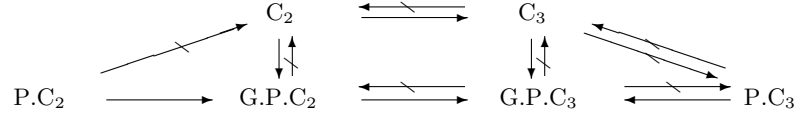


# SOME GENERALIZATIONS OF $C_2$ ( $C_3$ ) MODULES

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**ABSTRACT.** The notion of extending modules was generalized to purely extending modules by John Clark in 1998. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be *purely extending* (or  $P.C_1$ ) if every submodule of  $M_R$  is essential in a pure submodule. In this paper, we introduce pure analogues of the  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  properties. Specifically, we define a module  $M_R$  to be *purely  $C_2$*  (denoted by  $P.C_2$ ) (resp. *generalized purely  $C_2$* , denoted by  $G.P.C_2$ ) if every submodule isomorphic to a pure submodule (resp. direct summand) of  $M_R$  is itself pure. Furthermore, we say that  $M_R$  satisfies the *purely  $C_3$*  (resp. *generalized purely  $C_3$* , denoted by  $G.P.C_3$ ) property if the sum of any two independent pure submodules (resp. direct summands) of  $M_R$  is a pure submodule. In addition, we establish that  $G.P.C_2 \Rightarrow G.P.C_3$ , whereas the converse does not hold in general. The following diagram illustrates these implications and highlights the irreversibility of certain relationships:



Focusing on modules satisfying the  $P.C_1$  condition, we investigate their general properties and the interrelations among the following classes:

- $M_R$  is *purely continuous* (or *p.continuous*) if it satisfies both  $P.C_1$  and  $P.C_2$ .
- $M_R$  is *purely quasi-continuous* (or *p.quasi-continuous*) if it satisfies both  $P.C_1$  and  $P.C_3$ .
- $M_R$  is *generalized purely continuous* (or *g.p.continuous*) if it satisfies both  $P.C_1$  and  $G.P.C_2$ .
- $M_R$  is *generalized purely quasi-continuous* (or *g.p.quasi-continuous*) if it satisfies both  $P.C_1$  and  $G.P.C_3$ .

Furthermore, we demonstrate that every quasi-continuous module is p.quasi-continuous, and every quasi-injective module is p.continuous. A comprehensive study of these modules is provided, along with several established properties.

## 1. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we investigate the general properties of modules satisfying the  $P.C_i$  and  $G.P.C_i$  conditions for  $2 \leq i \leq 3$ , alongside their interrelations. We provide several examples of such modules. To facilitate our study, we first recall that a submodule  $N$  of  $M_R$  is said to be *closed* if it admits no proper essential extensions in  $M_R$ ; equivalently,  $N$  is maximal with respect to the property that  $N \cap K = 0$  for some  $K \leq M_R$ . Throughout this paper, we denote that  $N$  is a closed submodule of  $M_R$  by  $N \leq_c M_R$ . The notations  $N \subseteq M$ ,  $N \leq M_R$ ,  $N \leq_{ess} M_R$ ,  $N \leq_{\oplus} M_R$  and  $N \leq_p M_R$  mean that  $N$  is a subset, a submodule, an essential submodule, a direct

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summand and a pure submodule of  $M_R$ , respectively.

For the reader's convenience and to provide a clear connection between the characterizations of  $C_1$  and P.C<sub>1</sub> modules, we recall the following results from [4] and [1].

**Proposition 1.1.** [4, Proposition 6.32, Lemma 6.41] *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (a)  $M_R$  has  $C_1$  property;
- (b) every closed submodule of  $M_R$  is a direct summand;
- (c) if  $A \leq_{\oplus} E(M)$ , then  $A \cap M \leq_{\oplus} M_R$ .

**Proposition 1.2.** [1, Lemma 1.1] *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (a)  $M_R$  has P.C<sub>1</sub> property;
- (b) every closed submodule of  $M_R$  is a pure submodule;
- (c) if  $A \leq_{\oplus} E(M)$ , then  $A \cap M \leq_p M_R$ .

The preceding propositions imply that  $C_1 \Rightarrow$  P.C<sub>1</sub>, however, the converse does not hold in general, as shown by the following example. To this end, we first state the following necessary result.

**Proposition 1.3.** *Let  $R$  be a commutative PID and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module.*

- (a)  $T(M) \leq_p M_R$ .
- (b) *If  $M_R$  is torsion free, then  $M_R$  has P.C<sub>1</sub> property.*

The next example shows that the torsion free condition in Proposition 1.3(b) is necessary.

**Example 1.4.** There exists a torsion abelian group  $G$  which has not P.C<sub>1</sub> property. For example, let  $G = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_8$ . We shall show that  $N = \langle (\bar{1}, \bar{2}) \rangle$  is a closed submodule of  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , however it is not a pure submodule because  $4N = 0 \neq 4M \cap N$ . We claim that  $N \leq_c M_{\mathbb{Z}}$ . To see this, first we note that  $N$  is not essential in  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$ . In addition, it is routine to check that  $C := \langle (\bar{1}, 0), (0, \bar{2}) \rangle$  is the only proper submodule of  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$  such that  $N \subsetneq C$ . While  $N$  can not be essential in  $C_{\mathbb{Z}}$  because  $N \leq_{\oplus} C_{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Therefore  $N$  is a closed submodule of  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Therefore by Proposition 1.2,  $G_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is not P.C<sub>1</sub>.

**Proposition 1.5.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (a)  $R$  is a von Neumann regular ring;
- (b) every (cyclic) right ideal of  $R$  is a pure submodule of  $R_R$ ;
- (c) every short exact sequence of  $R$ -modules is pure;
- (d) every (cyclic)  $R$ -module is flat.

As previously noted, we now provide an example demonstrating that P.C<sub>1</sub>  $\not\Rightarrow$  C<sub>1</sub>.

**Example 1.6.** (a) By Proposition 1.3, every torsion free abelian group has P.C<sub>1</sub> property, while it has not C<sub>1</sub> property in general. For instance, the abelian group  $M = \mathbb{Z}^{\aleph_0}$  is P.C<sub>1</sub> which is not C<sub>1</sub> (for more details, see [4, Example 4.88]).  
 (b) There exists a commutative von Neumann regular continuous ring  $R$  such that  $M_2(R)$  is neither left nor right extending, see [1, p. 355]. While  $M_2(R)$  is a von Neumann regular ring and so by Proposition 1.5, it is right and left purely extending.

In the following Theorem, we establish that the G.P.C<sub>2</sub> property implies G.P.C<sub>3</sub>; however, we shall also provide an example to demonstrate that the converse does not hold in general.

**Theorem 1.7.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. If  $M_R$  has G.P. $C_2$  property, then it has G.P. $C_3$  property. In particular, every g.p.continuous module is g.p.quasi-continuous.*

Before proceeding, we mention the following proposition, which establishes that for finitely generated modules over Noetherian rings, the notions of P. $C_i$  (G.P. $C_i$ ) and  $C_i$  for  $2 \leq i \leq 3$ , coincide.

**Proposition 1.8.** *Let  $R$  be a right Noetherian ring and  $M$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module. The following statements hold:*

- (a) *every pure submodule of  $M_R$  is a direct summand;*
- (b)  *$M_R$  has P. $C_1$  property if and only if  $M_R$  has  $C_1$  property;*
- (c)  *$M_R$  satisfies P. $C_i$  (G.P. $C_i$ ) ( $2 \leq i \leq 3$ ) if and only if  $M_R$  satisfies  $C_i$ .*

We note that the G.P. $C_2$  and G.P. $C_3$  properties do not hold in general. To illustrate this, we provide the following example.

**Example 1.9.** (a) The abelian group  $\mathbb{Z}$  does not have  $C_2$  (P. $C_2$ , G.P. $C_2$ ) property. Because  $\mathbb{Z} \simeq 2\mathbb{Z}$  however  $2\mathbb{Z}$  is not a pure submodule of  $\mathbb{Z}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ .  
 (b) Let  $M = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ . We show that  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$  does not have  $C_3$  (P. $C_3$ , G.P. $C_3$ ) property. To see this, let  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $B = \langle (1, 2) \rangle$ . Clearly  $A$  and  $B$  are direct summands of  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$ . While  $A \oplus B = \mathbb{Z} \oplus 2\mathbb{Z}$  is not a pure submodule of  $M_{\mathbb{Z}}$  because  $2\mathbb{Z}$  is not pure in  $\mathbb{Z}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ .

We refer the reader to the diagram provided in the Abstract, which elucidates the relationships between these concepts. To avoid redundancy, we omit the reproduction of the diagram here; however, we shall provide several examples demonstrating that the implications presented therein are not reversible.

**Example 1.10.** (a) Let  $R$  be a von Neumann regular ring which is not right injective. By Proposition 1.5, every  $R$ -module has all of the properties which are written in the second row of the diagram. While  $R \oplus E(R)$  has not even  $C_3$  property because  $R$  is not a direct summand of  $E(R)$ . Therefore any condition in the second row of the above diagram does not imply the conditions in the first row.

(b) There exists an  $R$ -module  $M$  with  $C_3$  (and so G.P. $C_3$ ) property while it has not P. $C_3$  property. Therefore  $C_3 \not\Rightarrow$  P. $C_3$  and G.P. $C_3 \not\Rightarrow$  P. $C_3$ . For instance, there exists a countable torsion free indecomposable abelian group  $G$  with  $\text{rank}(G) = n > 1$ . For more details, see [2, Last remark] and [3, Section 3]. We recall that  $\text{rank}(G)$  means the cardinal number of a maximal independent system containing only elements of infinite and prime power orders. Since  $G_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is indecomposable, it has  $C_3$  property. We claim that  $G_{\mathbb{Z}}$  has not P. $C_3$  property. To see this, on the contrary, assume that  $G_{\mathbb{Z}}$  has P. $C_3$  property. By Proposition 1.3,  $G_{\mathbb{Z}}$  has P. $C_1$  property. Therefore  $G_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is p.quasi-continuous and so it is quasi-continuous (over right Noetherian rings, the notions of p.quasi-continuous and quasi-continuous coincide). Thus by [5, p. 19],  $G_{\mathbb{Z}}$  should be isomorphic to a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . This contradicts with  $\text{rank}(G) > 1$ .

(c) This example is showing that G.P. $C_3 \not\Rightarrow$  G.P. $C_2$ . Let  $R$  be any commutative domain which is not a field. Therefore  $R_R$  is quasi-continuous and so it has  $C_3$  property. Thus  $R_R$  has G.P. $C_3$  property. While by Proposition 1.11,  $R_R$  has not G.P. $C_2$ .

(d) Let  $X$  be any non trivial subgroup of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . It is clear that  $X_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is quasi-continuous and so by Theorem 1.14, it has P. $C_3$  property. It is routine to prove that  $X_{\mathbb{Z}}$  has not P. $C_2$  property. Therefore P. $C_3 \not\Rightarrow$  P. $C_2$ .

We next demonstrate that for a domain  $R$ , the properties of being continuous, p.continuous, and g.p.continuous are identical for  $R_R$ .

**Theorem 1.11.** *Let  $R$  be a domain. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (a)  $R_R$  is continuous;
- (b)  $R_R$  is p.continuous;
- (c)  $R_R$  is g.p.continuous;
- (d)  $R_R$  has  $C_2$  property;
- (e)  $R_R$  has P.C<sub>2</sub> property;
- (f)  $R_R$  has G.P.C<sub>2</sub> property;
- (g)  $R$  is a division ring.

In the following, we characterize p.quasi-continuous modules. To facilitate a comparison with the existing characterization of quasi-continuous modules, we first recall the known results for the latter.

**Theorem 1.12.** [5, Theorem 2.8] *The following are equivalent for an  $R$ -module  $M$ :*

- (a)  $M_R$  is quasi-continuous;
- (b) for any two submodules  $X$  and  $Y$  which are complements of each other,  $M = X \oplus Y$ ;
- (c)  $E(M) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} E_i$  implies that  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} (E_i \cap M)$ .

**Theorem 1.13.** *The following are equivalent for an  $R$ -module  $M$ :*

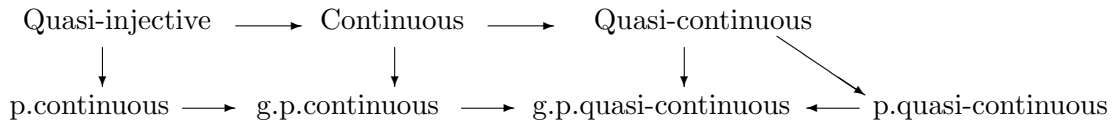
- (a)  $M_R$  is p.quasi-continuous;
- (b) for any two submodules  $X$  and  $Y$  which are complements of each other,  $X \oplus Y \leq_p M_R$ ;
- (c)  $E(M) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} E_i$  implies that  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} (E_i \cap M) \leq_p M_R$ .

As noted in Example 1.10(b), the  $C_3$  property does not necessarily imply P.C<sub>3</sub>. However, in the following corollary, we show that the implication  $C_3 \Rightarrow P.C_3$  is recovered under the  $C_1$  condition. Consequently, every quasi-continuous module is p.quasi-continuous.

**Theorem 1.14.** (a) *Every quasi-continuous module is p.quasi-continuous.*

(b) *Every quasi-injective module is p.continuous.*

The relationships between these notions are summarized in the following diagram:



We observe that  $C_2 \Rightarrow C_3$ . A natural question arises as to whether  $P.C_2 \Rightarrow P.C_3$ . To address this question, we conclude our discussion with the following proposition.

**Proposition 1.15.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module with P.C<sub>2</sub> property. For any two submodules  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  of  $M_R$  such that  $M_1 \cap M_2 = 0$ , if  $M_1 \leq_{\oplus} M_R$  and  $M_2 \leq_p M_R$ , then  $M_1 \oplus M_2 \leq_p M_R$ .*

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