X$  is g-coatomic module. Let  $M = X + Y$  for some submodule  $Y$  of  $M$ . We show that  $M = Y$ . Suppose that  $M \neq Y$ . Then  $X \neq X \cap Y$ . By hypothesis and Lemma 3.2, there exists a maximal submodule  $X'$  of  $X$  such that  $X \cap Y \leq X' \leq X$  and  $X/X'$  is singular simple. Hence  $M / (X' + Y)$  is singular simple since  $X / X' \cong (X + Y) / (X' + Y) = M / (X' + Y)$ . It follows that  $X' \leq \text{Rad}_g(M) \leq X' + Y$  and  $X' + Y \leq \text{Rad}_g(M) + Y \leq X' + Y$ , and so  $M = X' + Y$ . Therefore  $X = X'$ . This contradicts the fact that  $X'$  is maximal submodule of  $X$ . Thus  $X$  is small in  $M$  and so g-small in  $M$ .  
 (2) Assume that  $M$  is g-coatomic module. Let  $M = \text{Rad}_g(M) + Y$  for some  $Y \leq M$ . Assume that  $M \neq Y$ . By Lemma 3.2, there exists  $Y' \leq Y$  with  $M / Y'$

singular simple. Thus,  $Y'$  is a generalized maximal submodule. By Lemma 2.3,  $Rad_g(M) \leq Y'$ . Hence  $M = Y'$ . This contradicts the fact that  $Y'$  is maximal submodule of  $M$ . Hence  $Rad_g(M)$  is small in  $M$  and so  $g$ -small in  $M$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** For an  $R$ -module  $M$  with  $Rad_g(M / Rad_g(M)) = 0$ , the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $M/Rad_g(M)$  is semisimple and every submodule of  $Rad_g(M)$  is  $g$ -coatomic.
- (2) For every submodule  $A$  of  $M$ , there exists a submodule  $B$  of  $M$  such that  $M = A + B$  and  $A \cap B \ll_g M$ , and every submodule of  $M$  is  $g$ -coatomic.

**Proof.** Note under the assumptions 1 and 2,  $Rad_g(M) \ll_g M$  by Lemma 3.4 and Proposition 2.14.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) For any submodule  $A$  of  $M$ , let  $M/Rad_g(M) = ((A + Rad_g(M))/Rad_g(M)) \oplus B/Rad_g(M)$  for some submodule  $B$  of  $M$ . Then  $M = A + B$  and  $A \cap B \leq Rad_g(M)$ . Since  $Rad_g(M) \ll_g M$ , by Lemma 2.3,  $A \cap B \ll_g M$ .

Let  $X$  be a submodule of  $M$ . We show that  $X$  is  $g$ -coatomic. Assume that  $Rad_g(X/A) = X/A$  for some submodule  $A$  of  $X$ . Then  $M/Rad_g(M) = ((A + Rad_g(M))/Rad_g(M)) \oplus B/Rad_g(M)$  for some submodule  $B$  of  $M$  since  $M/Rad_g(M)$  is semisimple. Then  $M = A + B$  and  $A \cap B \leq Rad_g(M)$ . It is easy to check that

$$\begin{aligned} (X + Rad_g(M))/(A + Rad_g(M)) &= Rad_g((X + Rad_g(M))/(A + Rad_g(M))) \\ &\leq Rad_g(M/(A + Rad_g(M))). \end{aligned}$$

$$Rad_g(M/(A + Rad_g(M))) \cong Rad_g(B/Rad_g(M)) \leq Rad_g(M/Rad_g(M)).$$

By assumption,  $Rad_g(M/Rad_g(M)) = 0$ . Hence  $A + Rad_g(M) = X + Rad_g(M)$ , and so  $X = A + (X \cap Rad_g(M))$ . Then  $X/A \cong (X \cap Rad_g(M))/(A \cap Rad_g(M))$ . Since every submodule of  $Rad_g(M)$  is  $g$ -coatomic by hypothesis,  $X \cap Rad_g(M)$  is a  $g$ -coatomic submodule of  $Rad_g(M)$ . Since  $Rad_g((X \cap Rad_g(M))/(A \cap Rad_g(M))) = (X \cap Rad_g(M))/(A \cap Rad_g(M))$ , we have that  $X \cap Rad_g(M) = A \cap Rad_g(M)$ . Hence  $A = X$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) It is clear by Proposition 2.14.

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence of modules.

- (1) If  $M$  is  $g$ -coatomic module, then  $N$  is  $g$ -coatomic.
- (2) If  $K$  and  $N$  are  $g$ -coatomic modules, then  $M$  is  $g$ -coatomic.

In particular, any direct summand of a  $g$ -coatomic module is  $g$ -coatomic.

**Proof**

- (1) We may suppose that  $K \leq M$  and  $N = M/K$ . Let  $U$  be a submodule of  $N$ . Suppose that  $Rad_g(N/U) =$

$N/U$ . Then we find submodule  $L$  of  $M$  with  $L/K = U$ . Then  $Rad_g(M/L) = M/L$ . Since  $M$  is a  $g$ -coatomic module,  $M/L = 0$ . This implies that  $N/U = 0$ . It follows that  $N$  is  $g$ -coatomic.

- (2) Assume that  $K$  and  $N$  are  $g$ -coatomic modules. Let  $L$  be any proper essential submodule of  $M$ .

**Case I.**  $M/K = (L + K)/K$ . Then  $M = L + K$ . Since  $K$  is  $g$ -coatomic, there exists a generalized maximal submodule  $K'$  of  $K$  such that  $K \cap L \leq K' \leq K$  and  $K/K'$  singular simple. Since  $K/K' \cong (K + L)/(K' + L) = M/(K' + L)$ ,  $M/(K' + L)$  is singular simple. Thus,  $K' + L$  is generalized maximal submodule of  $M$  with  $L \leq K' + L$ . Hence  $M$  is  $g$ -coatomic by Lemma 3.2.

**Case II.**  $M/K \neq (L + K)/K$ . Then  $M \neq L + K$ . Since  $N$  is  $g$ -coatomic and  $N \cong M/K$ , there exists a submodule  $K'/K$  of  $M/K$  such that  $(M/K)/(K'/K) \cong M/K'$  is singular simple and  $(L + K)/K \leq K'/K$ . Thus,  $K'$  is generalized maximal submodule of  $M$  with  $L \leq K'$ . Then  $M$  is  $g$ -coatomic by Lemma 3.2.

**Proposition 3.7.** Let  $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i$  be a finite direct sum of modules  $M_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). Then  $M$  is  $g$ -coatomic if and only if each  $M_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) is  $g$ -coatomic.

**Proof.** It is sufficient by induction on  $n$  to prove this is the case when  $n = 2$ . Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be  $g$ -coatomic modules and  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ . We consider the following exact sequence;

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow M = M_1 \oplus M_2 \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow 0$$

Hence,  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  is  $g$ -coatomic module if and only if  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are  $g$ -coatomic modules by Proposition 3.6.

**Definition 3.8.** A pair  $(P, f)$  is called a projective  $g$ -cover of the module  $M$  if  $P$  is projective right  $R$ -module and  $f$  is an epimorphism of  $P$  onto  $M$  with  $Ker(f) \ll_g P$ .

**Lemma 3.9.** Let  $M = A + B$ . If  $M/A$  has a projective  $g$ -cover, then  $B$  contains a submodule  $A'$  of  $A$  such that  $M = A + A'$  and  $A \cap A' \ll_g A'$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\pi : B \rightarrow M/A$  the natural homomorphism and  $f : P \rightarrow M/A$  be a projective  $g$ -cover. Since  $P$  is projective, there exists  $g : P \rightarrow B$  such that  $\pi \circ g = f$  and  $Ker(f)$  is  $g$ -small in  $P$ . Then  $(\pi \circ g)(P) = f(P)$  and  $A \cap g(P) = g(Ker(f))$ . Hence  $M = A + g(P)$  and  $A \cap g(P) = g(Ker(f))$ . Since  $Ker(f) \ll_g P$ , so  $g(Ker(f)) \ll_g g(P)$  and thus  $A \cap g(P) \ll_g g(P)$ .

**Lemma 3.10.** Let  $A$  be any submodule of  $M$ . Assume that  $M/A$  has a projective  $g$ -cover. Then there exists

a submodule  $A'$  such that  $M = A + A'$  and  $A \cap A' \ll_g A'$ .

**Proof.** Let  $B = M$  in Lemma 3.9.

**Definition 3.11.** A projective module  $M$  is called  $g$ -semiperfect if every homomorphic image of  $M$  has a projective  $g$ -cover.

**Lemma 3.12.** For any projective  $R$ -module  $M$ , the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $M$  is  $g$ -semiperfect.
- (2) For any  $N \leq M$ ,  $M$  has a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  for some submodules  $M_1, M_2$  with  $M_1 \leq N$  and  $M_2 \cap N \ll_g M_2$ .

**proof.** The proof is similar to that of Lemma 2.4 in [10] for  $\delta$ -semiperfect modules.

**Theorem 3.13.** Let  $M$  be a  $g$ -semiperfect module such that  $Rad_g(M) \ll_g M$  and  $Rad_g(M/Rad_g(M)) = 0$ . Then  $M$  is  $g$ -coatomic.

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a  $g$ -semiperfect module. Let  $A \leq M$ . By Lemma 3.10, there exists a submodule  $A'$  such that  $M = A + A'$  such that  $A \cap A' \ll_g A'$ . So by Theorem 3.3,  $M$  is  $g$ -coatomic.

**Proposition 3.14.** For any ring  $R$ ,  $Rad_g(R)$  is  $g$ -small in  $R$ .

**Proof.** Let  $I$  be an essential right ideal in  $R$  ( $I \leq R$ ). Assume that  $R = Rad_g(R) + I$ . Suppose that  $I$  is proper and let  $K$  be a maximal right ideal containing  $I$ . Then  $K$  generalized maximal right ideal of  $R$ . Hence  $Rad_g(R) \leq K$ , this is a contradiction. Thus for any  $I \leq R$  such that  $R = Rad_g(R) + I$  we have  $R = I$ . By definition  $Rad_g(R) \ll_g R$ .

**Definition 3.15.** A ring  $R$  is named  $g$ -semiperfect if every finitely generated right  $R$ -module has a projective  $g$ -cover. The ring  $R$  is  $g$ -semiperfect if and only if the regular module  $R_R$  is  $g$ -semiperfect.  $R$  is  $g$ -semiperfect if  $R/Rad_g(R)$  is semisimple and idempotents in  $R/Rad_g(R)$  can be lifted modulo  $Rad_g(R)$ .

**Proposition 3.16.** Let  $R$  be a  $g$ -semiperfect ring with  $Rad_g(R/Rad_g(R)) = 0$ . Then  $R$  is left and right  $g$ -coatomic ring.

**Proof.**  $R$  is right  $g$ -coatomic ring from Theorem 3.13 and Proposition 3.14. By symmetry,  $R$  is also left  $g$ -coatomic ring.

**Theorem 3.17:** let  $R$  be a ring. Then each right ideal  $I$  of  $R$  with  $Rad_g(R/I) = R/I$  is direct summand.

**Proof:** Let  $I$  be a right ideal of  $R$ . Assume that  $Rad_g(R/I) = R/I$ . Then all maps from  $R/I$  to singular simple right  $R$ -modules is zero. Assume that  $I$

is an essential right ideal. Let  $K$  be a maximal right ideal containing  $I$ . Then  $R/K$  is singular simple right  $R$ -module. Since  $R/K$  is an image of  $R/I$  and  $Rad_g(R/I) = R/I$ ,  $R = K$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $I$  is not essential. Let  $L$  be a maximal right ideal with respect to the property  $I \cap L = 0$ . Then  $I \oplus L$  is essential in  $R$ . Assume that  $I \oplus L$  is proper. Let  $T$  be a maximal right ideal containing  $I \oplus L$ . Then  $R/T$  is singular simple image of  $R/I$ . This is a contradiction again. Thus  $R = I \oplus L$ .

The following result is well known and also easy to prove.

**Theorem 3.18:** The following are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .

- (1)  $R$  is semisimple artinian.
- (2) Every maximal right ideal of  $R$  is a direct summand of  $R_R$ .

**Proof:** It follows from [11, Lemma 2.1].

**Remark 3.19:** If  $I$  is an essential right ideal in the ring  $R$ , then  $R/I$  is singular right  $R$ -module. The converse is also true. In module case it takes the form: for a nonsingular module  $M$  and  $N \leq M$ ,  $M/N$  is singular if and only if  $N$  is essential in  $M$  [2, Proposition 1.21]. Any maximal right ideal in a ring is essential right ideal or direct summand. For  $g$ -coatomic rings, this is not the case in general for maximal right ideals.

**Theorem 3.20:** Let  $R$  be a right  $g$ -coatomic ring. Then

- (1) Every simple right  $R$ -module is singular.
- (2) Every maximal right ideal in  $R$  is essential right ideal.

**Proof:**

- (1) Let  $I$  be a maximal right ideal in  $R$ . If  $Rad_g(R/I) = R/I$ , by hypothesis  $R = I$ . It is not possible. So  $Rad_g(R/I) = 0$ . Then there exists a nonzero homomorphism  $f: R/I \rightarrow S$  where  $S$  is a singular simple right  $R$ -module. Hence  $f$  is an isomorphism and so  $R/I$  is singular right  $R$ -module.
- (2) Let  $I$  be a maximal right ideal in  $R$ . We claim that  $I$  is an essential right ideal. Assume that  $I$  is not essential right ideal and let  $R = I \oplus K$  for some right ideal  $K$ . If  $Rad_g(R/I) = R/I$ , by hypothesis  $R = I$ . It is not possible. Hence  $Rad_g(R/I) \neq R/I$ . By (1),  $R/I$  is nonzero singular simple right  $R$ -module. By Remark 3.19,  $I$  is an essential right ideal of  $R$ . This contradicts the assumption. Therefore  $I$  is direct summand.

**Examples 3.21:**

- (1) Consider the integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module. Then  $Rad_g(\mathbb{Z}) = 0$  and for any prime integer  $p$ ,

$Rad_g(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) = 0$  since  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  is singular simple  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module. Hence  $\mathbb{Z}$  is  $g$ -coatomic  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module. But the rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$  as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module is not  $g$ -coatomic since every cyclic submodule of  $\mathbb{Q}$  is small and so  $Rad_g(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q}$ .

- (2) Let  $M$  be a local module with unique maximal submodule  $Rad(M) = Rad_g(M)$ . Then  $M$  is  $g$ -coatomic.
- (3) Let  $M$  denote the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}$ . By [Lemma 3.12](#),  $M$  is not  $g$ -semiperfect module. Since every proper submodule is contained in an essential maximal submodule, by [Lemma 3.2](#),  $M$  is  $g$ -coatomic.

### Conflicts of interest

There is no conflict of interest.

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