

107. A Note on Cogenerators in the Category of Modules

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Let A be a ring with identity and ${}_A W$ a cogenerator in the category of unitary left A -modules, and denote by $B = \text{End}({}_A W)$ the endomorphism ring of ${}_A W$. Then W is regarded as an A - B -bimodule. As for the structure of ${}_A W$ in general, there was a useful result of Osofsky [5, Lemma 1]. As for the structure of W_B , recently Onodera has obtained an interesting result [4, Theorem 1].

The purpose of this paper is to establish the following two theorems:

Theorem 1. *Let ${}_A W$ be a cogenerator, and let $B = \text{End}({}_A W)$ and $C = \text{End}(W_B)$. Then W_B is absolutely pure and semi-injective. Furthermore A is dense in C relative to the finite topology. In particular, if ${}_A W$ is finitely cogenerating in the sense of Morita [3], then ${}_A W$ possesses the double centralizer property, i.e. $C = A$.*

Theorem 2. *Let ${}_A W$ be a cogenerator and $B = \text{End}({}_A W)$, and denote by $S(W_B)$ the socle of W_B . Let further $\{V_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ be a complete representative system of isomorphism classes of simple left A -modules such that $E(V_\lambda) \subset W$ for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$ (Cf. [5, Lemma 1]), where $E(V_\lambda)$ denotes an injective hull of V_λ . Then $S(W_B) \subset' W_B$, and*

$$S(W_B) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \oplus V_\lambda B$$

is the decomposition of $S(W_B)$ into homogeneous components.

Throughout this paper, all modules are assumed to be unitary, and we shall keep above notations and meanings. In particular, ${}_A W$ denotes always a cogenerator and B (resp. C) denotes the endomorphism ring of ${}_A W$ (resp. of W_B).

1. Proof of Theorem 1.

Previous to this, we need some lemmas.

Lemma 1 [4, Theorem 1]. *Let M be a left A -module and set $M_B^* = \text{Hom}_A({}_A M, {}_A W_B)$. Then, for each finitely generated B -submodule U of M_B^* and for each B -homomorphism $f: U_B \rightarrow W_B$, there exists an element v in M such that $f = \rho(v) \cdot i$, where $i: U_B \rightarrow M_B^*$ implies the inclusion map and $\rho: M \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(M_B^*, W_B)$ is the canonical map defined by $\rho(x)(g) = g(x)$ for every $x \in M$ and $g \in M^*$.*

Let us denote by W^n (resp. B^n) the direct sum of n copies of W (resp. of B). For a subset X of W^n , set

$$(0: X)_{B^n} = \{(b_1, \dots, b_n) \in B^n \mid \sum v_i b_i = 0 \quad \text{for all } (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in X\}.$$

Similarly for a subset Y of B^n , set