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## EXTENDING MODULES RELATIVE TO A TORSION THEORY

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*Abstract.* An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be an extending module if every closed submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand. In this paper we introduce and investigate the concept of a type 2  $\tau$ -extending module, where  $\tau$  is a hereditary torsion theory on  $\text{Mod-}R$ . An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called type 2  $\tau$ -extending if every type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . If  $\tau_I$  is the torsion theory on  $\text{Mod-}R$  corresponding to an idempotent ideal  $I$  of  $R$  and  $M$  is a type 2  $\tau_I$ -extending  $R$ -module, then the question of whether or not  $M/MI$  is an extending  $R/I$ -module is investigated. In particular, for the Goldie torsion theory  $\tau_G$  we give an example of a module that is type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending but not extending.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Extending modules have been studied extensively in recent years, see [2], [4], [11] and [14]. In [5] and [6] the authors investigated extending modules relative to certain classes of modules. Our purpose is to define and study extending modules relative to a torsion theory  $\tau$  on  $\text{Mod-}R$ . This brings out a new and more general concept of extending modules, and we present some of the fundamental properties of these modules. Throughout the paper  $R$  will denote an associative ring with identity,  $\text{Mod-}R$  will be the category of unitary right  $R$ -modules, and unless stated otherwise, all modules and module homomorphisms will belong to  $\text{Mod-}R$ .

If  $\tau := (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is a torsion theory on  $\text{Mod-}R$ , then  $\tau$  is uniquely determined by its associated torsion class  $\mathcal{T}$  of  $\tau$ -torsion modules. Modules in  $\mathcal{T}$  will be called  $\tau$ -torsion and modules in  $\mathcal{F}$  are said to be  $\tau$ -torsion free. If  $\tau(M)$  denotes the sum of the  $\tau$ -torsion submodules of  $M$ , then  $\tau(M)$  is necessarily the unique largest  $\tau$ -torsion submodule of  $M$  and  $\tau(M/\tau(M)) = 0$  for an  $R$ -module  $M$ .  $\tau(M)$  is referred to as the  $\tau$ -torsion submodule of  $M$  and it follows that  $\mathcal{T} := \{M \in \text{Mod-}R; \tau(M) = M\}$

and  $\mathcal{F} := \{M \in \text{Mod-}R; \tau(M) = 0\}$ . For every torsion theory  $\tau$ , both the torsion class  $\mathcal{T}$  and the torsion-free class  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $R$ -modules contain the zero module and both are closed under isomorphisms; that is, if  $N \in \mathcal{T}$  and  $N' \cong N$ , then  $N' \in \mathcal{T}$ , and similarly for  $\mathcal{F}$ . A  $\mathcal{T}$ -submodule (or  $\mathcal{F}$ -submodule) of  $M$  is a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  such that  $N$  belongs to  $\mathcal{T}$  (or  $\mathcal{F}$ ).

For a torsion theory  $\tau := (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$ ,  $\mathcal{T} \cap \mathcal{F} = 0$  and the torsion class  $\mathcal{T}$  is closed under homomorphic images, direct sums and extensions; and  $\mathcal{F}$  is closed under submodules, direct products and extensions. A class  $\mathcal{C}$  of modules is said to be closed under extensions if whenever  $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$  is exact in  $\text{Mod-}R$  and  $M', M'' \in \mathcal{C}$ , then  $M \in \mathcal{C}$ .

The torsion theories on  $\text{Mod-}R$  can be partially ordered by using their torsion classes. If  $\sigma := (\mathcal{T}_\sigma, \mathcal{F}_\sigma)$  and  $\tau := (\mathcal{T}_\tau, \mathcal{F}_\tau)$  are torsion theories on  $\text{Mod-}R$ , then we write  $\sigma \leq \tau$  whenever  $\mathcal{T}_\sigma \subseteq \mathcal{T}_\tau$ . Throughout,  $\xi$  will denote the torsion theory in which only the zero module is torsion and  $\chi$  will denote the torsion theory in which every module is torsion. Clearly  $\xi \leq \tau \leq \chi$  for every torsion theory  $\tau$ . All torsion theories  $\tau$  are assumed to be *hereditary*, that is, we assume that submodules of  $\tau$ -torsion modules are  $\tau$ -torsion, unless stated otherwise. If  $I$  is an idempotent ideal of  $R$ , then it is well known that  $I$  determines a hereditary torsion theory  $\tau_I$  with torsion class  $\{M; MI = 0\}$ . We refer to  $\tau_I$  as the torsion theory corresponding to  $I$ . If  $\tau_G$  is the Goldie torsion theory [12], then  $\tau_G$  is hereditary and the  $\tau_G$ -torsion submodule  $\tau_G(M)$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is just the second singular submodule of  $M$ . That is,  $\tau_G(M)$  is the submodule  $Z_2(M)$  of  $M$  such that  $Z_2(M)/Z(M) = Z(M/Z(M))$ , where for an  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $Z(M)$  denotes the *singular submodule* of  $M$  [12]. Additional information on torsion theory can be found in [3], [10] and [12] and we refer to [1], [4] for general information on rings and modules.

A nonzero submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be *essential* in  $M$  if  $N$  has nonzero intersection with each nonzero submodule of  $M$ , written  $N \leq_e M$ ; then a *closure* of  $N$  (in  $M$ ) is a submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $K$  is maximal among the submodules of  $M$  such that  $N$  is essential in  $K$ . A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called *closed* (in  $M$ ) if  $N$  has no proper essential extension in  $M$ , written  $N \leq_c M$ . A Zorn's Lemma argument shows that for each submodule  $N$  of  $M$  there is a closed submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $N$  is essential in  $K$ . Given a submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , by a *complement* (in  $M$ ) we mean a submodule  $L$  of  $M$  that is maximal among the submodules  $H$  of  $M$  such that  $H \cap N = 0$ . A submodule  $L$  of  $M$  is said to be a *complement* if there is a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  such that  $L$  is a complement of  $N$ . It is well known that a submodule  $K$  of  $M$  is a complement if  $K$  is closed in  $M$ .

Let  $\tau := (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  be a torsion theory and  $M$  an  $R$ -module. A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called  $\tau$ -*essential* in  $M$  if  $N$  is essential in  $M$  and  $M/N$  is  $\tau$ -torsion; this is denoted  $N \leq_{\tau_e} M$ . A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called *type 1  $\tau$ -closed* in  $M$  if  $N$  has

no proper  $\tau$ -essential extension in  $M$ ; this is denoted  $N \leq_{\tau_1 c} M$  [7]. In this work we call a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  *type 2  $\tau$ -closed* in  $M$  if  $M/N$  is  $\tau$ -torsion and  $N$  is closed in  $M$ ; this will be denoted by  $N \leq_{\tau_2 c} M$ . A module  $M$  is *type 1  $\tau$ -extending* if every type 1  $\tau$ -closed submodule is a direct summand [7]. We will call a module  $M$  *type 2  $\tau$ -extending* if every type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule is a direct summand. A submodule  $N$  of a module  $M$  is called  *$\tau$ -dense* in  $M$  if  $M/N$  is a  $\tau$ -torsion module. A module  $M$  is  *$\tau$ -complemented* if every submodule is  $\tau$ -dense in a direct summand. Hence  $M$  is  $\tau$ -complemented if and only if for any  $N \leq M$  there exists a direct summand  $K$  containing  $N$  with  $K/N$  is  $\tau$ -torsion. A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is said to be  *$\tau$ -cotorsion free* [12], if  $N$  has no proper  $\tau$ -dense submodules.

## 2. TYPE 2 $\tau$ -EXTENDING MODULES

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be *type 2  $\tau$ -extending* if every type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . Semisimple modules, uniform modules and injective modules provide examples of modules that are type 2  $\tau$ -extending.

In this section we will be mainly interested in studying basic properties of type 2  $\tau$ -extending modules. In this and later sections we shall also be interested in the following questions posed by P. F. Smith from Glasgow after he has read the first draft of this paper.

**Question 1.** Let  $\tau_I$  be the torsion theory corresponding to an idempotent ideal  $I$  of  $R$ . Is it true that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is type 2  $\tau_I$ -extending if and only if  $M/MI$  is an extending  $R/I$ -module?

**Question 2.** When is a finite direct sum of type 2  $\tau$ -extending modules type 2  $\tau$ -extending?

**Question 3.** Is there a module that is type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending but not extending?

Before considering Question 1, we prove several fundamental properties of type 2  $\tau$ -extending modules. The following lemma gives some immediate consequences of the definitions.

**Lemma 2.1.** *The following hold for an  $R$ -module  $M$ .*

- (1) *If  $N$  is a type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule of  $M$ , then  $N$  is closed in  $M$ .*
- (2) *If  $N$  is a type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule of  $K$  and  $K$  is a type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule of  $M$ , then  $N$  is type 2  $\tau$ -closed in  $M$ .*
- (3) *If  $M$  is extending, then  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending.*
- (4) *If  $M$  is  $\tau$ -torsion and type 2  $\tau$ -extending, then  $M$  is extending.*

- (5) If  $M$  is  $\tau$ -torsion free, then  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending.  
 (6) Every direct summand of a type 2  $\tau$ -extending module is type 2  $\tau$ -extending.

*Proof.* (1) Clear from the definitions.

(2) If  $N$  and  $K$  are as described in the lemma, then  $K/N$  and  $M/K$  are  $\tau$ -torsion. Since the torsion class of  $\tau$  is closed under extensions, it follows that  $M/N$  is  $\tau$ -torsion. On the other hand,  $N$  is closed in  $K$  and  $K$  closed in  $M$  implies that  $N$  is closed in  $M$  (see [4, Page 6, Property 4]). Hence  $N$  is type 2  $\tau$ -closed in  $M$ .

(3) Let  $M$  be an extending module and let  $N$  be a type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule of  $M$ . By (1),  $N$  is closed, so  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . Hence,  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending.

(4) Let  $M$  be a  $\tau$ -torsion module and suppose that  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending. If  $N$  is a closed submodule of  $M$ , since  $M/N$  is  $\tau$ -torsion,  $N$  is type 2  $\tau$ -closed in  $M$ . By assumption  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ , so we see that  $M$  is extending.

(5) Let  $N$  be a type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule of a  $\tau$ -torsion free  $R$ -module  $M$ . Since  $N$  is closed in  $M$ , there exists a submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $N$  is maximal with respect to  $N \cap K = 0$ . It follows that  $K$  is isomorphic to a submodule of the  $\tau$ -torsion module  $M/N$ , so  $K$  is  $\tau$ -torsion. Since  $M$  is  $\tau$ -torsion free,  $K = 0$ . Therefore  $M = N$ , and so  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending.

(6) Let an  $R$ -module  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  be the direct sum of the submodules  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , and suppose that  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending. If  $N$  is a type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule of  $M_1$ , then  $M_1/N$  is  $\tau$ -torsion and  $N$  is closed in  $M_1$ . If  $N' = N \oplus M_2$ , then  $M/N' = (M_1 \oplus M_2)/(N \oplus M_2) \cong M_1/N$ , so  $M/N'$  is  $\tau$ -torsion. We claim that  $N'$  is closed in  $M$ . If  $N'$  is essential in a submodule  $T$  of  $M$ , then  $N$  is an essential submodule of  $M_1 \cap T \subseteq M_1$ . So it follows that  $N = M_1 \cap T$ . Since  $M_2 \subseteq T$  and  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ , by modularity,  $T = M_2 + (T \cap M_1) = M_2 + N = N'$ . Thus  $N'$  is closed in  $M$ . But we have just seen that  $M/N'$  is  $\tau$ -torsion, so  $N'$  is type 2  $\tau$ -closed in  $M$ . By hypothesis,  $M = N' \oplus K$  for some submodule  $K$  of  $M$ , so  $M = N' \oplus K = N \oplus M_2 \oplus K$ . By modularity we have  $M_1 = N \oplus (M_1 \cap (M_2 \oplus K))$  which shows that  $M_1$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending.  $\square$

**Example 2.2.** Every  $R$ -module is type 2  $\xi$ -extending, where  $\xi := (0, \text{Mod-}R)$  is the torsion theory in which only the zero module is considered to be torsion.

*Proof.* This follows easily since  $N$  is a type 2  $\xi$ -closed submodule of  $M$ , thus  $M/N$   $\xi$ -torsion, and so  $N = M$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.3.** An  $R$ -module  $M$  is type 2  $\chi$ -extending if and only if it is extending, where  $\chi$  is the torsion theory in which every module is considered to be torsion.

**Proof.** The sufficiency is clear by Lemma 2.1 part (3). So assume that  $M$  is type 2  $\chi$ -extending and let  $N$  be a closed submodule of  $M$ . Now every module is  $\chi$ -torsion, so in particular,  $M/N$  is  $\chi$ -torsion. Hence  $N$  is a type 2  $\chi$ -closed submodule of  $M$ . Therefore  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ , and so  $M$  is extending.  $\square$

The following example shows that there are torsion theories  $\tau$  and modules  $M$  that are type 2  $\tau$ -extending but not extending. It also shows that there are modules which have closed submodules which are not type 2  $\tau$ -closed. Because of this example, we see that in (4) of Lemma 2.1, the assumption that  $M$  is  $\tau$ -torsion is not superfluous.

**Example 2.4.** Consider the ring  $R = \begin{bmatrix} F & F & F \\ 0 & F & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $F$  is a field.

If  $\tau_I$  is the torsion theory on  $\text{Mod-}R$  corresponding to the idempotent ideal  $I = \begin{bmatrix} F & F & F \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , that is  $\mathcal{T}_I := \{N \in \text{Mod-}R : NI = 0\}$ , then the following hold for the right  $R$ -module  $M := R_R$ .

- (1)  $M$  is a type 2  $\tau_I$ -extending module, but is not extending.
- (2)  $M$  has direct summands that are not type 2  $\tau_I$ -closed.
- (3) The  $\tau_I$ -torsion submodule  $\tau_I(M)$  of  $M$  is not a direct summand.

**Proof.** Note that  $\tau_I(M) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & F & F \\ 0 & F & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F \end{bmatrix}$ , so  $M$  is not  $\tau_I$ -torsion.

- (1) Consider the submodules  $K = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & F & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $L = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & F \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then

$K \cap L = 0$  and  $K$  is a maximal submodule of  $I$  with respect to the property of having zero intersection with  $L$ . Hence  $K$  is a complement in  $I$  of  $L$ , and therefore in  $M$  since  $I$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . But  $K$  is not a direct summand of  $M$ , so  $M$  is not an extending  $R$ -module. However  $M$  is type 2  $\tau_I$ -extending. To see this, let  $N$  be a type 2  $\tau_I$ -closed submodule of  $M$ . Then  $M/N$  is  $\tau_I$ -torsion and  $N$  is a closed submodule of  $M$ . If  $N$  is  $\tau_I$ -torsion submodule of  $M$ , then  $M$  will be  $\tau_I$ -torsion which is not the case. Hence  $N$  is not a  $\tau_I$ -torsion submodule and, in this

case, it is easy to check that all possibilities for  $N$  are  $N = I$  or  $N = \begin{bmatrix} F & F & F \\ 0 & F & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

or  $N = \begin{bmatrix} F & F & F \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F \end{bmatrix}$  or  $N = M$ . Hence in all cases  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ ,

and so  $M$  is a type 2  $\tau_I$ -extending module.

(2) Let  $V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $V$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . Since  $M/V$  is not  $\tau_I$ -torsion,  $V$  is not type 2  $\tau_I$ -closed.

(3) It is easy to see that  $\tau_I(M)$  is an essential submodule of  $M$ , and therefore it is not a direct summand of  $M$ .  $\square$

In the preceding example, we found a torsion theory  $\tau_I$  and an  $R$ -module  $M$  such that  $M$  is type 2  $\tau_I$ -extending. In the following example, we provide an example of a torsion theory  $\tau_J$  such that the same  $R$ -module  $M$  is not type 2  $\tau_J$ -extending. These examples show that whether or not a module is type 2  $\tau$ -extending depends on the particular torsion theory  $\tau$  under consideration.

**Example 2.5.** Let  $R$  and  $M$  be as in Example 2.4 and let  $J$  be the idempotent ideal  $J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & F \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F \end{bmatrix}$  of  $R$ . If  $\tau_J$  is the torsion theory on  $\text{Mod-}R$  corresponding to  $J$ , that is  $\mathcal{T}_J := \{N \in \text{Mod-}R: NJ = 0\}$ , then  $M$  is neither extending nor type 2  $\tau_J$ -extending.

*Proof.* To show that  $M$  is not type 2  $\tau_J$ -extending, let  $N$  be a type 2  $\tau_J$ -closed submodule of  $M$ . Then  $M/N$  is  $\tau_J$ -torsion and  $N$  is a closed submodule of  $M$ . Hence  $(M/N)J = 0$ , and so  $MJ \leq N$ . Now

$$MJ = \begin{bmatrix} F & F & F \\ 0 & F & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & F \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & F \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F \end{bmatrix} = J \leq N.$$

Since  $(M/J)J = 0$ ,  $M/J$  is  $\tau_J$ -torsion. It is easy to check that  $J$  is closed in  $M$ , so  $J$  is a type 2  $\tau_J$ -closed in  $M$ . But  $J$  is not a direct summand of  $M$ , and so  $M$  is not type 2  $\tau_J$ -extending.  $\square$

The following two examples provide a negative answer to Question 1. These examples demonstrate that for an idempotent ideal  $I$  of  $R$  it is possible for an  $R$ -module  $M$  to be such that  $M/MI$  is an extending  $R/I$ -module but  $M$  is not type 2  $\tau_I$ -extending, and that it is possible for an  $R$ -module  $M$  to be type 2  $\tau_I$ -extending even though  $M/MI$  is not an extending  $R/I$ -module.

**Example 2.6.** If  $R$ ,  $M$ ,  $J$  and  $\tau_J$  are as in Example 2.5, then  $M/MJ$  is an extending  $R/J$ -module, but  $M$  is not type 2  $\tau_J$ -extending.

*Proof.* We have just seen in Example 2.5 that  $M$  is not type 2  $\tau_J$ -extending. So it remains to show that  $M/MJ$  is an extending  $R/J$ -module. Now the ring

$$R/J := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e \end{bmatrix} + J : a, b, c, d, e \in F \right\}$$

is isomorphic to the ring of upper triangular matrices over  $F$ . By [4, 13.5, 13.6] every right  $(R/J)$ -module is extending since  $R/J$  is an Artinian serial ring that is also a (left and right) hereditary right  $SI$  ring [4] with  $J(R/J)^2 = 0$ . Hence  $M/MJ$  is an extending  $(R/J)$ -module.  $\square$

**Example 2.7.** There exist a torsion theory  $\tau_K$  corresponding to an idempotent ideal  $K$  of a ring  $R$  and a right  $R$ -module  $M$  such that  $M$  is type 2  $\tau_K$ -extending but  $M/MK$  is not  $R/K$ -extending.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  denote the ring of integers and  $R = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbb{Z} \end{bmatrix}$ , and consider the idempotent ideal  $K$  of  $R$ ,  $K = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbb{Z} \end{bmatrix}$ , and the right  $R$ -module  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \\ \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \end{bmatrix}$ . Let  $\tau_K := (\mathcal{T}_K, \mathcal{F}_K)$  denote the torsion theory on  $\text{Mod-}R$  corresponding to the idempotent ideal  $K$ , that is  $\mathcal{T}_K := \{N \in \text{Mod-}R : NK = 0\}$ . For a submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $M/N$  is  $\tau_K$ -torsion if and only if  $(M/N)K = 0$  if and only if  $MK \leq N$ . Let  $N$  be a type 2  $\tau_K$ -closed submodule of  $M$ . Thus  $N$  is closed in  $M$  and  $MK \leq N$ . So it is easy to check that such a closed submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is  $M$  itself. Hence  $M$  is type 2  $\tau_K$ -extending. Now consider the  $R/K$ -submodules  $N/MK$  and  $L/MK$  of the module  $M/MK$ ,  $N/MK = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2n & 0 \\ 0 & n & 0 \end{bmatrix} + MK; n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ ,  $L/MK = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a & b & 0 \end{bmatrix} + MK; a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ . It is a routine to check that the submodule  $N/MK$  is maximal with respect to the property  $(N/MK) \cap (L/MK) = 0$ . So  $N/MK$  is closed in  $M/MK$ . But it can not be a direct summand of  $M/MK$  as  $R/K$ -module. Hence  $M/MK$  is not an extending  $R/K$ -module.  $\square$

The following results deal with characterizations of type 2  $\tau$ -extending modules.



**Proposition 2.8.** *If  $M$  is an  $R$ -module, then for a  $\tau$ -dense submodule  $N$  of  $M$  there is a type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $N$  is essential in  $K$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be a  $\tau$ -dense submodule of  $M$ . By Zorn's Lemma, we may find a closed submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $N$  is essential in  $K$ . Since  $M/K$  is a homomorphic image of  $M/N$ ,  $M/K$  is  $\tau$ -torsion. Thus  $K$  is a type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule of  $M$  such that  $N$  is essential in  $K$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.9.** *The following are equivalent for an  $R$ -module  $M$ .*

- (1)  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending.
- (2) For each  $\tau$ -dense submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , there is a direct summand  $A$  of  $M$  such that  $N$  is essential in  $A$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $N$  be a  $\tau$ -dense submodule of  $M$ . By Proposition 2.8, we can find a type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $N$  is essential in  $K$ . By (1)  $K$  is a direct summand of  $M$ , and so (2) holds.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $N$  be a type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule of  $M$ . Then  $N$  is  $\tau$ -dense and closed in  $M$ . By (2) there exists a direct summand  $A$  of  $M$  such that  $N$  is essential in  $A$ . Since  $N$  is closed in  $M$ ,  $N = A$ . Hence (1) holds.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.10.** *The following hold for a  $\tau$ -torsion free  $R$ -module  $M$ .*

- (1)  $M$  has no proper type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodules.
- (2) Every  $\tau$ -dense submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is essential in  $M$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $N$  be a type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule of  $M$ . Then  $M/N$  is  $\tau$ -torsion and  $N$  is closed in  $M$ . By hypothesis  $M = N \oplus N'$  for some submodule  $N'$  of  $M$ , and so  $N'$  is clearly  $\tau$ -torsion. Since  $\tau(M) = 0$ ,  $N' = 0$ , and so  $M = N$ .

(2) (See also [13, Lemma 1.7].) Let  $N$  be a  $\tau$ -dense submodule of  $M$ . By Proposition 2.8, there is a type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $N$  is essential in  $K$ . By (1)  $K = M$ . So  $N$  is essential in  $M$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.11.** *If  $N$  is type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ , then there is a submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $N$  is maximal with respect to the property  $N \cap K = 0$ . In this case  $N \oplus K$  is  $\tau$ -essential in  $M$ . Conversely, if  $K$  is a  $\tau$ -torsion submodule of  $M$  such that a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is maximal with respect to the property  $N \cap K = 0$ , then  $N$  is a type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* If  $N$  is a type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule of  $M$ , then  $N$  is  $\tau$ -dense and closed in  $M$ . Then  $N$  is a complement in  $M$  (see [4, p. 6]). Let  $K$  be a submodule of  $M$  such that  $N$  is a maximal submodule of  $M$  such that  $N \cap K = 0$ .

Next we show that  $N \oplus K$  is  $\tau$ -essential in  $M$ . Assume that  $N \oplus K$  is not essential in  $M$ . Then there is a nonzero submodule  $N_1$  of  $M$  such that  $(N \oplus K) \cap N_1 = 0$ .

This gives  $(N_1 \oplus N) \cap K = 0$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $N \oplus K$  is essential in  $M$ . Finally  $M/(N \oplus K)$  is a homomorphic image of  $M/N$ , so  $M/(N \oplus K)$  is  $\tau$ -torsion. Therefore  $N \oplus K$  is  $\tau$ -essential in  $M$ .

Conversely, suppose that there exists a submodule  $K$  of  $M$  with the property that  $K$  is  $\tau$ -torsion and that  $N$  is maximal with respect to the property  $N \cap K = 0$ . We claim that  $N$  is type 2  $\tau$ -closed in  $M$ . It is clear that  $N$  is closed in  $M$ , so we need to show that  $N$  is  $\tau$ -dense in  $M$ . Since  $K$  and  $M/(N \oplus K)$  are  $\tau$ -torsion, by exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow K \cong (K \oplus N)/N \rightarrow M/N \rightarrow M/(K \oplus N) \rightarrow 0,$$

shows that  $M/N$  is  $\tau$ -torsion. Hence  $N$  is type 2  $\tau$ -closed in  $M$ . □

It was our hope that an investigation of the decomposition of type 2  $\tau$ -extending modules would not only provide information about such decompositions but that it would indirectly shed light on Question 2: When is a finite direct sum of type 2  $\tau$ -extending modules type 2  $\tau$ -extending? Unfortunately this does not seem to be the case, so this question is yet to be resolved. In this vein we discuss the following example in the hope to shed light for further study toward the question.

**Example 2.12.** There exists a ring  $R$ , a torsion theory  $\tau$  and type 2  $\tau$ -extending modules  $M_1, M_2$  such that  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  is a  $\tau$ -torsion module but need not be type 2  $\tau$ -extending.

**Proof.** Let  $p$  be a prime integer and consider the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules  $M_1 = \mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $M_2 = \mathbb{Z}_{p^3}$  and  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ . It is well known that  $M$  is not extending (see namely [9]). Let  $\tau_p = \tau := (\mathcal{T}_p, \mathcal{F}_p)$  denote the torsion theory on  $\text{Mod-}\mathbb{Z}$  where

$$\mathcal{T}_p := \{K \in \text{Mod-}\mathbb{Z}; \text{ for each } k \in K \text{ there exists a positive integer } t \text{ depending on } k \text{ with } kp^t = 0\}.$$

Since  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are uniform, they are extending, in particular they are type 2  $\tau_p$ -extending modules. Clearly  $M$  is also a  $\tau_p$ -torsion module and since it is not extending, it is not type 2  $\tau_p$ -extending. In order to see this directly, let  $N = (\bar{1}, \bar{p})\mathbb{Z}$ . Then it is easy to check that  $N$  is type 2  $\tau_p$ -closed submodule of  $M$  but not a direct summand. Hence  $M$  is not a type 2  $\tau_p$ -extending  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module. □

Let  $U$  and  $M$  both be  $R$ -modules. We say that  $U$  is  $M$ -injective if, for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , every homomorphism  $\varphi: N \rightarrow U$  can be extended to a homomorphism  $\psi: M \rightarrow U$  such that  $\psi(x) = \varphi(x)$ , for all  $x \in N$ . A class of  $R$ -modules  $\{M_i: i \in I\}$ , where  $I$  is an index set, is called *relatively injective* if  $M_i$  is  $M_j$ -injective for every pair of distinct  $i, j \in I$ .

We mention Theorem 2.13 relating to Question 2.

**Theorem 2.13.** *Let  $\tau$  be a hereditary torsion theory and let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module which is a direct sum  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  of two relatively injective  $\tau$ -torsion submodules  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ . Then  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending if and only if both  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are type 2  $\tau$ -extending.*

*Proof.* The necessity is clear by Lemma 2.1 part (6). For the sufficiency let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be relatively injective  $\tau$ -torsion type 2  $\tau$ -extending submodules. It is easy to see that  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are both extending submodules. By [9, Theorem 8]  $M$  is extending. Therefore by Lemma 2.1,  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending.  $\square$

### 3. TYPE 2 $\tau_G$ -EXTENDING MODULES

In this section we investigate extending modules relative to Goldie torsion theory  $\tau_G$  on  $\text{Mod-}R$ . Recall that the singular submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is given by  $Z(M) := \{x \in M; xE = 0, E \text{ an essential right ideal of } R\}$  and that  $M$  is  $\tau_G$ -torsion free if and only if  $Z(M) = 0$ .

We show that if  $\tau$  is a torsion theory such that  $\tau_G \leq \tau$ , then a singular module  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending if and only if it is type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending. We also investigate Question 3: Is there an example of a type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending module which is not extending? We begin with the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.1.** *If  $M$  is type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending module, then  $\tau_G(M)$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending module. If  $M$  is  $\tau_G$ -torsion, then by Lemma 2.1 part (4),  $M$  is extending. So suppose that  $M$  is not  $\tau_G$ -torsion. If  $K$  is a complement of  $\tau_G(M)$  in  $M$ , then  $K \oplus \tau_G(M)$  is an essential submodule of  $M$ , and by [8, Proposition 3.26]  $M/(K \oplus \tau_G(M))$  is  $\tau_G$ -torsion. Since  $\tau_G(M) \cong (K \oplus \tau_G(M))/K$  is  $\tau_G$ -torsion, the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow (K \oplus \tau_G(M))/K \rightarrow M/K \rightarrow M/(K \oplus \tau_G(M)) \rightarrow 0$$

shows that  $M/K$  is  $\tau_G$ -torsion. Hence  $K$  is type 2  $\tau_G$ -closed in  $M$ . By assumption  $K$  is a direct summand of  $M$ , so  $M = K \oplus K'$  for some submodule  $K'$  of  $M$ . Thus  $K$  is  $\tau_G$ -torsion free (i.e., non-singular) and  $\tau_G(M)$  is contained in  $K'$ . Moreover,  $M/K \cong K'$ , so  $K'$  is  $\tau_G$ -torsion. But  $\tau_G(M)$  is the largest  $\tau_G$ -torsion submodule of  $M$ , so  $\tau_G(M) = K'$ . Therefore, we have  $M = \tau_G(M) \oplus K$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $\tau$  and  $\varrho$  be torsion theories such that  $\tau \leq \varrho$ . If an  $R$ -module  $M$  is type 2  $\varrho$ -extending, then  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $M$  is a type 2  $\varrho$ -extending  $R$ -module and that  $N$  is a type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule of  $M$ . Then  $M/N$  is  $\tau$ -torsion and  $N$  is closed in  $M$ , so since  $\tau \leq \varrho$ ,  $M/N$  is  $\varrho$ -torsion and  $N$  is closed in  $M$ . Thus  $N$  is type 2  $\varrho$ -closed in  $M$ . By assumption  $M$  is type 2  $\varrho$ -extending, so  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . Therefore  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending.  $\square$

The following example shows that converse of Proposition 3.2 does not hold.

**Example 3.3.** If  $R, I, \tau_I$  and  $M$  are as in Example 2.4, then  $\tau_I \leq \chi$  and  $M$  is type 2  $\tau_I$ -extending but not type 2  $\chi$ -extending.

*Proof.* We saw in Example 2.4 that  $M$  is a type 2  $\tau_I$ -extending module that is not extending. But for the torsion theory  $\chi$ , an  $R$ -module is type 2  $\chi$ -extending if and only if it is extending (see Example 2.3). Thus,  $M$  is type 2  $\tau_I$ -extending but not type 2  $\chi$ -extending.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $\tau$  be a torsion theory such that  $\tau \leq \tau_G$ . The following hold for an  $R$ -module  $M$ .*

- (1) *If  $M$  is non-singular, then  $M$  is type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending.*
- (2) *If  $M$  is type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending, then  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending.*
- (3) *If  $M$  is non-singular, then  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending.*

*Proof.* (1) If  $M$  is a non-singular  $R$ -module, then  $Z(M) = 0$ , and so  $\tau_G(M) = 0$ . Thus  $M$  is  $\tau_G$ -torsion free. By Lemma 2.1 part (5),  $M$  is type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending.

(2) By Proposition 3.2, this is clear.

(3) By part (1) and (2), this is also clear.  $\square$

The converses of Corollary 3.4 part (1) and (3) are not true in general as the following example shows.

**Example 3.5.** For  $\mathbb{Z}$  the ring of integers,  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  is a type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module but it is not a non-singular  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.

*Proof.* Since  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  is a uniform  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module, we know that for the Goldie torsion theory  $\tau_G$ , every uniform module is type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending. Thus  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  is type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending and also type 2  $\tau$ -extending since  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  is uniform. It is easy to see that  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  is not a non-singular  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.  $\square$

What can we say about the converse of 3.4 part (2)? Is there a torsion theory  $\tau$  such that  $\tau \leq \tau_G$  and a module which is type 2  $\tau$ -extending but not type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending? We leave this question open.

Further we ask whether there exists or not a hereditary torsion theory  $\tau$  and a module  $M$  with  $\tau \leq \tau_G$  such that  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending but not type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending.

We also have the following characterization.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Suppose that  $\tau$  is a torsion theory such that  $\tau_G \leq \tau$ . Then a singular  $R$ -module  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending if and only if it is type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending.*

*Proof.* Since  $\tau_G \leq \tau$ , by Proposition 3.2, if  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending, then  $M$  is type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending.

Conversely, suppose that  $M$  is type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending. Let  $N$  be a type 2  $\tau$ -closed submodule of  $M$ . Then  $N$  is closed in  $M$  and  $N$  is  $\tau$ -dense in  $M$ . Since  $M$  is a singular module,  $Z(M) = M$ , and so  $\tau_G(M) = M$ . Thus  $M$  is  $\tau_G$ -torsion, and so  $M/N$  is  $\tau_G$ -torsion as a homomorphic image of  $M$ . Thus  $N$  is a type 2  $\tau_G$ -closed submodule of  $M$ . By hypothesis  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . Therefore  $M$  is type 2  $\tau$ -extending.  $\square$

We conclude our discussion of type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending modules with the following example of a module which is type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending but not extending.

**Example 3.7.** Consider the ring  $R = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & \mathbb{Z} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the ring of integers. If  $M$  is the  $R$ -module  $R_R$ , then  $M$  is a nonsingular type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending, but not extending  $R$ -module.

*Proof.* For  $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$ , let  $e_{ij}$  denote the matrix unit with 1 in the  $(i, j)$ th position and the other entries 0. Then  $M$  is not an extending module since  $N = (e_{12} + e_{22})R$  is a closed submodule of  $M$  that is not a direct summand (see also [2, Example 6.2]). It is easy to check that  $M$  is non-singular, so  $M$  is a  $\tau_G$ -torsion free. Lemma 2.1 shows that  $M$  is type 2  $\tau_G$ -extending.  $\square$

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