

## E-LIFTING MODULES RELATIVE TO FULLY INVARIANT SUBMODULES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce the notion FI-e-lifting modules which is proper generalization of lifting (e-lifting) modules. Then we give some characterizations and properties of e-lifting and FI-e-lifting modules. We provide a decomposition of any e-lifting modules. It is shown that every finite direct sum of FI-e-lifting modules is FI-e-lifting.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper  $R$  is an associative ring with unity and all modules are unital right  $R$ -modules. By  $N \leq M$ , we mean that  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ . A submodule  $N$  of a module  $M$  is called *essential* in  $M$ , if for every nonzero submodule  $L$  of  $M$ , we have  $N \cap L \neq 0$  (denoted by  $N \leq_e M$ ). As a dual concept a submodule  $N$  of a module  $M$  is called *small* in  $M$ , if for every proper submodule  $L$  of  $M$ ,  $N + L \neq M$  (denoted by  $N \ll M$ ). Also  $M$  is called a small module, if there exists a module  $T$  such that  $M \ll T$ . Recall that the *singular* submodule  $Z(M)$  of a module  $M$  is the set of  $m \in M$  with  $mI = 0$  for some essential right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ . If  $Z(M) = M$  ( $Z(M) = 0$ ), then  $M$  is called a singular (*nonsingular*) module. Let  $K, N$  be submodules of  $M$ . Following [13], as a generalization of small submodules,  $N$  is called  $\delta$ -small in  $M$ , if  $M = N + K$  with  $M/K$  singular implies  $M = K$  (denoted by  $N \ll_\delta M$ ). A submodule  $K$  of  $M$  is called *fully invariant* if  $\varphi(K) \subseteq K$  for every endomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $M$ . An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called

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*lifting* if for every submodule  $A$  of  $M$  there exists a direct summand  $N$  of  $M$  with  $N \subseteq A$  and  $A/N \ll M/N$  (see [3]). As a generalization concept of lifting modules, introduced the notion *FI-lifting* modules (see [6], [9]). An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be FI-lifting if every fully invariant submodule  $A$  of  $M$  contains a direct summand  $N$  of  $M$  with  $A/N \ll M/N$ . Following [7], Kosan defined  $\delta$ -*lifting* modules, The module  $M$  is called  $\delta$ -lifting if for every submodule  $A$  of  $M$  there exists a direct summand  $N$  of  $M$  with  $N \subseteq A$  and  $A/N \ll_{\delta} M/N$ . In [11] authors defined and consider *FI- $\delta$ -lifting* modules. A module  $M$  is FI- $\delta$ -lifting if every fully invariant submodule  $A$  of  $M$  contains a direct summand  $N$  of  $M$  such that  $A/N \ll_{\delta} M/N$ .

Following [14], a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called *e-small* in  $M$  (denoted by  $N \ll_e M$ ), if  $N + L = M$  with  $L$  essential in  $M$  implies  $L = M$ . We say, a module  $M$  is called a *e-small* module if there exists a module  $T$  such that  $M \ll_e T$ . It is clear that if  $N$  is a  $\delta$ -small submodule of  $M$  then  $N$  is an *e-small* submodule of  $M$ . Some basic characterizations of *e-small* submodules are obtained in [14]. Recently, several authors used the small and *e-small* notions to study some characterizations of rings and modules ([8], [12],...). Using this notion, Quynh-Hong Tin [8] introduced a generalization of lifting modules. A module  $M$  is said to be *e-lifting* if for every submodule  $A$  of  $M$ , there exists a direct summand  $N$  of  $M$  with  $N \subseteq A$  and  $A/N \ll_e M/N$ . Also, we introduce the notion of *FI-e-lifting modules*. We call a right  $R$ -module  $M$  FI-*e-lifting* if for every fully invariant submodule  $A$  of  $M$ , there exists a direct summand  $N$  of  $M$  with  $N \subseteq A$  and  $A/N \ll_e M/N$ .

In Section 2, we study some properties of *e-small* submodules and *e-lifting* modules. We provide decompositions for *e-lifting* module in term of its special submodules. We show that if  $M$  is *e-lifting* module. Then there exist a semisimple submodule  $M_1$  and a submodule  $M_2$  of  $M$  such that  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  and every nonzero submodule of  $M_2$  contains a nonzero *e-small* submodule (see Proposition 2.11).

We define and investigate FI-*e-lifting* modules in Section 3, which were motivated by definitions of FI-lifting modules. It is shown that, every finite direct sum of FI-*e-lifting* modules is FI-*e-lifting* module (see Theorem 3.9).

## 2. SOME PROPERTIES OF E-LIFTING MODULES

This section devoted to study about properties of *e-small* submodule and *e-lifting* modules.

The following lemma, which characterizes *e-small*, is taken from [14].

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $M$  be a module. Then*

- (1) If  $N \ll_e M$  and  $K \leq N$ , then  $K \ll_e M$  and  $N/K \ll_e M/K$ .
- (2) Let  $N \ll_e M$  and  $M = X + N$ . Then  $M = X \oplus Y$  for a semisimple submodule  $Y$  of  $M$ .
- (3) Let  $N, K \leq M$ . Then  $N + K \ll_e M$  if and only if  $N \ll_e M$  and  $K \ll_e M$ .
- (4) If  $K \ll_e M$  and  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a homomorphism, then  $f(K) \ll_e N$ . In particular, if  $K \ll_e M \leq N$ ; then  $K \ll_e N$ .
- (5) Let  $K_1 \leq M_1 \leq M$ ,  $K_2 \leq M_2 \leq M$  and  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Then  $K_1 \oplus K_2$  is  $e$ -small in  $M_1 \oplus M_2$  if and only if  $K_1 \ll_e M_1$  and  $K_2 \ll_e M_2$ .
- (6) Let  $N, K \leq M$  such that  $N \subseteq K$ . If  $K$  is a direct summand of  $M$  and  $N \ll_e M$ , then  $N \ll_e K$ .

The next proposition shows an equivalent statement of  $e$ -small submodules.

**Proposition 2.2.** *A submodule  $N$  of  $R$ -module  $M$  is  $e$ -small if and only if for each submodule  $X$  of  $M$ , if  $N + X = M$ , then  $X$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $N$  be a  $e$ -small submodule of  $M$  and suppose that  $X$  a submodule of  $M$  such that  $N + X = M$ . Let  $X'$  be a relative complement of  $X$  in  $M$ . By [4, Page 6],  $X \oplus X'$  is an essential submodule in  $M$ . Since  $N + X = M$ , it follows that  $K + X + X' = M$ . Since  $N$  is a  $e$ -small submodule of  $M$ ,  $X + X' = M$  and hence  $M = X \oplus X'$ . Thus  $X$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let for each submodule  $X$  of  $M$ , if  $N + X = M$ , then  $X$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . Now, let  $X$  be an essential submodule of  $M$ . By hypothesis,  $X$  is a direct summand in  $M$ . But  $M$  is the only essential direct summand in  $M$ , so  $X = M$  and hence  $K$  is an  $e$ -small submodule in  $M$ . □

By definitions every  $\delta$ -small submodule of a module is  $e$ -small in that module and by above lemma, every  $e$ -small submodule of a projective module is  $\delta$ -small. The following example shows that the class of  $e$ -small submodules contains properly the class of  $\delta$ -small submodules.

**Example 2.3.** (see Example 2.2 [14]) Assume that  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $M = \mathbb{Z}_6$ ,  $N = \{0, 3\}$  and  $K = \{0, 2, 4\}$ . Then  $N$  is  $e$ -small in  $M$ . But  $M/K$  is singular and  $N + K = M$ . So  $N$  is neither  $\delta$ -small nor small in  $M$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $M$  be a nonsingular  $R$ -module. A proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is  $e$ -small if and only if it is  $\delta$ -small.*

*Proof.* We know, every  $\delta$ -small submodule of  $M$  is a  $e$ -small submodule of  $M$ . Now, let  $N \ll_e M$ , Suppose that  $N + K = M$  with  $M/K$

is singular. Since  $M$  is nonsingular, then by [5, Proposition 1.21],  $K \leq_e M$ . But  $N \ll_e M$  so  $K = M$ . Thus  $N \ll_\delta M$   $\square$

**Example 2.5.** Let  $R$  be a right semisimple ring and  $M$  a nonzero right  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  is semisimple and nonsingular. For any nonzero  $N \leq M$ ,  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$  and hence is not small in  $M$ , but every submodule of  $M$  (even  $M$  itself) is  $\delta$ -small in  $M$  and so  $e$ -small.

For an  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $\delta(M) = \sum \{N \leq M \mid L \ll_\delta M\}$  and  $Rad_e(M) = \sum \{N \leq M \mid N \ll_e M\}$  ([14]). Clearly  $Rad(M) \subseteq \delta(M) \subseteq Rad_e(M)$ .

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $M$  be a semisimple module, then  $Rad_e(M) = M$ .*

But the converse above corollary is not true. Let  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $M = \mathbb{Q}$ . Since  $Rad(M) = M$ , so  $Rad_e(M) = M$ , but  $M$  is not semisimple.

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Recall that, a pair  $(P, p)$  is a projective  $\delta$ -cover of  $M$  in case  $P$  is a projective  $R$ -module and  $P \xrightarrow{p} M \rightarrow 0$  is epimorphism and  $Ker p \ll_\delta P$ . Also a ring  $R$  is called  $\delta$ -semiperfect, if every simple  $R$ -module has a projective  $\delta$ -cover ([13]).

We know, every lifting module is  $e$ -lifting, but next example shows that the converse is not true.

**Example 2.7.** Let  $R$  be a  $\delta$ -semiperfect ring. Then by [13, Theorem 3.6], for any right ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $I = eR \oplus S$ , where  $e^2 = e \in R$  and  $S \leq \delta(R) \subseteq Rad_e(M)$ . Hence by [8, Lemma 2],  $R$  is a  $e$ -lifting right  $R$ -module. If  $R$  were lifting,  $R$  would be perfect and so semiperfect. But by [13, Example 4.1], A  $\delta$ -semiperfect ring is not necessarily semiperfect. Thus,  $R$  is not lifting.

**Proposition 2.8.** *Let  $M$  be  $e$ -lifting module. Then the module  $M/Rad_e(M)$  is semisimple.*

*Proof.* By [8, Lemma 7].  $\square$

**Corollary 2.9.** *Let  $R$  be a ring such that every simple  $R$ -module is  $e$ -small and  $M$  an  $e$ -lifting module. Then  $Rad_e(M)$  is an essential submodule of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be any submodule of  $M$  such that  $N \cap Rad_e(M) = 0$ . So  $N$  can be embedded in  $M/Rad_e(M)$ . By Proposition 2.8,  $N$  is semisimple, so that, by hypothesis,  $N \subseteq Rad_e(M)$ . Hence  $N = 0$ . Thus  $Rad_e(M)$  is an essential submodule of  $M$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.10.** *Let  $M$  be a  $e$ -lifting module and  $N$  be any submodule of  $M$ . Then  $N$  contains a nonzero  $e$ -small submodule or  $N$  is a semisimple direct summand of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $N$  does not contain a e-small. Let  $P$  be any submodule of  $N$ . By [8, Lemma 2],  $P = K \oplus L$  for some direct summand  $K$  of  $M$  and e-small submodule  $L$  of  $M$ . But  $L = 0$ , and hence,  $P = K$ . By [1, Theorem 9.6],  $N$  is a semisimple direct summand of  $M$ .  $\square$

The following provide a decomposition of e-lifting modules in term of its special submodules.

**Proposition 2.11.** *Let  $M$  be a e-lifting module. Then there exist a semisimple submodule  $M_1$  and a submodule  $M_2$  of  $M$  such that  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  and every nonzero submodule of  $M_2$  contains a nonzero e-small submodule.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{N \leq M \text{ such that } N \text{ does not contain a non-zero e-small submodule}\}$ . By Zorn's Lemma,  $\mathcal{A}$  contains a maximal element  $M_1$ . By Lemma 2.10,  $M_1$  is a semisimple direct summand of  $M$ . So there exists a submodule  $M_2$  such that  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Let  $N$  be a non-zero submodule of  $M_2$ . Then  $M_1 \oplus N$  contains a non-zero e-small submodule  $K$ , by the choice of  $M_1$ . Note that  $K \cap M_1$  is a e-small submodule and hence  $K \cap M_1 = 0$ . Thus  $K$  can be embedded in  $N$  and hence  $N$  contains a non-zero e-small submodule.  $\square$

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called *extending*, provided for every submodule  $A$  of  $M$  there exists a direct summand  $B$  of  $M$  such that  $A \leq_e B$  ([4]).

**Proposition 2.12.** *Let  $M$  be an extending module. Then  $M$  is e-lifting if and only if every submodule of  $M$  is a direct sum of an extending module and a e-small module.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $M$  is e-lifting. Let  $N \leq M$ . Then  $N = N_1 \oplus N_2$  where  $N_1$  is a direct summand of  $M$  and  $N_2$  is e-small. It follows that  $N_1$  is extending. Conversely, Suppose that every submodule of  $M$  is a direct sum of an extending module and a e-small module. Let  $L$  be any submodule of  $M$ . Then  $L = L_1 \oplus L_2$  for some extending module  $L_1$  and e-small module  $L_2$ . Since  $L_1$  is extending, there exists a direct summand  $K$  of  $L$  such that  $L_1 \leq_e K$ . It follows that  $K \cap L_2 = 0$  and  $L = K \oplus L_2$ . Hence  $M$  is e-lifting.  $\square$

By analogy with [10, Proposition 2.8], we get the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.13.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. An injective right  $R$ -module  $M$  is e-lifting if and only if every submodule of  $M$  is a direct sum of an injective module and a e-small module.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $M$  be a e-lifting injective module. By [8, Lemma 2], every submodule of  $M$  is a direct sum of an injective module and a e-small module. Conversely, suppose that every submodule of  $M$  is a direct sum of an injective module and a e-small module. Since an injective submodule is a direct summand,  $M$  is e-lifting.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.14.** *The following are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .*

- (1) *Every extending right  $R$ -module is e-lifting;*
- (2) *Every quasi-injective right  $R$ -module is e-lifting;*
- (3) *Every injective right  $R$ -module is e-lifting;*
- (4) *Every right  $R$ -module is a direct sum of an extending module and a e-small module;*
- (5) *Every right  $R$ -module is a direct sum of an injective module and a e-small module.*

*Proof.* (3)  $\iff$  (5) By Proposition 2.13. (1)  $\implies$  (2)  $\implies$  (3) Clear.  
 (1)  $\iff$  (4) By Proposition 2.12.  $\square$

Let  $R$  be a ring. Recall that  $R$  is a right *Harada ring* (*H-ring* for short), if every injective right  $R$ -module is lifting.  $R$  is a right *H-ring* if and only if every right  $R$ -module can be expressed as a direct sum of a small  $R$ -module and an injective module. Also  $R$  is a *Quasi-Frobenius ring* (*QF-ring* for short), if every injective module is projective if and only if every projective module is injective. Therefore, if  $R$  is *H-ring* or *QF-ring* then by Proposition 2.14, for every right  $R$ -module, can be written a decomposition (See [3]).

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. We say that  $M$  satisfies the condition (\*), if for every direct summands  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  of  $M$  with  $M_1 \cap M_2 \ll_e M$ , then  $M_1 \cap M_2 = 0$

**Example 2.15.** (1)  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  satisfies (\*) condition.

(2) Consider  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module,  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4$  does not satisfies (\*) condition. Because  $A = \{(\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{1}, \bar{1}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{1}, \bar{3})\}$  and  $B = \{(\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{1}), (\bar{0}, \bar{2}), (\bar{0}, \bar{3})\}$  are direct summands of  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4$ , but  $A \cap B \neq 0$ .

**Lemma 2.16.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module satisfies (\*) condition, then every direct summand of  $M$  satisfies (\*) condition.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a direct summand of  $M$  and let  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  be direct summands of  $A$  with  $A_1 \cap A_2 \ll_e A$ . So  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are direct summands of  $M$  with  $A_1 \cap A_2 \ll_e M$ . Since  $M$  satisfies (\*) condition, then  $A_1 \cap A_2 = 0$ . Thus  $A$  satisfies (\*) condition.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.17.** *Let  $M$  be a e-lifting module satisfies  $(*)$  condition. If  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are direct summands of  $M$ , then  $M_1 \cap M_2$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $M_1 \cap M_2 \neq 0$ . Since  $M$  is a e-lifting module, then there is a submodule  $A$  of  $M_1 \cap M_2$  such that  $M = A \oplus B$  and  $(M_1 \cap M_2) \cap B \ll_e B$  and so  $(M_1 \cap M_2) \cap B \ll_e M$ . We show  $M_1 \cap B$  and  $B \cap M_2$  are direct summands of  $B$ . It is easy that,  $M_1 = M \cap M_1 = M_1 \cap (A \oplus B) = A \oplus (M_1 \cap B)$ . Since  $M_1$  is a direct summand of  $M$ , then  $M_1 \cap B$  is a direct summand of  $B$ . Similarly  $M_2 \cap B$  is a direct summand of  $B$ . But by Lemma 2.16,  $B$  satisfies  $(*)$  condition. Since  $(M_1 \cap B) \cap (M_2 \cap B) = (M_1 \cap M_2) \cap B \ll_e B$ , then  $(M_1 \cap B) \cap (M_2 \cap B) = 0$ . Thus we get  $(M_1 \cap M_2) \cap B = 0$ . Next we have,  $(M_1 \cap M_2) = (M_1 \cap M_2) \cap M = (M_1 \cap M_2) \cap (A \oplus B) = A \oplus ((M_1 \cap M_2) \cap B) = A$ . So  $M_1 \cap M_2$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .  $\square$

The following theorem gives a decomposition of any e-lifting module.

**Theorem 2.18.** *Let  $M$  be a e-lifting module. Then  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus M_3$ , where*

- (1)  $M_1$  is semisimple.
- (2)  $M_2$  is e-lifting with  $\text{Rad}(M_2)$  e-small and essential in  $M_2$ .
- (3)  $M_2$  is e-lifting with  $\text{Rad}(M_3) = M_3$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a e-lifting module, then by [8, Proposition 3], we have a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus A$  where  $M_1$  is semisimple and  $\text{Rad}_e(A) \leq_e A$ . Also by [8, Lmma 3],  $A$  is e-lifting. Hence  $A = M_2 \oplus M_3$ ,  $M_3 \subseteq \text{Rad}_e(A)$  and  $\text{Rad}_e(A) \cap M_2 \ll_e M_2$ . But  $M_2 \cap \text{Rad}_e(A) = M_2 \cap (\text{Rad}_e(M_2) \oplus \text{Rad}_e(M_3)) = \text{Rad}_e(M_2)$ . So  $\text{Rad}_e(M_2) \ll_e M_2$ . Now, since  $\text{Rad}_e(A) = \text{Rad}_e(M_2) \oplus \text{Rad}_e(M_3) \leq_e M_2 \oplus M_3$ , then by [1, Proposition 5.20],  $\text{Rad}_e(M_2) \leq_e M_2$ . Also  $M = M_1 \oplus A = M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus M_3$ , then  $M_3$  is a direct summand of  $M$  and e-lifting. But  $M_3 \subseteq \text{Rad}_e(A)$ , therefore  $M_3 = M_3 \cap \text{Rad}_e(A) = M_3 \cap (\text{Rad}_e(M_2) \oplus \text{Rad}_e(M_3)) = M_3 \cap \text{Rad}_e(M_3) = \text{Rad}_e(M_3)$ .  $\square$

### 3. FI-E-LIFTING MODULES

Recall that a submodule  $K$  of  $M$  is called *fully invariant* if  $\varphi(K) \subseteq K$  for all  $\varphi \in \text{End}_R(M)$ . In this section, we shall introduce a new generalization of FI-lifting modules. We call a module  $M$  is FI-e-lifting, if for fully invariant submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , there exists a direct summand  $D$  of  $M$ , such that  $N/D \ll_e M/D$ .

The following Lemma contains some basic properties of fully invariant submodule which we use this section.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $M$  be a module. Then:*

(1) *Any sum or intersection of fully invariant submodules of  $M$  is again a fully invariant submodule of  $M$  (in fact the fully invariant submodules form a complete modular sublattice of the lattice of submodules of  $M$ ).*

(2) *If  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq M$  such that  $Y$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$  and  $X$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $Y$ , then  $X$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ .*

(3) *If  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} X_i$  and  $S$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ , then  $S = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \pi_i(S) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} (X_i \cap S)$ , where  $\pi_i$  is the  $i$ -th projection homomorphism of  $M$ .*

(4) *If  $X \leq Y \leq M$  such that  $X$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$  and  $Y/X$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M/X$ , then  $Y$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* See [2, Lemma 1.1]. □

The following Proposition introduces an equivalent condition for a FI- $e$ -lifting module.

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then the following are equivalent:*

(1)  *$M$  is FI- $e$ -lifting;*

(2) *Every fully invariant submodule  $A$  of  $M$  can be written as  $A = B \oplus S$ , where  $B$  is a direct summand of  $M$  and  $S \ll_e M$ ;*

*Proof.* (1)  $\implies$  (2) Let  $A$  be a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is FI- $e$ -lifting, there exists a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  such that  $M_1 \leq A$  and  $M_2 \cap A$   $e$ -small in  $M_2$ . Therefore  $A = M_1 \oplus (A \cap M_2)$ .

(2)  $\implies$  (1) Assume that every fully invariant submodule has the stated decomposition. Let  $A$  be a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . By hypothesis, there exists a direct summand  $N$  of  $M$  and a  $e$ -small submodule  $S$  of  $M$  such that  $A = N \oplus S$ . Now let  $M = N \oplus N'$  for some submodule  $N'$  of  $M$ . Consider the natural epimorphism  $\pi : M \rightarrow M/N$ . Then  $\pi(S) = (S + N)/N = A/N \ll_e M/N$ . Therefore,  $M$  is FI- $e$ -lifting. □

Clearly, every  $e$ -lifting module is FI- $e$ -lifting. It follows that every lifting module is FI- $e$ -lifting. Also, every FI-lifting module is FI- $\delta$ -lifting and FI- $e$ -lifting. So, by definitions, we have the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \textit{lifting} & \Rightarrow & \delta\text{-lifting} & \Rightarrow & e\text{-lifting} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \textit{FI-lifting} & \Rightarrow & \textit{FI-}\delta\text{-lifting} & \Rightarrow & \textit{FI-}e\text{-lifting}
 \end{array}$$



**Example 3.3.** The module  $\mathbb{Z}$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module is not FI- $\delta$ -lifting, and since  $\mathbb{Z}$  is nonsingular, then by Proposition 2.4,  $\mathbb{Z}$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module is not FI- $e$ -lifting.

The next example shows that every FI- $e$ -lifting module is not  $e$ -lifting.

**Example 3.4.** The only fully invariant submodules of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Q}$  are 0 and  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Therefore,  $\mathbb{Q}$  is FI- $e$ -lifting. But it is not  $\delta$ -lifting and since  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Q}$  is nonsingular, so  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not  $e$ -lifting.

The next result characterizes indecomposable FI- $e$ -lifting modules.

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $M$  be an indecomposable module. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is FI- $e$ -lifting;
- (2) Every proper fully invariant submodule of  $M$  is  $e$ -small in  $M$ ;

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $A$  be a proper fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . By assumption, there exists a direct summand  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $A/K$  is  $e$ -small in  $M/K$ . Since  $M$  is indecomposable, we have  $K = 0$ . Hence  $A$  is  $e$ -small in  $M$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) It is clear. □

**Corollary 3.6.** *Let  $M$  be an indecomposable  $R$ -module. If  $M$  is FI- $e$ -lifting, then for every fully invariant submodule  $A$  of  $M$ ,  $\text{Rad}_e(A) \ll_e M$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . Since  $\text{Rad}_e(A)$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $A$ , then  $\text{Rad}_e(A)$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ , by Proposition 3.5,  $\text{Rad}_e(A) \ll_e M$ . □

**Proposition 3.7.** *Let  $M$  be a FI- $e$ -lifting module and let  $N$  be a fully invariant direct summand of  $M$ . Then  $N$  is a FI- $e$ -lifting module.*

*Proof.* Let  $N'$  be a submodule of  $M$  such that  $M = N \oplus N'$ . Let  $A$  be a fully invariant submodule of  $N$ . Then  $A$  is a full invariant submodule of  $M$  since  $N$  is fully invariant in  $M$ . As  $M$  is FI- $e$ -lifting, there exists a direct summand  $B$  of  $M$  such that  $A/B \ll_e M/B$ . It is easily seen that  $M/B = N/B \oplus ((N' + B)/B)$ . Therefore  $A/B \ll_e N/B$  by Lemma 2.1. Note that  $B$  is a direct summand of  $N$ . It follows that  $N$  is a FI- $e$ -lifting module. □

**Proposition 3.8.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module with  $\text{Rad}_e(M) = 0$ . Then  $M$  is FI- $e$ -lifting if and only if every fully invariant submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $M$  is FI- $e$ -lifting and let  $A$  be a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . Then by Proposition,  $A = X \oplus S$ , where  $X$  is a direct summand of  $M$  and  $S \ll_e M$ . But  $Rad_e(M) = 0$ , therefore  $S = 0$ . Thus  $A = X$  and hence  $A$  is a direct summand of  $M$ . The converse is true.  $\square$

We show every finite direct sum of FI- $e$ -lifting modules is FI- $e$ -lifting module.

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_i$  be a finite direct sum of FI- $e$ -lifting modules. Then  $M$  is FI- $e$ -lifting.*

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . Then  $N = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n (N \cap M_i)$  and  $N \cap M_i$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M_i$ . Since each  $M_i$  is FI- $e$ -lifting, by Proposition 3.2,  $N \cap M_i = L_i \oplus S_i$  where  $L_i$  is a direct summand of  $M_i$  and  $S_i \ll_e M_i$ . Set  $L = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n L_i$  and  $S = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n S_i$ . Then  $N = L \oplus S$  where  $L$  is a direct summand of  $M$  and  $S \ll_e M$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.10.** *If  $M$  is a finite direct sum of lifting modules, then  $M$  is FI- $e$ -lifting.*

**Example 3.11.** (1) Let  $K$  be the quotient field of a discrete valuation domain  $R$  which is not complete. Set  $M = K \oplus K$ . We know that  $K$  is a hollow module. Therefore  $M$  is FI- $e$ -lifting by Corollary 3.10. On the other hand,  $M$  is not lifting by [3, Example 23.7].

(2) Let  $p$  be any prime integer and consider the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $M = (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/p^3\mathbb{Z})$ . Since any hollow module is lifting and so FI- $e$ -lifting, Corollary 3.10 implies  $M$  is FI- $e$ -lifting. But  $M$  is not  $e$ -lifting by [8, Example 1]. And so  $M$  is not a lifting module ([3, Example 23.5]).

**Proposition 3.12.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $M$  be FI- $e$ -lifting. Then every fully invariant submodule of the module  $M/Rad_e(M)$  is a direct summand.*

*Proof.* Let  $N/Rad_e(M)$  be a fully invariant submodule of  $M/Rad_e(M)$ . Then  $N$  is fully invariant submodule of  $M$  by Lemma 3.1. By hypothesis, there exists a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  such that  $M_1 \leq N$  and  $N \cap M_2 \ll_e M_2$ . Since  $M_2 \cap N$  is also  $e$ -small in  $M$ ,  $N \cap M_2 \leq Rad_e(M)$ . Thus  $M/Rad_e(M) = (N/Rad_e(M)) \oplus ((M_2 + Rad_e(M))/Rad_e(M))$ .  $\square$

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. We say, a pair  $(P, p)$  is a projective  $e$ -cover of  $M$  in case  $P$  is a projective  $R$ -module and  $P \xrightarrow{p} M \rightarrow 0$  is epimorphism and  $Ker p \ll_e P$ .

**Theorem 3.13.** *Let  $P$  be a projective module. Then  $P$  is FI-e-lifting if and only if  $P/A$  has a projective e-cover for every fully invariant submodule  $A$  of  $P$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $P$  is a projective FI-e-lifting module and  $A$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $P$ . Then  $A = X \oplus S$  where  $X$  is a direct summand of  $P$  and  $S \ll_e P$ . Suppose  $P = X \oplus Y$ . As  $S \ll_e P$ ,  $(X+S)/X \ll_e P/X$ . Hence the natural map  $f : P/X \rightarrow P/(X+S) = P/A$  is a projective e-cover. Conversely, suppose  $P/A$  has a projective e-cover for every fully invariant submodule  $A$  of  $P$ . Let  $f : Q \rightarrow P/A$  be a projective e-cover of  $P/A$ . Then there exists a map  $h : P \rightarrow Q$  such that  $fh = \varphi$  where  $\varphi : P \rightarrow P/A$  is the natural map. As  $\text{Ker } f \ll_e Q$  and  $\varphi$  is an epimorphism,  $h$  is an epimorphism and hence  $h$  splits. Suppose  $P = \text{Ker } h \oplus B$ . Then  $A = \text{Ker } h \oplus (A \cap B)$  and  $A \cap B \ll_e P$ . Thus  $P$  is FI-e-lifting.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.14.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. Then  $R_R$  is FI-e-lifting if and only if  $R/I$  has a projective e-cover for every two sided ideal  $I$  of  $R$ .*

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