

A Note On Injectivity Of Unital Modules

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1. Introduction.

In this paper we investigate for injectivity of a unital module M_R by using the Baer's injectivity condition; " M_R is u-injective if and only if for any right ideal I of R and each $f \in \text{Hom}_R(I, M)$ there exists $m \in M$ such that $f(x) = mx$ for any $x \in I$ ". We define the following.

(1) S is a nonempty subset of a ring R and M_R is a right R -module

$$\begin{aligned} {}_R S &= \{r \in R \mid Sr = 0\} \\ {}_M S &= \{x \in M \mid xS = 0\} \end{aligned}$$

(2) If R is a ring with unit 1 and for any $x \in M$, $x1 = x$, then M_R is a unital module.

(3) A unital module M_R is a u-injective module in case each unital module B_R has the following properties that if A_R is a submodule of B_R , then any $f \in \text{Hom}_R(A, M)$ can be induced by an element $g \in \text{Hom}_R(B, M)$.

(4) I is a right ideal of a ring R , unital module M_R is I -complete if for any $f \in \text{Hom}_R(I, M)$ there is an element $m \in M$ such that $f(x) = mx$ for every $x \in I$.

2. Injectivity of a unital module

Theorem 1. *Let M_R be a unital module. For every $x \in R$, ${}_M({}_R x) \subset Mx$ if and only if M_R is xR -complete.*

Proof. (Necessity) We assume ${}_M({}_R x) \subset Mx$. If $f \in \text{Hom}_R(xR, M)$, then for any $r \in {}_R x$

$$f(x)r = f(xr) = f(0) = 0$$

Hence $f(x) \in {}_M({}_R x) \subset Mx$. And so there is a $m \in M$ such that $f(x) = mx$. For every $y = xr \in xR$

$$f(y) = f(xr) = f(x)r = (mx)r = m(xr) = my$$

Therefore M_R is xR -complete.

(Sufficiency). Let $y \in {}_M({}_R x)$ and we define $f: xR \rightarrow M$ as $f(xr) = yr$. If $xr_1 = xr_2$, then $x(r_1 - r_2) = 0$ and so $r_1 - r_2 \in {}_R x$. Therefore $y(r_1 - r_2) = 0$, that is,

$$f(xr_1) = f(xr_2).$$

Hence $f: xR \rightarrow M$ is a mapping. Next for any $xr_1, xr_2 \in xR, r \in R$

$$f(xr_1 + xr_2) = f(x(r_1 + r_2)) = y(r_1 + r_2) = yr_1 + yr_2 = f(xr_1) + f(xr_2).$$

$$f((xr)_r) = f(x(r)_r) = y(r)_r = (y_r)_r = f(xr)_r$$

This proves $f \in \text{Hom}_R(xR, M)$. And for any $xr \in xR$, there is $m \in M$ such that $f(xr) = m(xr)$. In particular $y = y_1 = f(x_1) = m(x_1) = mx \in Mx$. That is, ${}_M({}_R x) \subseteq Mx$.

Corollary. M_R is a unital module and ${}_R x = 0$ for $x \in R$, $x \neq 0$, $Mx = M$ if and only if M_R is xR -complete.

Proof. (Necessity) ${}_M({}_R x) \subset M = Mx$

For any $f \in \text{Hom}_R(xR, M)$, there exists $m \in M$ such that $f(y) = my$ for any $y \in xR$ by Theorem 1. Therefore M_R is xR -complete.

(Sufficiency) ${}_R x = \{x \in R \mid xr = 0\} = \{0\}$

And so ${}_M({}_R x) = M$

And by Theorem 1, ${}_M({}_R x) \subset Mx$. That is $M \subset Mx$. Therefore $M = Mx$.

Theorem 2. M_R is a unital module. Then M_R is u -injective if and only if M_R is an injective unital module.

Proof. (Necessity) For any R -module B_R we define $B^1 = B1$ and $B^0 = \{x \in B \mid x1 = 0\}$. Then B^1 and B^0 are submodules of B , since for any $x1, y1 \in B^1$, $r \in R$,

$$x1 - y1 = (x - y)1, (x1)r = x(1r) = x(r1) = (xr)1 \in B^1$$

And for any $x, y \in B^0$, $r \in R$

$$(x - y)1 = x1 - y1 = 0 - 0 = 0$$

hence $x - y \in B^0$. And

$$(xr)1 = x(r1) = x(1r) = (x1)r = 0r = 0$$

hence $xr \in B^0$.

For any $x \in B^1 \cap B^0$, there is a $y \in B$ such that $x = y1$ and $x1 = 0$, therefore $x = y1 = (y1)1 = x1 = 0$ so that $B^1 \cap B^0 = 0$. For any $x \in B$, if $x1 \neq 0$, then

$$(x - x1)1 = x1 - x1 = 0 \text{ and so } x - x1 \in B^0$$

And $x = x1 + (x - x1) \in B^1 \oplus B^0$

If $x1 = 0$, then $x \in B^0$ and so $x = 0 + x \in B^1 + B^0$. Therefore $B = B^1 \oplus B^0$. And B^1 is a unital module because for any $x \in B^1$, there is $y \in B$ such that $x = y1$ and $x = y1 = (y1)1 = x1$. Let A_R be any submodule of B_R . Then there exist submodules of A such that $A = A^1 \oplus A^0$ where A^1 is a unital submodule of B^0 . Let $f \in \text{Hom}_R(A, M)$, and define $f' \in \text{Hom}_R(A^1, M)$ as $f'(a1) = f(a1)$. Then there is $g' \in \text{Hom}_R(B^1, M)$ such that $g'|_{A^1} = f'$ (by hypothesis) Now we define a mapping

$$g: B \rightarrow M \text{ as } g(x_1 + x_0) = g'(x_1)$$

Then for any $a = a_1 + a_0 \in A$

$$f(a_0) = f(a_0)1 = f(a_0)1 = f(0) = 0$$

Hence $g(a_1 + a_0) = g'(a_1) = f'(a_1) = f(a_1) = f(a_1) + 0 = f(a_1) + f(a_0) = f(a_1 + a_0)$. And for any $x, y \in B$, $r \in R$,

$$\begin{aligned} g(x + y) &= g((x_1 + x_0) + (y_1 + y_0)) = g((x_1 + y_1) + (x_0 + y_0)) \\ &= g'(x_1 + y_1) = g'(x_1) + g'(y_1) = g(x_1 + x_0) + g(y_1 + y_0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&=g(x)+g(y). \\
g(xr) &=g((x_1+x_0)r)=g(x_1r+x_0r)=g'(x_1r)=g'(x_1)r=g(x_1+x_0)r \\
&=g(x)r
\end{aligned}$$

So that $g \in \text{Hom}_R(B, M)$ and $g|_A = f$.

(Sufficiency) By definition of u -injectivity if M_R is unital injective, then M_R is u -injective.

Corollary. *Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over a field K . Then V_K is injective unital.*

Proof. Let A_K be a submodule of any unital module B_K . And let $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r\}$ be a basis of A_K . Since $\{a_i\}$ is linearly independent, it can be extended to a basis of B , say $\{a_1, \dots, a_r, c_1, \dots, c_s\}$. Let C be the submodule of B generated by $\{c_1, \dots, c_s\}$. Since $\{a_i, c_i\}$ generates B , $B = A + C$. On the other hand, $A \cap C = \{0\}$. Accordingly, $B = A \oplus C$. For any $f \in \text{Hom}_K(A, V)$, we define $g: B \rightarrow V$ as $g(a+c) = f(a)$. Then for any $a_1+c_1, a_2+c_2 \in B$, $h \in K$ if $a_1+c_1 = a_2+c_2$, then $a_1-a_2 = c_2-c_1$. And since $A \cap C = \{0\}$, $a_1-a_2 = c_2-c_1 = 0$. Hence $a_1 = a_2$, $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$. Therefore,

$$g(a_1+c_1) = g(a_2+c_2)$$

And

$$\begin{aligned}
g((a_1+c_1) + (a_2+c_2)) &= g((a_1+a_2) + (c_1+c_2)) \\
&= f(a_1+a_2) \\
&= f(a_1) + f(a_2) = g(a_1+c_1) + g(a_2+c_2), \\
g((a_1+c_1)h) &= g(a_1h+c_1h) = f(a_1h) = f(a_1)h = g(a_1+c_1)h
\end{aligned}$$

Accordingly $g \in \text{Hom}_K(B, V)$ with $g|_A = f$. Hence V_K is u -injective, by Theorem 2, it is injective.

3. Some results

Let R be an integral domain with unit and M_R is unital. Then M_R is divisible if and only if M_R is xR -complete. And if R is a principal right ideal ring and integral domain, then by Baer's injectivity condition we know that M_R is u -injective if and only if M_R is xR -complete. By Theorem 2, if R is a principal right ideal ring and integral domain, then M_R is injective unital module if and only if M_R is xR -complete. Consequently we know that if R is a principal right ideal ring and integral domain, then M_R is injective unital module if and only if M_R is divisible. For example, a Z -module G is injective if and only if it is divisible. So the concepts "injective" and "divisible" are equivalent for abelian groups. The group Q , consisting of the rational numbers modulo integer, is a Z -injective module.

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