

## HOMOLOGICAL PROPERTIES OF TORSION CLASSES UNDER CHANGE OF RINGS

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### Abstract

Let  $R$  be a ring with identity,  $x$  be a central element of  $R$  which is neither a unit nor a zero divisor.  $S = R/xR$  is the quotient ring of  $R$  and  $\varphi : R \rightarrow R/xR$  is the natural map.  $R\text{-Mod}$  (resp.  $S\text{-Mod}$ ) denotes the category of unital left  $R$ -modules (resp.  $S$ -modules). In this paper, relationships between torsion theories on  $R\text{-Mod}$  and torsion theories on  $S\text{-Mod}$  are investigated. Properties of the functor  $\text{Ext}_R^n(N, -)$  are given. Properties of the localization functor  $Q_\sigma$  are also investigated.

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$$r \cdot a = \varphi(r)a \quad \text{for any } a \in M, r \in R.$$

The family of all hereditary torsion theories defined on  $R\text{-Mod}$  (resp.  $S\text{-Mod}$ ) will be denoted by  $R\text{-tors}$  (resp.  $S\text{-tors}$ ). Let  $T_\tau$  (resp.  $F_\tau$ ) be the torsion class (resp. torsionfree class) of  $R\text{-Mod}$  determined by  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ . According to [1], define a map  $\varphi_*$  from  $R\text{-tors}$  to  $S\text{-tors}$ : for each  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ ,  $\varphi_*(\tau) = \sigma$  is defined by the condition that a left  $S$ -module  $M$  is  $\sigma$  torsion if and only if  $M$  is  $\tau$ -torsion as a left  $R$ -module. If  $\tau$  is perfect, then  $\sigma$  is perfect. In general, the converse is not true. A counterexample will be given in section 2 which is a negative answer to a problem in [1]. Nevertheless, the perfectness of  $\sigma$  does provide information of  $\tau$ . For instance, we will show in section 1 that the functor  $\text{Ext}_R^2(N, -)$  with  $N\tau$ -torsion kills all  $\sigma$ -closed left  $S$ -modules. Other properties of  $\text{Ext}_R(N, -)$  will be given in section 1.

In section 2, we will investigate the properties of the localization functor  $Q_\sigma$  and give some interesting results.

Throughout this paper,  $R$  is a ring with identity,  $S = R/xR$ . The maps  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi_*$  are defined as above. We always assume that  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ ,  $\sigma = \varphi_*(\tau)$ . We say  $\tau$  is compatible with  $\varphi$  if it happens that any  $S$ -module  $M$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree iff  $M$  is  $\sigma$  torsionfree. By [1], every  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  is compatible with the surjective homomorphism  $\varphi$ . As for the notations

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and terminologies of torsion theory we refer to [1]. Notations of spectral sequence are the same as [3].

### §1.

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module which is  $\tau$ -closed, then  $(0 : x)_M = \{m \in M \mid xm = 0\}$  is also a  $\tau$ -closed module.*

**Proof.** Evidently  $M/(0 : x) \cong xM$ . But  $xM$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree. Therefore  $(0 : x)$  is a closed submodule of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is  $\tau$ -closed,  $(0 : x)$  is  $\tau$ -closed.

In the following we will use the trivial fact:  $\text{Hom}_R(N, M) = \text{Hom}_S(N, M)$  for  $S$ -modules  $N$  and  $M$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** *Let  $\sigma = \varphi_*(\tau)$  and  $M'$  be a  $\sigma$ -torsionfree  $S$ -module. Then  $M'$  is  $\tau$ -closed (regarding  $M'$  as an  $R$ -module canonically) if and only if  $M'$  is  $\sigma$ -closed as an  $S$ -module.*

**Proof.** It suffices to show that  $M'$  is  $\tau$ -injective iff  $M'$  is  $\sigma$ -injective. Let  $K'$  be any dense left ideal of  $S$ . Then  $K' = K/xR$ , where  $K$  is a dense left ideal of  $R$  which contains  $xR$ . Let  $f$  be any  $S$ -homomorphism from  $K' \rightarrow M'$ ,  $\mu$  be the canonical homomorphism  $K \rightarrow K'$ . We have a diagram as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & K & \xrightarrow{j} & R & \xrightarrow{g} & M' \\ & & \mu \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi & & \parallel \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & K' & \xrightarrow{j'} & S & \xrightarrow{\bar{g}} & M' \\ & & f \downarrow & & & & \\ & & M' & & & & \end{array}$$

where  $j$  and  $j'$  are injections. Since  $M'$  is  $\tau$ -injective, there is a homomorphism  $g : R \rightarrow M'$  such that  $f\mu = gj$ . Then  $g$  induces an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\bar{g} : S \rightarrow M'$  which is also an  $S$ -homomorphism. Since  $\mu$  is onto, we get  $f = \bar{g}j'$ , which shows that  $M'$  is  $\sigma$ -injective.

Conversely, assume that  $M'$  is  $\sigma$ -injective. We have to show that  $\text{Ext}_R^1(N, M') = 0$  for every  $\tau$ -torsion  $R$ -module  $N$  (see [1]). There is a spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_S^p(\text{Tor}_q^R(S, N)) \implies_p \text{Ext}_R^n(N, M'), \quad p + q = n. \quad (1.1)$$

Now  $n = 1$ .

$$E_2^{1,0} = \text{Ext}_S^1(S \otimes_R N, M'), \quad S \otimes_R N = R/xR \otimes_R N \cong N/xN.$$

Since  $N$  is  $\tau$ -torsion,  $S \otimes_R N$  is  $\sigma$ -torsion. Thus  $E_2^{1,0} = 0$ . On the other hand,

$$E_2^{0,1} = \text{Hom}_S(\text{Tor}_1^R(S, N), M').$$

From the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow xR \longrightarrow R \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow 0, \quad (1.2)$$

we get an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(S, N) \longrightarrow xR \otimes N \longrightarrow R \otimes N \longrightarrow S \otimes N \longrightarrow 0.$$

Since  $N$  is  $\tau$ -torsion,  $xR \otimes N$  is also  $\tau$ -torsion. Then  $\text{Tor}_1^R(S, N)$  is  $\tau$ -torsion, and hence is  $\sigma$ -torsion. Therefore  $\text{Hom}_S(\text{Tor}_1^R(S, N), M') = 0$  for  $M'$  is  $\sigma$ -torsionfree. We have already

shown that  $E_2^{1,0} = 0$ ,  $E_2^{0,1} = 0$ . By Grothendieck cohomology 5-exact sequence,  $H' = \text{Ext}_R^1(N, M') = 0$ . This is the desired result.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ ,  $N$  be any  $\tau$ -torsion  $R$ -module. If  $\sigma = \varphi_*(\tau)$  is a perfect torsion theory in  $S\text{-tors}$ , then  $\text{Ext}_R^2(N, M') = 0$  for every  $\sigma$ -closed module  $M'$ .*

**Proof.** We use (1.1) again. Let  $n = 2$ .

$$E_2^{2,0} = \text{Ext}_S^2(S \otimes N, M').$$

Evidently  $S \otimes N$  is  $\sigma$ -torsion. Then  $E_2^{2,0} = \text{Ext}_S^2(S \otimes N, M') = 0$  for  $\sigma$  is perfect. Now,

$$E_2^{1,1} = \text{Ext}_S^1(\text{Tor}_1^R(S, N), M').$$

By the proof of Lemma 1.2,  $\text{Tor}_1^R(S, N)$  is  $\sigma$ -torsion. Therefore  $E_2^{1,1} = 0$  for  $M'$  is  $\sigma$ -injective.

Since  $x$  is not a zero divisor,  $xR$  is a projective  $R$ -module. By the long exact sequence induced by (1.2), we get  $\text{Tor}_2^R(S, N) = 0$ . This implies  $E_2^{0,2} = 0$ . An easy calculation shows that  $\text{Ext}_R^2(N, M') = 0$ .

**Corollary 1.1.** *Let  $K$  be a dense left ideal of  $R$ . Then for any  $\sigma$ -closed module  $M'$ ,  $\text{Ext}_R^1(K, M') = 0$ .*

**Proof.** We have a short exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow R \longrightarrow R/K \longrightarrow 0, \quad (1.3)$$

where  $R/K$  is  $\tau$ -torsion. By Theorem 1.1,  $\text{Ext}_R^2(R/K, M') = 0$ . Then the long exact sequence induced by (1.3) gives the desired result.

**Corollary 1.2.** *Let  $M$  be any  $\tau$ -closed  $R$ -module. Then  $xM$  is also a  $\tau$ -closed module. Moreover,  $M/xM$  is  $\sigma$ -torsionfree as an  $S$ -module.*

**Proof.** Evidently  $(0 : x)_M$  can be regarded as an  $S$ -module. By Lemma 1.1,  $(0 : x)$  is  $\tau$ -closed, so it is  $\sigma$ -closed as an  $S$ -module by Lemma 1.2. Clearly, the following sequence is exact:

$$0 \longrightarrow (0 : x) \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow xM \longrightarrow 0. \quad (1.4)$$

Then for any  $\tau$ -torsion  $R$ -module  $N$ , we have the following exact sequence:

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(N, M) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(N, xM) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_R^2(N, (0 : x)) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

But  $M$  is  $\tau$ -injective. Then  $\text{Ext}_R^1(N, M) = 0$ . Therefore  $\text{Ext}_R^1(N, xM) = 0$ , which implies that  $xM$  is  $\tau$ -injective. Now  $xM$  is a  $\tau$ -injective submodule of a  $\tau$ -closed module  $M$ . Then  $xM$  is  $\tau$ -closed, i.e.,  $M/xM$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree. Since  $\varphi$  is a surjective map, every  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  is compatible with  $\varphi$  (see [1]). This implies that  $M/xM$  is  $\sigma$ -torsionfree.

**Lemma 1.3.** *Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ ,  $\sigma = \varphi_*(\tau)$  which is perfect. Assume that  $N$  is a  $\tau$ -torsion  $R$ -module,  $M'$  is any  $\sigma$ -closed  $S$ -module. Then  $\text{Ext}_R^3(N, M') = 0$ .*

**Proof.** We have a spectral sequence:

$$\text{Ext}_S^p(\text{Tor}_q^R(S, N), M') \implies_p \text{Ext}_R^n(N, M'), \quad p + q = n = 3.$$

First we want to show

$$E_2^{3,0} = \text{Ext}_S^3(S \otimes_R N, M') = 0.$$

Let  $E_S(M')$  be the injective hull of  $M'$  as an  $S$ -module. There is an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow M' \longrightarrow E_S(M') \longrightarrow E_S(M')/M' \longrightarrow 0. \quad (1.5)$$

For any  $\sigma$ -torsion module  $M'$ , we have an exact sequence

$$0 = \text{Ext}_S^2(N', E(M')) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_S^2(N', E(M')/M') \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_S^3(N', M') \longrightarrow 0.$$

Since  $\sigma$  is perfect,  $E_S(M')/M'$  is  $\sigma$ -closed. Then  $\text{Ext}_S^2(N', E_S(M')/M') = 0$ . This implies that  $\text{Ext}_S^3(N', M') = 0$ . On the other hand,  $S \otimes N$  is  $\sigma$ -torsion. Therefore

$$E_2^{3,0} = \text{Ext}_S^3(S \otimes N, M') = 0.$$

Moreover, since  $\sigma$  is perfect and  $\text{Tor}_1^R(S, N)$  is  $\sigma$ -torsion, we have

$$E_2^{2,1} = \text{Ext}_S^2(\text{Tor}_1^R(S, N), M') = 0.$$

In the proof of Theorem 1.1,  $\text{Tor}_2^R(S, N) = 0$ . Similarly one can easily see that  $\text{Tor}_3^R(S, N) = 0$ . These facts imply

$$E_2^{1,2} = \text{Ext}_S^1(\text{Tor}_2^R(S, N), M') = 0$$

and

$$E_2^{0,3} = \text{Hom}_S(\text{Tor}_3^R(S, N), M') = 0.$$

Thus we have shown that

$$E_2^{3,0} = E_2^{2,1} = E_2^{1,2} = E_2^{0,3} = 0.$$

A routine verification shows that  $\text{Ext}_R^3(N, M') = 0$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ ,  $\sigma = \varphi_*(\tau)$  which is perfect. Assume that  $N$  is any  $\tau$ -torsion  $R$ -module,  $M$  is any  $\tau$ -closed  $R$ -module. Then*

$$\text{Ext}_R^2(N, M) \cong \text{Ext}_R^2(N, xM).$$

Moreover, the isomorphism is induced by the multiplication of  $x$ .

**Proof.** For any  $\tau$ -torsion  $R$ -module  $N$ , the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow (0 : x)_M \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow xM \longrightarrow 0 \quad (1.6)$$

induces a long exact sequence

$$\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_R^2(N, (0 : x)) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_R^2(N, M) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_R^2(N, xM) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_R^3(N, (0 : x)).$$

Since  $(0 : x)$  is  $\tau$ -closed, we have

$$\text{Ext}_R^2(N, (0 : x)) = 0$$

by Theorem 1.1. By Lemma 1.3,  $\text{Ext}_R^3(N, (0 : x)) = 0$ , therefore

$$\text{Ext}_R^2(N, M) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_R^2(N, xM)$$

is an isomorphism and it is not difficult to verify that the isomorphism is multiplication by  $x$ .

**Corollary 1.3.** *Let  $E$  be  $\tau$ -torsionfree injective  $R$ -module. Then  $\text{Ext}_R^2(N, xE) = 0$  for every  $\tau$ -torsion  $R$ -module  $N$ . Moreover,  $E/xE$  is a  $\sigma$ -closed  $S$ -module.*

**Proof.**  $\text{Ext}_R^2(N, xE) = 0$  is trivial. The short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow xE \longrightarrow E \longrightarrow E/xE \longrightarrow 0 \quad (1.7)$$

induces an exact sequence for any  $\tau$ -torsion  $R$ -module  $N$ :

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(N, E/xE) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_R^2(N, xE) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Then

$$\mathrm{Ext}_R^1(N, E/xE) \cong \mathrm{Ext}_R^2(N, xE) = 0.$$

This means that  $E/xE$  is  $\tau$ -injective. By Corollary 1.2,  $E/xE$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree. Therefore  $E/xE$  is  $\tau$ -closed, which implies that  $E/xE$  is  $\sigma$ -closed (Lemma 1.2).

**Corollary 1.4.** *Let  $N$  and  $M$  be as in Theorem 1.2. Then for any natural number  $k$ ,*

$$\mathrm{Ext}_R^2(N, M) \cong \mathrm{Ext}_R^2(N, x^k M).$$

So far, we study the properties of the functor  $\mathrm{Ext}_R^2(N, -)$  with  $N\tau$ -torsion. Now we turn to the investigation of the functor  $\mathrm{Ext}_R^2(N', -)$  with  $N'\sigma$ -torsion (i.e.,  $N'$  is a  $\sigma$  torsion  $S'$ -module, but it is regarded as an  $R$ -module here). We have the following

**Theorem 1.3.** *Assume  $\tau, \sigma$  as in Theorem 1.1. Let  $N'$  be a  $\sigma$ -torsion  $S$ -module. Then for any  $\tau$ -closed  $R$ -module  $M$ ,*

$$\mathrm{Ext}_R^2(N', M) \cong \mathrm{Ext}_S^1(N', M/xM).$$

**Proof.** There is a spectral sequence of change of rings:

$$\mathrm{Ext}_S^p(N', \mathrm{Ext}_R^q(S, M)) \implies_p \mathrm{Ext}_R^n(N', M), \quad p + q = n.$$

For  $n = 2$ ,

$$E_2^{0,2} = \mathrm{Hom}_S(N', \mathrm{Ext}_R^2(S, M)).$$

Note that  $xR$  is projective and the following sequence is exact

$$0 \longrightarrow xR \longrightarrow R \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow 0. \quad (1.8)$$

We have  $E_2^{0,2} = \mathrm{Ext}_R^2(S, M) = 0$ . Furthermore,

$$E_2^{1,1} = \mathrm{Ext}_S^1(N', \mathrm{Ext}_R^1(S, M)).$$

The short exact sequence (1.8) gives the following exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_R(S, M) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_R(R, M) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_R(xR, M) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Ext}_R^1(S, M) \longrightarrow 0.$$

But we have natural isomorphisms

$$\mathrm{Hom}_R(S, M) \cong (0 : x)_M,$$

$$\mathrm{Hom}_R(R, M) \cong M,$$

$$\mathrm{Hom}_R(xR, M) \cong xM.$$

Therefore  $\mathrm{Ext}_R^1(S, M) \cong M/xM$ , which means

$$E_2^{1,1} = \mathrm{Ext}_S^1(N', M/xM).$$

On the other hand,

$$E_2^{2,0} = \mathrm{Ext}_S^2(N', \mathrm{Hom}_R(S, M)) \cong \mathrm{Ext}_S^2(N', (0 : x)_M) = 0.$$

Thus

$$\mathrm{Ext}_R^2(N', M) \cong E_r^{1,1}$$

for sufficient large  $r$ . We can calculate  $E_r^{1,1}$  as follows

$$0 = E_2^{-1,2} \xrightarrow{d^2} E_2^{1,1} \xrightarrow{d^2} E_2^{3,0},$$

where

$$E_3^{1,1} = \text{Ext}_S^3(N', \text{Hom}_R(S, M)) \cong \text{Ext}_S^3(N', (0 : x)) = 0$$

(see the proof of Lemma 1.3). Thus  $E_3^{1,1} = \text{Ker } d^2 / \text{Im } d^2 \cong E_2^{1,1}$ . Similarly,  $E_r^{1,1} \cong E_2^{1,1}$ . Thus we have

$$\text{Ext}_R^2(N', M) \cong \text{Ext}_S^1(N', M/xM).$$

**Corollary 1.5.** *Let  $N'$  be  $\sigma$ -torsion  $S$ -module. Then for any  $\tau$ -closed  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $\text{Ext}_R^2(N', M) = 0$  if and only if  $M/xM$  is  $\tau$ -closed (or equivalently,  $\sigma$ -closed).*

**Proof.** Lemma 1.3 shows that  $M/xM$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree. Then  $M/xM$  is  $\sigma$ -injective if and only if  $\text{Ext}_S^1(N', M/xM) = 0$  for any  $\sigma$ -torsion  $S$ -module  $N'$ .

## §2.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ ,  $\sigma = \varphi_*(\tau)$  which is perfect. Then for any  $S$ -module  $M$ ,  $Q_\sigma(M) = Q_\tau(M)$ .*

**Proof.** This is an easy consequence of Lemma 1.2.

When  $\tau$  is perfect, it is known that  $\sigma = \varphi_*(\tau)$  is also perfect. For completeness, we give a simple homological proof here.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $\sigma, \tau$  be as above. If  $\tau$  is perfect then  $\sigma$  is perfect.*

**Proof.** It is sufficient to show that for any  $\sigma$ -torsion module  $N$  and any  $\sigma$ -closed module  $M$ ,  $\text{Ext}_S^2(N, M) = 0$ . By Grothendieck cohomology 5-exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow E_2^{1,0} \longrightarrow H^1 \longrightarrow E_2^{0,1} \longrightarrow E_2^{2,0} \longrightarrow H^2,$$

where  $H^2 = \text{Ext}_R^2(N, M) = 0$  since  $\tau$  is perfect, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E_2^{2,0} &= \text{Ext}_S^2(S \otimes_R N, M) = \text{Ext}_S^2(N, M), \\ E_2^{0,1} &= \text{Hom}_S(\text{Tor}_1^R(S, N), M) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\text{Ext}_S^2(N, M) = E_2^{2,0} = 0$ .

The inverse of Lemma 2.2 is not true in general. Here we give a counterexample which is also a negative answer to a problem in [1] (p. 488).

**Example.** Let  $R = Z[x]$ , the polynomial ring with integer coefficients. The element  $x$  is neither a unit nor a zero divisor.  $S = R/xR \cong Z$ . Assume that  $\tau$  is a torsion theory cogenerated by  $E(R) \oplus E(R/xR)$ , where  $E$  means injective hull. It is well known that  $Q_\tau(R) = R$  and  $\tau$  is the largest torsion theory for which  $R$  is  $\tau$ -closed (see [4]). By [5],  $(2, x)$  is a dense ideal of  $R$ . But  $(2, x)R \neq R$ , which means  $\tau$  is not a perfect torsion theory. Now  $S = Z$ , so every torsion theory in  $S\text{-tors}$  is perfect. By Lemma 2.1,  $Q_\sigma(M) = Q_\tau(M)$ , the condition of Proposition 47.16 in [1] is satisfied. But  $\tau$  is not perfect.

Next we will study when each of two functors  $\text{Hom}_R(S, -)$  and  $S \otimes_R -$  commutes with localization functors.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ ,  $\sigma = \varphi_*(\tau)$  which is perfect. Then*

$$Q_\sigma \text{Hom}_R(S, M) \cong \text{Hom}_R(S, Q_\tau(M))$$

*for any  $\tau$ -torsionfree  $R$ -module  $M$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be  $\tau$ -torsionfree. Since  $Q_\tau(M)$  is closed,  $\text{Hom}_R(S, Q_\tau(M)) \cong (0 : x)_{Q_\tau(M)}$  is  $\tau$ -closed by Lemma 1.1. On the other hand,

$$Q_\sigma(\text{Hom}_R(S, M)) = Q_\sigma((0 : x)_M).$$

Hence

$$Q_\sigma((0 : x)_M) \subseteq (0 : x)_{Q_\tau(M)}.$$

Furthermore, for any  $a \in (0 : x)_{Q_\tau(M)}$ ,  $xa = 0$  and there is a dense left ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $aI \subseteq M$ . Then  $aI \subseteq (0 : x)_M$ , which implies that  $(0 : x)_{Q_\tau(M)} / (0 : x)_M$  is  $\tau$ -torsion. Therefore  $(0 : x)_{Q_\tau(M)} \subseteq Q_\sigma((0 : x)_M)$ . Thus

$$Q_\sigma \text{Hom}_R(S, M) \cong \text{Hom}_R(S, Q_\tau(M)).$$

The proof is completed.

Let  $\sigma \in S\text{-tors}$ . According to [6], we may define a torsion theory  $\varphi^e(\sigma) \in R\text{-tors}$  as follows. Let  $E_0$  be the injective  $S$ -module which cogenerates  $\sigma$ ,  $E = E(E_0)$ , the  $R$ -injective hull of  $E_0$  (regarding  $E_0$  as an  $R$ -module). Define  $\varphi^e(\sigma)$  to be the torsion theory in  $R$ -tors which is cogenerated by  $E$ . Another torsion theory  $\varphi^g(\sigma)$  can be defined as follows: the torsion class of  $\varphi^g(\sigma)$  is generated by the torsion class of  $\sigma$  (regarding each  $\sigma$ -torsion  $S$ -module as  $R$ -module). We denote by  $\Psi$  the canonical ring homomorphism  $R \rightarrow Q_\tau(R)$ ,  $J(R)$  the Jacobson radical of  $R$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** *For any  $\sigma \in S\text{-tors}$ , if  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  and  $\varphi_*(\tau) = \sigma$ , then*

$$\varphi^g(\sigma) \leq \tau \leq \varphi^e(\sigma).$$

**Proof.** Let  $T_\sigma$  be the  $\sigma$ -torsion class of  $S$ -modules. By the definition of  $\varphi_*$ , if we regard every  $\sigma$ -torsion  $S$ -module as an  $R$ -module, then  $T_\sigma \subseteq T_\tau$ . This means  $\varphi^g(\sigma) \leq \tau$ .

On the other hand, it is not difficult to see that  $\varphi^e(\sigma)$  is cogenerated by  $F_\sigma$ , the  $\sigma$ -torsionfree class of  $S$ -modules. Nevertheless,  $\varphi$  is surjective, so every torsion theory in  $R$ -tors is compatible with  $\varphi$ . Let  ${}_S M$  be any  $\sigma$ -torsionfree  $S$ -module, then  $M$  is  $\tau$ -torsionfree as an  $R$ -module since  $\varphi_*(\tau) = \sigma$ . Hence we have  $\tau \leq \varphi^e(\sigma)$ .

Recall that  $\varphi_* \varphi^g(\sigma) = \varphi_* \varphi^e(\sigma) = \sigma$  (see [6]). Lemma 2.3 means that  $\varphi^g(\sigma)$  is the smallest torsion theory  $\tau$  in  $R$ -tors such that  $\varphi_*(\tau) = \sigma$  while  $\varphi^e(\sigma)$  is the largest torsion theory  $\tau$  in  $R$ -tors such that  $\varphi_*(\tau) = \sigma$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $\tau$  be a torsion theory in  $R$ -tors which is perfect,  $\sigma = \varphi_*(\tau)$ . Then*

- (1)  $Q_\sigma(S) \cong Q_\tau(R) / xQ_\tau(R)$ ;
- (2)  $S \otimes_R Q_\tau(R) \cong Q_\sigma(S \otimes_R M) \cong Q_\sigma(S) \otimes_R M$ ;
- (3) *If  $\Psi(x) \in J(Q_\tau(R))$ , then there is only one  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  such that  $\sigma = \varphi_*(\tau)$ . In other words,  $\varphi^g(\sigma) = \varphi^e(\sigma) = \tau$ .*

**Proof. 1.** Since  $\tau$  is perfect,  $Q_\tau$  is exact. Then the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow xR \longrightarrow R \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow 0$$

yields an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow Q_\tau(xR) \longrightarrow Q_\tau(R) \longrightarrow Q_\tau(S) \longrightarrow 0.$$

By Lemma 2.1,  $Q_\tau(S) = Q_\sigma(S)$ , so that  $Q_\sigma(S) = Q_\tau(S) \cong Q_\tau(R) / Q_\tau(xR)$ . Now it is sufficient to show that  $Q_\tau(xR) = xQ_\tau(R)$ . But the multiplication of  $x$  induces an isomorphism

$\rho : R \rightarrow xR$ . Hence  $Q_\tau(\rho)$  is also an isomorphism from  $Q_\tau(R) \rightarrow Q_\tau(xR)$ . Moreover it is easy to see that  $Q_\tau(\rho)$  is also a multiplication of  $x$ . Thus  $Q_\tau(xR) = xQ_\tau(R)$ .

2. By Lemma 2.1,  $Q_\sigma(S \otimes M) = Q_\tau(S \otimes M)$ , we need only to show

$$S \otimes Q_\tau(M) \cong Q_\tau(S \otimes M) \cong Q_\sigma(S) \otimes M. \quad (2.1)$$

Since  $\tau$  is perfect,

$$Q_\tau(M) = Q_\tau(R) \otimes M, Q_\tau(S \otimes M) = Q_\tau(R) \otimes (S \otimes M). \quad (2.2)$$

Since  $x$  is a central element,

$$\begin{aligned} S \otimes Q_\tau(R) &= R/xR \otimes Q_\tau(R) \cong Q_\tau(R)/xQ_\tau(R) \\ &\cong Q_\tau(R) \otimes R/xR = Q_\tau(R) \otimes S. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} S \otimes Q_\tau(M) &= S \otimes Q_\tau(R) \otimes M \\ &\cong Q_\tau(R)/xQ_\tau(R) \otimes M \cong Q_\sigma(S) \otimes M, \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_\tau(R) \otimes (S \otimes M) &\cong (Q_\tau(R) \otimes S) \otimes M \\ &\cong Q_\tau(R)/xQ_\tau(R) \otimes M = Q_\sigma(S) \otimes M. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

Combining (2.2), (2.3), (2.4), (2.5), we get (2.1).

3. Let  $\bar{x} = \Psi(x)$ . Then  $\bar{x} \in J(Q_\tau(R))$ , the Jacobson radical of  $Q_\tau(R)$ . First we show that a left ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is  $\tau$ -dense iff  $I + xR/xR$  is  $\sigma$ -dense in  $S$ . Clearly, if  $I$  is a dense ideal of  $R$ , then  $I + xR/xR$  is  $\sigma$  dense since  $R/xR/I + xR/xR \cong R/I + xR$  which is  $\tau$ -torsion or equivalently  $\sigma$ -torsion. Conversely, if  $I + xR/xR$  is dense in  $S$ , then  $I + xR$  is dense in  $R$ . Therefore  $Q_\tau(I + xR) = Q_\tau(R)$ . Since  $\tau$  is perfect,  $Q_\tau(I) + Q_\tau(xR) = Q_\tau(R)$ . However,  $Q_\tau(xR) = xQ_\tau(R)$ ,  $\bar{x} \in J(Q_\tau(R))$ . By Nakayama Lemma,  $Q_\tau(I) = Q_\tau(R)$ . Hence  $I$  is a  $\tau$  dense left ideal of  $R$ .

Now we can prove that  $\varphi^e(\sigma) = \tau$ . Let  $E_0$  be an injective  $S$ -module which cogenerates  $\sigma$ .  $E = E(E_0)$ , the  $R$ -injective hull of  $E_0$ . Let  $I$  be a  $\varphi^e(\sigma)$ -dense left ideal of  $R$ . Then  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, E) = 0$ . Since  $\sigma = \varphi_* \varphi^e(\sigma)$  and  $I + xR/xR$  is  $\sigma$ -torsion,  $R/I + xR$  is  $\tau$ -torsion. Hence  $I + xR$  is a  $\tau$ -dense left ideal of  $R$ . Thus  $\varphi^e(\sigma) \leq \tau$ . According to Lemma 2.3,  $\tau \leq \varphi^e(\sigma)$ . Therefore  $\tau = \varphi^e(\sigma)$ . Since  $\varphi_* \varphi^g(\sigma) = \sigma$ , the last statement follows from the fact  $\varphi^g(\sigma) = \varphi^e(\sigma)$ .

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