



## *I*-pure Submodules, *I*-FP-injective Modules and *I*-flat Modules

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## Abstract

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  an ideal of  $R$ . We define and study  $I$ -pure submodules,  $I$ -FP-injective modules,  $I$ -flat modules,  $I$ -coherent rings and  $I$ -semihereditary rings. Using the concepts of  $I$ -FP-injectivity and  $I$ -flatness of modules, we also present some characterizations of  $I$ -coherent rings and  $I$ -semihereditary rings.

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## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $m, n$  are positive integers,  $R$  is an associative ring with identity,  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ ,  $J = J(R)$  is the Jacobson radical of  $R$  and all modules considered are unitary. For any module  $M$ ,  $M^+$  denotes  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$ , where  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the set of rational numbers, and  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of integers. In general, for a set  $S$ , we write  $S^{m \times n}$  for the set of all formal  $m \times n$  matrices whose entries are elements of  $S$ , and  $S_n$  (resp.,  $S^n$ ) for the set of all formal  $n \times 1$  (resp.,  $1 \times n$ ) matrices

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whose entries are elements of  $S$ . Let  $N$  be a left  $R$ -module,  $X \subseteq N_n$  and  $A \subseteq R^n$ . Then we define  $r_{N_n}(A) = \{u \in N_n : au = 0, \forall a \in A\}$ , and  $l_{R^n}(X) = \{a \in R^n : ax = 0, \forall x \in X\}$ .

Recall that a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called *FP-injective* [1] or *absolutely pure* [2] if  $\text{Ext}_R^1(A, M) = 0$  for every finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $A$ ; a right  $R$ -module  $M$  is flat if and only if  $\text{Tor}_1^R(M, A) = 0$  for every finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $A$ ; a ring  $R$  is left coherent [3] if every finitely generated left ideal of  $R$  is finitely presented, or equivalently, if every finitely generated submodule of a projective left  $R$ -module is finitely presented; a ring  $R$  is left semihereditary [4] if every finitely generated left ideal of  $R$  is projective, or equivalently, if every finitely generated submodule of a projective left  $R$ -module is projective. We recall also that: given a right  $R$ -module  $U$  with submodule  $U'$ , then  $U'$  is called a *pure submodule* of  $U$  if the canonical map  $U' \otimes_R V \rightarrow U \otimes_R V$  is a monomorphism for every finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $V$ . Pure submodules, FP-injective modules, flat modules, coherent rings, semihereditary rings, and their generalizations have been studied extensively by many authors (see, for example, [1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8]).

In this article, we wish to introduce a new generalization for pure submodules, *FP-injective* modules, flat modules, coherent rings, semihereditary rings respectively.

Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . In section 2 of this paper, we introduce the concept of *I-pure submodules*. Given a right  $R$ -module  $U$  with submodule  $U'$ , then  $U'$  is called an *I-pure submodule* of  $U$  if the canonical map  $U' \otimes_R V \rightarrow U \otimes_R V$  is a monomorphism for every *I*-finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $V$ , where a left  $R$ -module  $V$  is said to be *I*-finitely presented, if there is a positive integer  $m$  and an exact sequence of left  $R$ -modules  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow R^m \rightarrow V \rightarrow 0$  with  $K$  a finitely generated submodule of  $I^m$ . We give some characterizations and properties of *I*-pure submodules.

In section 3 and section 4, we introduce the concepts of *I-FP-injective modules* and *I-flat modules*. A left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called *I-FP-injective*, if  $\text{Ext}_R^1(V, M) = 0$  for every *I*-finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $V$ ; a right  $R$ -module  $M$  is called *I-flat*, if  $\text{Tor}_1^R(M, V) = 0$  for every *I*-finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $V$ . We give some characterizations and properties of *I-FP-injective* modules and *I-flat* modules. For instance, we prove that a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is *I-FP-injective* if and only if it is *I*-pure in every module containing it.

In section 5, we introduce the concept of *I-coherent rings* and *I-semihereditary rings*. The ring  $R$  is called *I-coherent* if every finitely generated left ideal in  $I$  is finitely presented. The ring  $R$  is called *I-semihereditary* if every finitely generated left ideal in  $I$  is projective. We give some characterizations and properties of *I-coherent rings* and *I-semihereditary rings*, especially, *I-coherent rings* and *I-semihereditary rings* are characterized by *I-FP-injective* modules and *I-flat* modules, some interesting results are obtained. For instance, we prove that  $R$  is a left *I-coherent ring*  $\Leftrightarrow$  any direct product of *I-flat* right  $R$ -modules is *I-flat*  $\Leftrightarrow$  any direct limit of *I-FP-injective* left  $R$ -modules is *I-FP-injective*  $\Leftrightarrow$  every right  $R$ -module has an *I-flat* preenvelope;  $R$  is a left *I-semihereditary ring*  $\Leftrightarrow R$  is left *I-coherent* and every submodule of an *I-flat* right  $R$ -module is *I-flat*  $\Leftrightarrow$  every quotient module of an *I-FP-injective* left  $R$ -module is *I-FP-injective*  $\Leftrightarrow$  every left  $R$ -module has a monic *I-FP-injective* cover  $\Leftrightarrow$  every right  $R$ -module has an epic *I-flat* envelope.

## 2 *I*-pure Submodules

Recall that a left  $R$ -module  $V$  is said to be *(m,n)-presented* [8], if there is an exact sequence of left  $R$ -modules  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow R^m \rightarrow V \rightarrow 0$  with  $K$   $n$ -generated. We extend the definitions of *(m,n)-presented* modules and finitely presented modules respectively as follows.

**Definition 2.1.** A left  $R$ -module  $V$  is said to be *I-(m,n)-presented*, if there is an exact sequence of left  $R$ -modules  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow R^m \rightarrow V \rightarrow 0$  with  $K$  an  $n$ -generated submodule of  $I^m$ . A left  $R$ -module  $V$  is said to be *I-finitely presented* if it is *I-(m,n)-presented* for a pair of positive integers  $m, n$ .

Clearly, a left  $R$ -module  $V$  is  $(m, n)$ -presented if and only if it is  $R$ - $(m, n)$ -presented, a left  $R$ -module  $V$  is finitely presented if and only if it is  $R$ -finitely presented.

**Definition 2.2.** Given a right  $R$ -module  $U$  with submodule  $U'$ . Then:

(1)  $U'$  is called  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $U$  if the canonical map  $U' \otimes_R V \rightarrow U \otimes_R V$  is a monomorphism for every  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -presented left  $R$ -module  $V$ .  $U'$  is said to be  $I$ - $(m, \infty)$ -pure (resp.,  $I$ - $(\infty, n)$ -pure in  $U$  in case  $U'$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $U$  for all positive integers  $n$  (resp.,  $m$ ).

(2)  $U'$  is called  $I$ -pure in  $U$  if the canonical map  $U' \otimes_R V \rightarrow U \otimes_R V$  is a monomorphism for every  $I$ -finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $V$ .

**Example 2.3.** (1) It is easy to see that  $U'$  is  $(m, n)$ -pure in  $U$  if and only if  $U'$  is  $R$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $U$ .  $U'$  is pure in  $U$  if and only if  $U'$  is  $R$ -pure in  $U$ .

(2) Let  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  be two ideals with  $I_1 \subseteq I_2$ . If  $U'$  is  $I_2$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $U$ , then  $U'$  is  $I_1$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $U$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4** Let  $U'_R \leq U_R$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

(1)  $U'$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $U$ .

(1)' For all  $C \in I^{n \times m}$ , the canonical map  $U' \otimes_R (R^m / R^n C) \rightarrow U \otimes_R (R^m / R^n C)$  is a monomorphism.

(2) For every  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -presented left  $R$ -module  $V$ , the canonical map  $\text{Tor}_1^R(U, V) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(U/U', V)$  is surjective.

(3) For all  $C \in I^{n \times m}$ ,  $(U')^m \cap U^n C = (U')^n C$ .

(4) For every  $n$ -generated submodule  $T$  of  ${}_R I^m$ ,  $(U')^m \cap UT = U'T$ .

(5) For every  $I$ - $(n, m)$ -presented right  $R$ -module  $A$ , the canonical map  $\text{Hom}_R(A, U) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(A, U/U')$  is surjective.

(5)' For all  $C \in I^{n \times m}$ , the canonical map

$$\text{Hom}_R(R_n / CR_m, U) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R_n / CR_m, U/U')$$

is surjective.

(6) For every  $I$ - $(n, m)$ -presented right  $R$ -module  $A$ , the canonical map  $\text{Ext}^1(A, U') \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(A, U)$  is a monomorphism.

**Proof.** (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (1)' and (5) $\Leftrightarrow$ (5)' are obvious.

(1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (2). This follows from the exact sequence

$$\text{Tor}_1^R(U, V) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(U/U', V) \rightarrow U' \otimes V \rightarrow U \otimes V.$$

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Let  $C = (c_{ij})_{n \times m} \in I^{n \times m}$  and  $x \in (U')^m \cap U^n C$ . Then there exist  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m \in U'$ ,  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \in U$  such that  $x = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m)$  and  $a_i = \sum_{j=1}^n u_j c_{ji}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Let  $V = R^m / L$ , where

$$L = R\alpha_1 + \dots + R\alpha_n, \alpha_j = (c_{j1}, c_{j2}, \dots, c_{jm}), j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

. Then  $V$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -presented and we have  $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i \otimes \bar{e}_i = \sum_{i=1}^m (\sum_{j=1}^n u_j c_{ji}) \otimes \bar{e}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n (u_j \otimes \sum_{i=1}^m c_{ji} \bar{e}_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n (u_j \otimes \bar{\alpha}_j) = 0$  in  $U \otimes V$ . Since  $U'$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $U$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i \otimes \bar{e}_i = 0$  in  $U' \otimes V$ .

So from the exactness of the sequence  $U' \otimes L \xrightarrow{1_{U'} \otimes \iota} U' \otimes R^m \xrightarrow{1_{U'} \otimes \pi} U' \otimes V \rightarrow 0$ , we have  $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i \otimes e_i = (1_{U'} \otimes \iota)(\sum_{j=1}^n u'_j \otimes \alpha_j) = \sum_{j=1}^n u'_j \otimes \alpha_j = \sum_{j=1}^n u'_j \otimes (\sum_{i=1}^m c_{ji} e_i) = \sum_{i=1}^m (\sum_{j=1}^n u'_j c_{ji}) \otimes e_i$  for some  $u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_m \in U'$ . This follows that  $a_i = \sum_{j=1}^n u'_j c_{ji}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , thus  $x \in (U')^n C$ . But  $(U')^n C \subseteq (U')^m \cap U^n C$ , so  $(U')^m \cap U^n C = (U')^n C$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4). Let  $T = Rb_1 + \dots + Rb_n$ , where  $b_j = (c_{1j}, c_{2j}, \dots, c_{mj}) \in I^m$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If  $x = (a_1, \dots, a_m) = \sum_{j=1}^n u_j b_j \in (U')^m \cap UT$ , where each  $a_i \in U'$  and each  $u_j \in U$ , then

$x = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)C \in U^n C \cap (U')^m$ , where  $C$  is the  $n \times m$  matrix with row vectors  $b_1, \dots, b_n$ . Clearly,  $C \in I^{n \times m}$ . By (3),  $x = (u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_n)C$  for some  $u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_n \in U'$ . It follows that  $x \in U'T$ , and so  $(U')^m \cap UT = U'T$ .

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (5). Consider the following diagram with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & K & \xrightarrow{i_K} & R^n & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & & & & & \downarrow f & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & U' & \xrightarrow{i_{U'}} & U & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & U/U' & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

where  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(A, U/U')$  and  $K$  is an  $m$ -generated submodule of  $I^n$ , with generators  $y_i = (c_{i1}, c_{i2}, \dots, c_{in})$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Since  $R^n$  is projective, there exist  $g \in \text{Hom}_R(R^n, U)$  and  $h \in \text{Hom}_R(K, U')$  such that the diagram commutes. Now let  $b_j = (c_{1j}, c_{2j}, \dots, c_{mj}) \in I^m$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $T = Rb_1 + \dots + Rb_n$  and  $u_i = \sum_{j=1}^n g(e_j)c_{ij}$ , where  $e_j = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$  (with 1 in the  $j$ th position and 0's in all other positions),  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then  $u_i = g(\sum_{j=1}^n e_j c_{ij}) = g(y_i) = h(y_i) \in U'$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Note that  $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m) = \sum_{j=1}^n g(e_j)b_j \in UT$ , by (4),  $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m) = \sum_{j=1}^n u'_j b_j$  for some  $u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_n \in U'$ . Therefore,  $u_i = \sum_{j=1}^n u'_j c_{ij}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Define  $\sigma \in \text{Hom}_R(R^n, U')$  such that  $\sigma(e_j) = u'_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then  $\sigma i_K = h$ . Finally, we define  $\tau : A \rightarrow U$  by  $\tau(z + K) = g(z) - \sigma(z)$ , then  $\tau$  is a well-defined right  $R$ -homomorphism and  $\pi_1 \tau = f$ . Whence  $\text{Hom}_R(A, U) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(A, U/U')$  is surjective.

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Suppose that  $C = (c_{ij})_{n \times m} \in I^{n \times m}$  and  $x \in (U')^m \cap U^n C$ . Then  $x = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)C$  for some  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m \in U'$  and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \in U$ . Take  $y_i = (c_{1i}, c_{2i}, \dots, c_{ni})$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ),  $K = y_1 R + y_2 R + \dots + y_m R$  and  $A = R^n/K$ . Then  $A$  is  $I$ - $(n, m)$ -presented and we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & K & \xrightarrow{i_K} & R^n & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow f_1 & & \downarrow f_2 & & & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & U' & \xrightarrow{i_{U'}} & U & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & U/U' & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

where  $f_2$  is defined by  $f_2(e_j) = u_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $f_1 = f_2|_K$ . Define  $f_3 : A \rightarrow U/U'$  by  $f_3(z + K) = \pi_1 f_2(z)$ . Then it is easy to see that  $f_3$  is well defined and  $f_3 \pi_2 = \pi_1 f_2$ . By hypothesis,  $f_3 = \pi_1 \tau$  for some  $\tau \in \text{Hom}_R(A, U)$ . Now we define  $\sigma : R^n \rightarrow U'$  by  $\sigma(z) = f_2(z) - \tau \pi_2(z)$ . Then  $\sigma \in \text{Hom}_R(R^n, U')$  and  $i_{U'} \sigma = f_2$ . Hence  $a_i = f_2(y_i) = \sigma(y_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n \sigma(e_j)c_{ji}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , and  $x = (\sigma(e_1), \sigma(e_2), \dots, \sigma(e_n))C \in (U')^m \cap U^n C$ . Therefore  $(U')^m \cap U^n C = (U')^n C$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let  $R_V$  be  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -presented. Without loss of generality, write  $V = R^m/L$ , where

$$L = R\alpha_1 + \dots + R\alpha_n, \alpha_j = (c_{j1}, c_{j2}, \dots, c_{jm}) \in I^m, j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

If  $\sum_{k=1}^s a_k \otimes b_k = 0$  in  $U \otimes V$ , where  $a_k \in U'$ ,  $b_k = \sum_{j=1}^m r_{kj} \bar{e}_j \in V$ , then  $\sum_{j=1}^m (\sum_{k=1}^s a_k r_{kj}) \otimes \bar{e}_j = 0$  in  $U \otimes V$ . Consider the exact sequence of  $U \otimes L \xrightarrow{1_U \otimes \iota} U \otimes R^m \xrightarrow{1_U \otimes \pi} U \otimes R^m/L \rightarrow 0$ , we have  $\sum_{j=1}^m (\sum_{k=1}^s a_k r_{kj}) \otimes e_j \in \text{Ker}(1_U \otimes \pi) = \text{Im}(1_U \otimes \iota)$ , so there exists  $u_1, \dots, u_n \in U$  such that  $\sum_{j=1}^m (\sum_{k=1}^s a_k r_{kj}) \otimes e_j = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \otimes \alpha_i = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \otimes (\sum_{j=1}^m c_{ij} e_j) = \sum_{j=1}^m (\sum_{i=1}^n u_i c_{ij}) \otimes e_j$ , and so  $\sum_{k=1}^s a_k r_{kj} = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i c_{ij}$ . By (3), there exist  $u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_n \in U'$  such that  $\sum_{k=1}^s a_k r_{kj} = \sum_{i=1}^n u'_i c_{ij}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$ . Thus  $\sum_{k=1}^s a_k \otimes b_k = \sum_{i=1}^n u'_i \otimes (\sum_{j=1}^m c_{ij} \bar{e}_j) = 0$  in  $U' \otimes V$ .

(5) $\Leftrightarrow$ (6). It follows from the exact sequence

$$\text{Hom}_R(A, U) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(A, U/U') \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(A, U') \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(A, U). \quad \square$$

**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $U'_R \leq U_R$ . Then  $U'$  is  $I$ - $(1, \infty)$ -pure in  $U$  if and only if  $UT \cap U' = U'T$  for all finitely generated left ideals  $T \subseteq I$ . □

**Proposition 2.6** Let  $U'_R \leq U_R$ . Then

- (1) If  $U$  is  $n$ -generated, then  $U'$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $U$  if and only if  $U'$  is  $I$ - $(m, \infty)$ -pure in  $U$ .
- (2) If each finitely generated left ideal in  $I$  is  $n$ -generated, then  $U'$  is  $I$ - $(1, n)$ -pure in  $U$  if and only if  $U'$  is  $I$ - $(1, \infty)$ -pure in  $U$ .
- (3) If each finitely generated right ideal in  $I$  is  $m$ -generated, then  $U'$  is  $I$ - $(m, 1)$ -pure in  $U$  if and only if  $U'$  is  $I$ - $(\infty, 1)$ -pure in  $U$ .

*Proof.* (2) can be proved by Theorem 2.4(4), and (3) can be proved by Theorem 2.4(5). Now we prove only the necessity of (1).

Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be a generating set of  $U$ . For every positive integer  $k$  and each  $C \in I^{k \times m}$ , if  $x \in (U')^m \cap U^k C$ , then  $x = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)AC$  for some  $A \in R^{n \times k}$ . Since  $U'$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $U$ , by Theorem 2.4(3),  $x = (u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_n)AC$  for some  $u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_n \in U$ . So  $x \in (U')^k C$ , and thus  $(U')^m \cap U^k C = (U')^k C$ . Therefore  $U'$  is  $(m, k)$ -pure in  $U$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.7** Let  $U'_R \leq U_R$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $U'$  is  $I$ -pure in  $U$ .
- (2) For every  $I$ -finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $V$ , the canonical map  $\text{Tor}_1^R(U, V) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(U/U', V)$  is surjective.
- (3) For any positive integers  $m, n$  and any  $C \in I^{n \times m}$ ,  $(U')^m \cap U^n C = (U')^n C$ .
- (4) For any positive integers  $m, n$  and any  $n$ -generated submodule  $T$  of  ${}_R I^m$ ,  $(U')^m \cap UT = U'T$ .
- (5) For every  $I$ -finitely presented right  $R$ -module  $A$ , the canonical map  $\text{Hom}_R(A, U) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(A, U/U')$  is surjective.
- (6) For every  $I$ -finitely presented right  $R$ -module  $A$ , the canonical map  $\text{Ext}^1(A, U') \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(A, U)$  is a monomorphism.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.8** Suppose  $E, F$  and  $G$  are right  $R$ -modules such that  $E \subseteq F \subseteq G$ . Then:

- (1) If  $E$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $F$  and  $F$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $G$ , then  $E$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $G$ .
- (2) If  $E$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $G$ , then  $E$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $F$ .
- (3) If  $F$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $G$ , then  $F/E$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $G/E$ .
- (4) If  $E$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $G$  and  $F/E$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $G/E$ , then  $F$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $G$ .

*Proof.* (1) and (2) follows from the definition of  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure submodules or Theorem 2.4(3).

(3). Let  $A$  be an  $I$ - $(n, m)$ -presented right  $R$ -module. Since  $F$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $G$ , by Theorem 2.4(5), the canonical map  $\text{Hom}_R(A, G) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \text{Hom}_R(A, G/F)$  is surjective. Considering the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_R(A, G) & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \text{Hom}_R(A, G/F) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \sigma \\ \text{Hom}_R(A, G/E) & \xrightarrow{\tau} & \text{Hom}_R(A, (G/E)/(F/E)) \end{array}$$

, where  $\sigma$  is an isomorphism and hence a epimorphism, we have that the canonical map  $\tau$  is epic. By Theorem 2.4(5),  $F/E$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $G/E$ .

(4). Let  $V$  be an  $I$ - $(n, m)$ -presented left  $R$ -module. Since  $E$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $G$ ,  $E$  is also  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -pure in  $F$ , and so we have a commutative diagram with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & E \otimes V & \longrightarrow & F \otimes V & \longrightarrow & F/E \otimes V \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow 1 & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow g \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & E \otimes V & \longrightarrow & G \otimes V & \longrightarrow & G/E \otimes V \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

. Since  $F/E$  is  $I-(m, n)$ -pure in  $G/E$ ,  $g$  is monic. By five Lemma [9, 7.18],  $f$  is also monic, and thus  $F$  is  $I-(m, n)$ -pure in  $G$ . □

**Corollary 2.9** Suppose  $E, F$  and  $G$  are right  $R$ -modules such that  $E \subseteq F \subseteq G$ . Then:

- (1) If  $E$  is  $I$ -pure in  $F$  and  $F$  is  $I$ -pure in  $G$ , then  $E$  is  $I$ -pure in  $G$ .
- (2) If  $E$  is  $I$ -pure in  $G$ , then  $E$  is  $I$ -pure in  $F$ .
- (3) If  $F$  is  $I$ -pure in  $G$ , then  $F/E$  is  $I$ -pure in  $G/E$ .
- (4) If  $E$  is  $I$ -pure in  $G$  and  $F/E$  is  $I$ -pure in  $G/E$ , then  $F$  is  $I$ -pure in  $G$ . □

### 3 $I$ -FP-injective Modules

Recall that a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is  $FP$ -injective if and only if every  $R$ -homomorphism from a finitely generated submodule of a free left  $R$ -module  $F$  to  $M$  extends to a homomorphism of  $F$  to  $M$  [1, Proposition 2.6].  $FP$ -injective modules and their generalizations have been studied by many authors, for example, see [6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14]. Following [11], a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $(m, n)$ -injective if every  $R$ -homomorphism from an  $n$ -generated submodule  $T$  of  $R^m$  to  $M$  extends to a homomorphism of  $R^m$  to  $M$ . It is easy to see that a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is  $FP$ -injective if and only if  $M$  is  $(m, n)$ -injective for each pair of positive integers  $m, n$ . Following [7], a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $F$ -injective if every  $R$ -homomorphism from a finitely generated left ideal to  $M$  extends to a homomorphism of  $R$  to  $M$ . Following [10, 12], a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $n$ -injective if every  $R$ -homomorphism from an  $n$ -generated left ideal to  $M$  extends to a homomorphism of  $R$  to  $M$ . Following [6], a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $J$ -injective if every  $R$ -homomorphism from a finitely generated left ideal in  $J(R)$  to  $M$  extends to a homomorphism of  $R$  to  $M$ . We extend the concepts of  $(m, n)$ -injective modules,  $FP$ -injective modules and  $J$ -injective modules as follows.

**Definition 3.1.** A left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $I-(m, n)$ -injective, if every  $R$ -homomorphism from an  $n$ -generated submodule  $T$  of  $I^m$  to  $M$  extends to a homomorphism of  $R^m$  to  $M$ . A left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $I$ -FP-injective if  $M$  is  $I-(m, n)$ -injective for every pair of positive integers  $m, n$ . A left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $I$ - $F$ -injective if  $M$  is  $I-(1, n)$ -injective for every positive integer  $n$ .

It is easy to see that direct sums and direct summands of  $I-(m, n)$ -injective modules are  $I-(m, n)$ -injective. A left  $R$ -module  $M$  is  $(m, n)$ -injective if and only if  $M$  is  $R-(m, n)$ -injective, a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is  $FP$ -injective if and only if  $M$  is  $R$ - $FP$ -injective, a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is  $J$ -injective if and only if  $M$  is  $J$ - $F$ -injective. According to [15], a ring  $R$  is said to be left  $Soc$ -injective if every  $R$ -homomorphism from a semisimple submodule of  ${}_R R$  to  $R$  extends to  $R$ . Clearly, if  $Soc({}_R R)$  is finitely generated, then  $R$  is left  $Soc$ -injective if and only if  ${}_R R$  is  $Soc({}_R R)$ - $F$ -injective. Following [14], a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $N$ -injective if  $Ext^1(R/T, M) = 0$  for every finitely generated left ideal  $T$  in  $Nil_*(R)$ , where  $Nil_*(R)$  is the prime radical of  $R$ , it is equal to the intersection of all the prime ideals in  $R$  [16]. It is clear that a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is  $N$ -injective if and only if  $M$  is  $N(R)$ - $F$ -injective.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $M$  is  $I-(m, n)$ -injective.
- (2)  $Ext^1(V, M) = 0$  for every  $I-(m, n)$ -presented left  $R$ -module  $V$ .
- (3)  $r_{M_n} \mathbf{1}_{R^n} \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\} = \alpha_1 M + \dots + \alpha_m M$  for any  $m$  elements  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in I_n$ .
- (4) If  $x = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)' \in M_n$  and  $A \in I^{n \times m}$  satisfy  $\mathbf{1}_{R^n}(A) \subseteq \mathbf{1}_{R^n}(x)$ , then  $x = Ay$  for some  $y \in M_m$ .
- (5)  $r_{M_n}(R^n B \cap \mathbf{1}_{R^n} \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\}) = r_{M_n}(B) + \alpha_1 M + \dots + \alpha_m M$  for any  $m$  elements  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in I_n$  and  $B \in R^{n \times n}$ .
- (6)  $M$  is  $I-(m, 1)$ -injective and  $r_{M_m}(K \cap L) = r_{M_m}(K) + r_{M_m}(L)$ , Where  $K$  and  $L$  are submodules of the left  $R$ -module  $I^m$  such that  $K + L$  is  $n$ -generated.

(7)  $M$  is  $I$ -( $m, 1$ )-injective and  $r_{M_m}(K \cap L) = r_{M_m}(K) + r_{M_m}(L)$ , Where  $K$  and  $L$  are submodules of the left  $R$ -module  $I^m$  such that  $K$  is cyclic and  $L$  is  $(n - 1)$ -generated.

(8) For each  $n$ -generated submodule  $T$  of  $I^m$  and any  $f \in \text{Hom}(T, M)$ , if  $(\alpha, g)$  is the pushout of  $(f, i)$  in the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \xrightarrow{i} & R^m \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ M & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & P \end{array}$$

where  $i$  is the inclusion map, there exists a homomorphism  $h : P \rightarrow M$  such that  $h\alpha = 1_M$ .

(9)  $M$  is absolutely  $I$ -( $n, m$ )-pure, that is,  $M$  is  $I$ -( $n, m$ )-pure in each module containing  $M$ .

(10)  $M$  is  $I$ -( $n, m$ )-pure in  $E(M)$ .

(11)  $M$  is an  $I$ -( $n, m$ )-pure submodule of an  $I$ -( $m, n$ )-injective module.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) ; (8)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) and (9)  $\Rightarrow$  (10), (11) are clear.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Always  $\alpha_1 M + \dots + \alpha_m M \subseteq \mathbf{r}_{M_n} \mathbf{1}_{R^n} \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\}$ . If  $x \in \mathbf{r}_{M_n} \mathbf{1}_{R^n} \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\}$ . Let  $A$  be the matrix with column vectors  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$ . Then the mapping  $f : R^n A \rightarrow M; \beta A \mapsto \beta x$  is a well-defined left  $R$ -homomorphism. Since  $M$  is  $I$ -( $m, n$ )-injective and  $R^n A$  is an  $n$ -generated submodule of  $I^m$ ,  $f$  can be extended to a homomorphism  $g$  of  $R^n$  to  $M$ . Now, for any  $\beta \in R^n$ , we have  $\beta(\alpha_1 g(e_1) + \dots + \alpha_m g(e_m)) = g(\beta A) = f(\beta A) = \beta x$ , so  $x = \alpha_1 g(e_1) + \dots + \alpha_m g(e_m) \in \alpha_1 M + \dots + \alpha_m M$ . Thus  $\mathbf{r}_{M_n} \mathbf{1}_{R^n} \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\} \subseteq \alpha_1 M + \dots + \alpha_m M$ . Therefore,  $\mathbf{r}_{M_n} \mathbf{1}_{R^n} \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\} = \alpha_1 M + \dots + \alpha_m M$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $T = \sum_{i=1}^n R\beta_i$  be an  $n$ -generated submodule of  $I^m$  and  $f$  be a homomorphism from  $T$  to  $M$ . Write  $u_i = f(\beta_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, n, u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)'$  and let  $A$  be the matrix with row vectors  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$ . Then  $u \in \mathbf{r}_{M_n} \mathbf{1}_{R^n}(A)$ . By (3), there exists some  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in M$  such that  $u = \alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_m x_m$ , where  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$  are column vectors of  $A$ . Now we define  $g : R^n \rightarrow M; (r_1, \dots, r_m) \mapsto r_1 x_1 + \dots + r_m x_m$ , then  $g$  is a left  $R$ -homomorphism, and it is easy to check that  $f(\beta_i) = u_i = \beta_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)' = g(\beta_i), i = 1, \dots, n$ , and so  $g$  extends  $f$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). If  $\mathbf{1}_{R^n}(A) \subseteq \mathbf{1}_{R^n}(x)$ , where  $A \in I^{n \times m}, x \in M_n$ , then  $x \in \mathbf{r}_{M_n} \mathbf{1}_{R^n}(A) = \alpha_1 M + \dots + \alpha_m M$  by (3), where  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$  are columns of  $A$ . Thus (4) is proved.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Let  $x \in \mathbf{r}_{M_n}(R^n B \cap \mathbf{1}_{R^n} \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\})$ . Then  $\mathbf{1}_{R^n}(BA) \subseteq \mathbf{1}_{R^n}(Bx)$ , where  $A$  is the matrix whose column vectors are  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$ . By (4),  $Bx = BAy$  for some  $y \in M_m$ . Hence  $x - Ay \in \mathbf{r}_{M_n}(B)$ , and so  $x = z + Ay$  for some  $z \in \mathbf{r}_{M_n}(B)$ , proving that  $\mathbf{r}_{M_n}(R^n B \cap \mathbf{1}_{R^n}(\alpha)) \subseteq \mathbf{r}_{M_n}(B) + \alpha_1 M + \dots + \alpha_m M$ . The other inclusion always holds.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). By taking  $B = E$  in (5).

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (6). Clearly,  $M$  is  $I$ -( $m, 1$ )-injective and

$$r_{M_m}(K) + r_{M_m}(L) \subseteq r_{M_m}(K \cap L).$$

Conversely, let  $x \in r_{M_m}(K \cap L)$ . Then  $f : K + L \rightarrow M$  is well defined by  $f(k + l) = kx$  for all  $k \in K$  and  $l \in L$ . Since  $M$  is  $I$ -( $m, n$ )-injective,  $f = \cdot y$  for some  $y \in M_m$ . Hence, for all  $k \in K$  and  $l \in L$ , we have  $ky = f(k) = kx$  and  $ly = f(l) = 0$ . Thus  $x - y \in r_{M_m}(K)$  and  $y \in r_{M_m}(L)$ , so  $x = (x - y) + y \in r_{M_m}(K) + r_{M_m}(L)$ .

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (7) is trivial.

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). We proceed by induction on  $n$ . If  $n = 1$ , then (1) is clearly holds by hypothesis. Suppose  $n > 1$ . Let  $T = R\beta_1 + R\beta_2 + \dots + R\beta_n$  be an  $n$ -generated submodule of the left  $R$ -module  $I^m$ ,  $T_1 = R\beta_1$  and  $T_2 = R\beta_2 + \dots + R\beta_n$ . Suppose  $f : T \rightarrow M$  is a left  $R$ -homomorphism. Then  $f|_{T_1} = \cdot y_1$  for some  $y_1 \in M_m$  by hypothesis and  $f|_{T_2} = \cdot y_2$  for some  $y_2 \in M_m$  by induction hypothesis. Thus  $y_1 - y_2 \in r_{M_m}(T_1 \cap T_2) = r_{M_m}(T_1) + r_{M_m}(T_2)$ . So  $y_1 - y_2 = z_1 + z_2$  for some  $z_1 \in r_{M_m}(T_1)$  and  $z_2 \in r_{M_m}(T_2)$ . Let  $y = y_1 - z_1 = y_2 + z_2$ . Then for any  $\beta \in T$ , let  $\beta = \beta_1 + \beta_2, \beta_1 \in T_1, \beta_2 \in T_2$ , we have  $\beta_1 z_1 = 0, \beta_2 z_2 = 0$ . Hence  $f(\beta) = f(\beta_1) + f(\beta_2) = \beta_1 y_1 + \beta_2 y_2 = \beta_1 (y_1 - z_1) + \beta_2 (y_2 + z_2) = \beta_1 y + \beta_2 y = \beta y$ . So (1) follows.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (8). Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $P = (M \oplus R^m)/W$ , where  $W = \{f(a), -i(a) | a \in T\}, g(y) = (0, y) + W, \alpha(x) = (x, 0) + W$  for  $x \in M$  and  $y \in R^m$ . Since  $M$  is  $I-(m, n)$ -injective, there is  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_R(R^m, M)$  such that  $\varphi i = f$ . Define  $h[(x, y) + W] = x + \varphi(y)$  for all  $(x, y) + W \in P$ . Then it is easy to check that  $h$  is well-defined and  $h\alpha = 1_M$ .

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (10). It follows from the exact sequence

$$\text{Hom}_R(V, E(M)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(V, E(M)/M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(V, M) \rightarrow 0$$

and Theorem 2.4(5).

(10)  $\Rightarrow$  (9). Suppose  $M \leq M'$ , then  $M \leq E(M) \leq E(M')$ . Since  $M$  is  $I-(n, m)$ -pure in  $E(M)$  and  $E(M)$  is pure in  $E(M')$ ,  $M$  is  $I-(n, m)$ -pure in  $E(M')$  by Proposition 2.8(1). Note that  $M \leq M' \leq E(M')$ , by Proposition 2.8(2),  $M$  is  $I-(n, m)$ -pure in  $M'$ .

(11)  $\Rightarrow$  (10). Suppose that  $M$  is  $I-(n, m)$ -pure in  $M'$  and  $M'$  is  $I-(m, n)$ -injective. Then for every  $I-(n, m)$ -presented module  ${}_R V$ , since  $M$  is  $I-(n, m)$ -pure in  $M'$  and  $M'$  is  $I-(n, m)$ -pure in  $E(M')$ ,  $M \otimes V \rightarrow M' \otimes V$  and  $M' \otimes V \rightarrow E(M') \otimes V$  are monomorphisms. Thus the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \otimes V & \longrightarrow & M' \otimes V \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ E(M) \otimes V & \longrightarrow & E(M') \otimes V \end{array}$$

gives that the map  $M \otimes V \rightarrow E(M) \otimes V$  is a monomorphism, and so  $M$  is  $I-(n, m)$ -pure in  $E(M)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is  $(m, n)$ -injective.
- (2)  $\text{Ext}_R^1(V, M) = 0$  for every  $(m, n)$ -presented left  $R$ -module  $V$ .
- (3)  $r_{M_n} \mathbf{1}_{R^n} \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\} = \alpha_1 M + \dots + \alpha_m M$  for any  $m$  elements  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in R_n$ .
- (4) If  $x = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)' \in M_n$  and  $A \in R^{n \times m}$  satisfy  $\mathbf{1}_{R^n}(A) \subseteq \mathbf{1}_{R^n}(x)$ , then  $x = Ay$  for some  $y \in M_m$ .
- (5)  $r_{M_n}(R^n B \cap \mathbf{1}_{R^n} \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\}) = r_{M_n}(B) + \alpha_1 M + \dots + \alpha_m M$  for any  $m$  elements  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in R_n$  and  $B \in R^{n \times n}$ .
- (6)  $M$  is  $(m, 1)$ -injective and  $r_{M_m}(K \cap L) = r_{M_m}(K) + r_{M_m}(L)$ , Where  $K$  and  $L$  are submodules of the left  $R$ -modules  $R^m$  such that  $K + L$  is  $n$ -generated.
- (7)  $M$  is  $(m, 1)$ -injective and  $r_{M_m}(K \cap L) = r_{M_m}(K) + r_{M_m}(L)$ , Where  $K$  and  $L$  are submodules of the left  $R$ -modules  $R^m$  such that  $K$  is cyclic and  $L$  is  $(n - 1)$ -generated.
- (8) For each  $n$ -generated submodule  $T$  of  $R^m$  and any  $f \in \text{Hom}(T, M)$ , if  $(\alpha, g)$  is the pushout of  $(f, i)$  in the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \xrightarrow{i} & R^m \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ M & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & P \end{array}$$

where  $i$  is the inclusion map, there exists a homomorphism  $h : P \rightarrow M$  such that  $h\alpha = 1_M$ .

- (9)  $M$  is absolutely  $(n, m)$ -pure, that is,  $M$  is  $(n, m)$ -pure in each module containing  $M$ .
- (10)  $M$  is  $(n, m)$ -pure in  $E(M)$ .
- (11)  $M$  is an  $(n, m)$ -pure submodule of an  $(m, n)$ -injective module.  $\square$

We note that the equivalence of (1), (3), (6), (7) in Corollary 3.3 appears in [11, Corollary 2.5 and Corollary 2.10].



**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $M$  is  $I$ -FP-injective.
- (2)  $\text{Ext}^1(V, M) = 0$  for every  $I$ -finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $V$ .
- (3) Every  $R$ -homomorphism from a finitely generated submodule of  $I^{(\mathbb{N})}$  to  $M$  extends to a homomorphism of  $R^{(\mathbb{N})}$  to  $M$ , where  $\mathbb{N}$  is the set of all positive integers.
- (4) For any positive integers  $m, n$ ,  $r_{M_n} \mathbf{1}_{R^n} \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\} = \alpha_1 M + \dots + \alpha_m M$  for any  $m$  elements  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in I_n$ .
- (5) For any positive integers  $m, n$ , if  $x = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)' \in M_n$  and  $A \in I^{n \times m}$  satisfy  $\mathbf{1}_{R^n}(A) \subseteq \mathbf{1}_{R^n}(x)$ , then  $x = Ay$  for some  $y \in M_m$ .
- (6) For any positive integers  $m, n$ ,  $r_{M_n}(R^n B \cap \mathbf{1}_{R^n} \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\}) = r_{M_n}(B) + \alpha_1 M + \dots + \alpha_m M$  for any  $m$  elements  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in I_n$  and  $B \in R^{n \times n}$ .
- (7) For any positive integer  $m$ ,  $M$  is  $I$ - $(m, 1)$ -injective and  $r_{M_m}(K \cap L) = r_{M_m}(K) + r_{M_m}(L)$ , Where  $K$  and  $L$  are submodules of the left  $R$ -module  $I^m$  such that  $K + L$  is finitely generated.
- (8) For any positive integer  $m$ ,  $M$  is  $I$ - $(m, 1)$ -injective and  $r_{M_m}(K \cap L) = r_{M_m}(K) + r_{M_m}(L)$ , Where  $K$  and  $L$  are submodules of the left  $R$ -modules  $I^m$  such that  $K$  is cyclic and  $L$  is finitely generated.
- (9) For each finitely generated submodule  $T$  of  $I^{(\mathbb{N})}$  and any  $f \in \text{Hom}(T, M)$ , if  $(\alpha, g)$  is the pushout of  $(f, i)$  in the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \xrightarrow{i} & R^{(\mathbb{N})} \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ M & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & P \end{array}$$

where  $i$  is the inclusion map, there exists a homomorphism  $h : P \rightarrow M$  such that  $h\alpha = \mathbf{1}_M$ .

- (10)  $M$  is absolutely  $I$ -pure, that is,  $M$  is  $I$ -pure in each module containing  $M$ .
- (11)  $M$  is  $I$ -pure in  $E(M)$ .
- (12)  $M$  is an  $I$ -pure submodule of an  $I$ -FP-injective module.

**Proof.** Since  $M$  is  $I$ -FP-injective if and only if  $M$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -injective for every pair of positive integers  $m, n$ , the equivalence of (1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (10), (11), (12) follows from Theorem 3.2.

- (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3), and (9)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) are obvious.
- (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (9) is similar to the proof of (8)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) in Theorem 3.2. □

**Proposition 3.5.** Let  $\{M_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a family of left  $R$ -modules. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1). Each  $M_\alpha$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -injective.
- (2)  $\prod_{\alpha \in A} M_\alpha$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -injective .
- (3)  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} M_\alpha$  is  $I$ - $(m, n)$ -injective .

**Proof.** It is trivial. □

**Corollary 3.6.** Let  $\{M_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a family of left  $R$ -modules. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1). Each  $M_\alpha$  is  $I$ -FP-injective.
- (2)  $\prod_{\alpha \in A} M_\alpha$  is  $I$ -FP-injective .
- (3)  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} M_\alpha$  is  $I$ -FP-injective . □

Recall that a submodule  $K$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called small in  $M$  [9, 19.1], written  $K \ll M$ , if, for every submodule  $L \subseteq M$ , the equality  $K + L = M$  implies  $L = M$ . A ring  $R$  is called *semiregular* [17] if for any  $a \in R$ ,  $R/Ra$  has a projective cover. A left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called *semiregular* [17] if for any  $m \in M$ , we have  $M = P \oplus K$ , where  $P$  is projective,  $P \subseteq Rm$ , and  $Rm \cap K \ll K$ . By [17, Lemma B.40, Lemma B.48], a ring  $R$  is semiregular if and only if the left  $R$ -module  ${}_R R$  is semiregular.

**Proposition 3.7.** *If  $R$  is a semiregular ring, then a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is FP-injective if and only if it is J-FP-injective.*

*Proof.* Necessity is clear. To prove sufficiency, let  $N$  be a finitely generated submodule of a finitely generated free left  $R$ -module  $F$  and  $f : N \rightarrow M$  be a left  $R$ -homomorphism. Since  $R$  is semiregular, by [17, Lemma B.54],  $F$  is semiregular. So, by [17, Lemma B.51],  $F = P \oplus K$ , where  $P$  is projective,  $P \subseteq N$  and  $N \cap K$  is small in  $K$ . Hence  $F = N + K$ ,  $N = P \oplus (N \cap K)$ , and so  $N \cap K$  is finitely generated. Since  $M$  is J-FP-injective, there exists a homomorphism  $g : F \rightarrow M$  such that  $g(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in N \cap K$ . Now let  $h : F \rightarrow M; x \mapsto f(n) + g(k)$ , where  $x = n + k, n \in N, k \in K$ . Then  $h$  is a well-defined left  $R$ -homomorphism and  $h$  extends  $f$ .  $\square$

## 4 I-flat Modules

Recall that a right  $R$ -module  $B$  is said to be *flat* if the functor  $B \otimes_R$  is exact, it is well-known that a right  $R$ -module  $B$  is flat if and only if the canonical map  $B \otimes T \rightarrow B \otimes R$  is monic for every finitely generated left ideal  $T$ , if and only if  $\text{Tor}_1(B, V) = 0$  for every finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $V$ . A right  $R$ -module  $B$  is said to be *n-flat* [10, 18], if for every  $n$ -generated left ideal  $T$ , the canonical map  $V \otimes T \rightarrow V \otimes R$  is monic. 1-flat modules are also called *P-flat* by some authors [19, 20]. Following Zhang and Chen, a right  $R$ -module  $B$  is said to be *(m, n)-flat* [8], if for every  $n$ -generated submodule  $T$  of the left  $R$ -module  $R^m$ , the canonical map  $B \otimes T \rightarrow B \otimes R^m$  is monic. It is easy to see that a right  $R$ -module  $B$  is *n-flat* if and only if it is  $(1, n)$ -flat, a right  $R$ -module  $B$  is flat if and only if and only if it is  $(m, n)$ -flat for each pair of positive integers  $m, n$  if and only if it is  $(1, n)$ -flat for each positive integer  $n$ . We extend the concepts of  $(m, n)$ -flat modules and flat modules respectively as follows.

**Definition 4.1.** *A right  $R$ -module  $B$  is said to be  $l$ -( $m, n$ )-flat, if for every  $n$ -generated submodule  $T$  in  $I^m$ , the canonical map  $B \otimes T \rightarrow B \otimes R^m$  is monic. A right  $R$ -module  $B$  is said to be  $l$ -flat in case it is  $l$ -( $m, n$ )-flat for any positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ .*

**Theorem 4.2.** *For a right  $R$ -module  $B$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $B$  is  $l$ -( $m, n$ )-flat.
- (2)  $\text{Tor}_1(B, R^m/T) = 0$  for every  $n$ -generated submodule  $T$  of the left  $R$ -module  $I^m$ .
- (3)  $B^+$  is  $l$ -( $m, n$ )-injective.
- (4) For every  $n$ -generated submodule  $T$  of the left  $R$ -module  $I^m$ , the map  $\mu_T : B \otimes T \rightarrow BT; \sum b_i \otimes a_i \mapsto \sum b_i a_i$  is a monomorphism.
- (5) For all  $X \in B^n, A \in I^{n \times m}$ , if  $XA = 0$ , then exist positive integer  $l$  and  $Y \in B^l, C \in R^{l \times n}$ , such that  $CA = 0$  and  $X = YC$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) follows from the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1(B, R^m/T) \rightarrow B \otimes T \rightarrow B \otimes R^m$ .  
 (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) follows from the isomorphism  $\text{Tor}_1(B, R^m/T)^+ \cong \text{Ext}^1(R^m/T, B^+)$ .  
 (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4). Consider the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 B \otimes T & \xrightarrow{1_B \otimes i_T} & B \otimes R^m \\
 \mu_T \downarrow & & \downarrow \sigma \\
 BT & \xrightarrow{i_{VT}} & V^m
 \end{array}$$

, where  $\sigma : b \otimes (r_1, \dots, r_m) \mapsto (br_1, \dots, br_m)$  is an isomorphism, and  $i_{VT}$  is the inclusion map. Then it is easy to see that  $1_B \otimes i_T$  is monic if and only if  $\mu_T$  is monic.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Let  $X = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$  and let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be the row vectors of  $A$ ,  $T = \sum_{j=1}^n RA_j$ . Write  $e_j$  be the element in  $R^n$  with 1 in the  $j$ th position and 0's in all other positions,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Consider the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{i_K} R^n \xrightarrow{f} T \rightarrow 0$$

where  $f(e_j) = A_j$  for each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Since  $XA = 0$ , by (4),  $\sum_{j=1}^n (b_j \otimes f(e_j)) = \sum_{j=1}^n (b_j \otimes A_j) = 0$  as an element in  $B \otimes_R T$ . So in the exact sequence

$$B \otimes K \xrightarrow{1_B \otimes i_K} B \otimes R^n \xrightarrow{1_B \otimes f} B \otimes T \rightarrow 0$$

we have  $\sum_{j=1}^n (b_j \otimes e_j) \in \text{Ker}(1_B \otimes f) = \text{Im}(1_B \otimes i_K)$ . Thus there exist  $u_h \in B, k_h \in K, h = 1, 2, \dots, l$  such that  $\sum_{j=1}^n (b_j \otimes e_j) = \sum_{h=1}^l (u_h \otimes k_h)$ . Let  $k_h = \sum_{j=1}^n c_{hj} e_j, h = 1, 2, \dots, l$ . Then  $\sum_{j=1}^n c_{hj} a_j = \sum_{j=1}^n c_{hj} f(e_j) = f(k_h) = 0, h = 1, 2, \dots, l$ . Write  $C = (c_{hj})_{ln}$ , then  $CA = 0$ . Moreover, since  $\sum_{j=1}^n (b_j \otimes e_j) = \sum_{h=1}^l (u_h \otimes k_h) = \sum_{h=1}^l (u_h \otimes (\sum_{j=1}^n c_{hj} e_j)) = \sum_{j=1}^n ((\sum_{h=1}^l u_h c_{hj}) \otimes e_j)$ , we have  $b_j = \sum_{h=1}^l u_h c_{hj}, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Now, let  $Y = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_l)$ . Then  $Y \in B^l$  and  $X = YC$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Let  $T = \sum_{j=1}^n RX_j$  be an  $n$ -generated submodule of  $RI^m$  and suppose  $A_i = \sum_{j=1}^n r_{ij} X_j \in T, b_i \in B$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^k b_i A_i = 0$ . Then  $\sum_{j=1}^n (\sum_{i=1}^k b_i r_{ij}) X_j = 0$ . By (5), there exists elements  $u_1, \dots, u_m \in B$  and elements  $c_{ij} \in R (i = 1, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, n)$  such that  $\sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} X_j = 0 (i = 1, \dots, m)$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^m u_i c_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^k b_i r_{ij} (j = 1, \dots, n)$ . Thus,  $\sum_{i=1}^k b_i \otimes A_i = \sum_{i=1}^k b_i \otimes (\sum_{j=1}^n r_{ij} X_j) = \sum_{j=1}^n (\sum_{i=1}^k b_i r_{ij}) \otimes X_j = \sum_{j=1}^n (\sum_{i=1}^m u_i c_{ij}) \otimes X_j = \sum_{i=1}^m (u_i \otimes \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} X_j) = 0$ . And so (4) is proved.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.3.** For a right  $R$ -module  $B$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $B$  is  $I$ -flat.
- (2)  $\text{Tor}_1(B, V) = 0$  for every  $I$ -finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $V$ .
- (3)  $B^+$  is  $I$ -FP-injective.
- (4) For every positive integer  $m$  and every finitely generated submodule  $T$  of the left  $R$ -module  $I^m$ , the map  $\mu_T : B \otimes T \rightarrow BT; \sum b_i \otimes a_i \mapsto \sum b_i a_i$  is a monomorphism.
- (5) For any positive integers  $m, n$  and all  $X \in B^n, A \in I^{n \times m}$ , if  $XA = 0$ , then exist positive integer  $l$  and  $Y \in B^l, C \in R^{l \times n}$ , such that  $CA = 0$  and  $X = YC$ .

**Remark 4.4.** From Corollary 4.3, the  $I$ -flatness of  $B_R$  can be characterized by the  $I$ -FP-injectivity of  $B^+$ . On the other hand, by [5, Lemma 2.7(1)], the sequence  $\text{Tor}_1(B^+, V) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(V, B)^+ \rightarrow 0$  is exact for all finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $V$ , so if  $B^+$  is  $I$ -flat, then  $B$  is  $I$ -FP-injective.

**Proposition 4.5.** If  $R$  is a semiregular ring, then a right  $R$ -module  $B$  is flat if and only if it is  $J$ -flat.

*Proof.* Clearly, flat module is  $J$ -flat. Conversely, if  $B$  is  $J$ -flat, then by Corollary 4.3,  $B^+$  is  $J$ -FP-injective. But  $R$  is a semiregular ring, by Proposition 3.7,  $B^+$  is  $FP$ -injective, and so  $B$  is flat.

**Proposition 4.6.** Let  $U'_R \leq U_R$ .

- (1) If  $U/U'$  is  $I$ -( $m,n$ )-flat, then  $U'$  is  $I$ -( $m,n$ )-pure in  $U$ .
- (2) If  $U'$  is  $I$ -( $m,n$ )-pure in  $U$  and  $U$  is  $I$ -( $m,n$ )-flat, then  $U/U'$  is  $I$ -( $m,n$ )-flat.

*Proof.* It follows from the exact sequence

$$\text{Tor}_1(U, R^m/T) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1(U/U', R^m/T) \rightarrow U' \otimes R^m/T \rightarrow U \otimes R^m/T$$

and Theorem 4.2(2). □

**Corollary 4.7.** Let  $F$  be an  $I$ -( $m,n$ )-flat module and  $K$  a submodule of  $F$ . Then  $F/K$  is  $I$ -( $m,n$ )-flat if and only if  $K$  is  $I$ -( $m,n$ )-pure in  $F$ . □

The results of following Corollary 4.8 are well-known.

**Corollary 4.8.** Let  $F$  be a flat module and  $K$  a submodule of  $F$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $F/K$  is flat.
- (2)  $K \cap FT = KT$  for every finitely generated left ideal  $T$ .
- (3)  $K \cap FT = KT$  for every left ideal  $T$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2). Since a module is flat if and only if it is  $R$ -( $1, \infty$ ) flat, so, by Corollary 4.7.  $F/K$  is flat if and only if  $K$  is  $R$ -( $1, \infty$ )-pure in  $F$ . Thus, by Theorem 2.4(4), we have that  $F/K$  is flat if and only if  $K \cap FT = KT$  for every finitely generated left ideal  $T$ .

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3). It is obvious. □

**Corollary 4.9.**  $I$ -( $n,m$ )-presented  $I$ -( $m,n$ )-flat module is projective.

*Proof.* By Proposition 4.6(1) and Theorem 2.4(5). □

**Corollary 4.10.**  $I$ -finitely presented  $I$ -flat module is projective. In particular, finitely presented flat module is projective, and  $J$ -finitely presented  $J$ -flat module is projective. □

**Theorem 4.11.** Every pure submodule of an  $I$ -( $m,n$ )-flat module is  $I$ -( $m,n$ )-flat. In particular, every pure submodule of an  $(m,n)$ -flat module is  $(m,n)$ -flat.

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a pure submodule of an  $I$ -( $m,n$ )-flat right  $R$ -module  $B$ . Then the pure exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow B/A \rightarrow 0$  induces a split exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow (B/A)^+ \rightarrow B^+ \rightarrow A^+ \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $B$  is  $I$ -( $m,n$ )-flat, by Theorem 4.2,  $B^+$  is  $I$ -( $m,n$ )-injective, and so  $A^+$  is  $I$ -( $m,n$ )-injective. Thus  $A$  is  $I$ -( $m,n$ )-flat by Theorem 4.2 again. □

**Corollary 4.12.** Every pure submodule of an  $I$ -flat module is  $I$ -flat. □

**Proposition 4.13.** Let  $\{M_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a family of right  $R$ -modules. Then  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} M_\alpha$  is  $I$ -flat if and only if each  $M_\alpha$  is  $I$ -flat.

*Proof.* It follows from the isomorphism  $\text{Tor}_1(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} M_\alpha, N) \cong \bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} \text{Tor}_1(M_\alpha, N)$ . □

## 5 $I$ -coherent Rings and $I$ -semihereditary Rings

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called left coherent if every finitely generated left ideal of  $R$  is finitely presented, a ring  $R$  is called left  $J$ -coherent [6] if every finitely generated left ideal in  $J$  is finitely presented, a ring  $R$  is called left  $Nil_*$ -coherent [14] if every finitely generated left ideal in  $Nil_*(R)$  is finitely presented. We extend these concepts as follows.

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then  $R$  is called left  $I$ -coherent if every finitely generated left ideal in  $I$  is finitely presented.

Following [21], a ring  $R$  is called left min-coherent if every minimal left ideal of  $R$  is finitely presented.

**Example 5.2.** A ring  $R$  is left min-coherent if and only if  $R$  is left  $Soc({}_R R)$ -coherent.

We note that since left  $J$ -coherent rings need not be left coherent [6, Example 2.8], and left min-coherent rings need not be left coherent [21, Remark 4.2(1)]. So, a left  $I$ -coherent ring need not be left coherent for any ideal  $I$ .

Recall that a left  $R$ -module  $A$  is called 2-presented if there exists an exact sequence  $F_2 \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$  in which every  $F_i$  is a finitely generated free module.

**Theorem 5.3.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $R$  is a left  $I$ -coherent ring.
- (2) For every positive integer  $m$ , every finitely generated submodule  $A$  of the left  $R$ -module  $I^m$  is finitely presented.
- (3) Every  $I$ -finitely presented left  $R$ -module is 2-presented.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). We prove by induction on  $m$ . If  $m = 1$ , then  $A$  is a finitely generated left ideal in  $I$ , by hypothesis,  $A$  is finitely presented. Assume that every finitely generated submodule of the left  $R$ -module  $I^{m-1}$  is finitely presented. Then for any finitely generated submodule  $A$  of the left  $R$ -module  $I^m$ . Let  $B = A \cap (Re_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus Re_{m-1})$ . Then each  $a \in A$  has a unique expression  $a = b + re_m$ , where  $b \in Re_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus Re_{m-1}$ ,  $r \in R$ , where  $e_j \in R^m$  with 1 in the  $j$ th position and 0's in all other positions. If  $\varphi : A \rightarrow R$  is defined by  $a \mapsto r$ , then there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\varphi} L \rightarrow 0$ , where  $L = \text{Im}(\varphi)$  is a finitely generated left ideal in  $I$ . By hypothesis,  $L$  is finitely presented, and so  $B$  is finitely generated. Since  $B$  is contained in  $I^{m-1}$ , the induction hypothesis gives  $B$  is finitely presented. Therefore,  $A$  is also finitely presented by [9, 25.1(2)(ii)].

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1), and (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) are obvious. □

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a class of  $R$ -modules and  $M$  an  $R$ -module. Following [22], we say that a homomorphism  $\varphi : M \rightarrow F$  where  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  is an  $\mathcal{F}$ -preenvelope of  $M$  if for any morphism  $f : M \rightarrow F'$  with  $F' \in \mathcal{F}$ , there is a  $g : F \rightarrow F'$  such that  $g\varphi = f$ . An  $\mathcal{F}$ -preenvelope  $\varphi : M \rightarrow F$  is said to be an  $\mathcal{F}$ -envelope if every endomorphism  $g : F \rightarrow F$  such that  $g\varphi = \varphi$  is an isomorphism. Dually, we have the definitions of an  $\mathcal{F}$ -precover and an  $\mathcal{F}$ -cover.  $\mathcal{F}$ -envelopes ( $\mathcal{F}$ -covers) may not exist in general, but if they exist, they are unique up to isomorphism.

**Theorem 5.4.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $R$  is left  $I$ -coherent.

- (2)  $\varinjlim \text{Ext}_R^1(V, M_\alpha) \cong \text{Ext}_R^1(V, \varinjlim M_\alpha)$  for any  $I$ -finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $V$  and direct system  $(M_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  of left  $R$ -modules.
- (3)  $\text{Tor}_1^R(\prod N_\alpha, V) \cong \prod \text{Tor}_1^R(N_\alpha, V)$  for any family  $\{N_\alpha\}$  of right  $R$ -modules and any  $I$ -finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $V$ .
- (4) Any direct product of copies of  $R_R$  is  $I$ -flat.
- (5) Any direct product of  $I$ -flat right  $R$ -modules is  $I$ -flat.
- (6) Any direct limit of  $I$ -FP-injective left  $R$ -modules is  $I$ -FP-injective.
- (7) Any direct limit of injective left  $R$ -modules is  $I$ -FP-injective.
- (8) A left  $R$ -module  $M$  is  $I$ -FP-injective if and only if  $M^+$  is  $I$ -flat.
- (9) A left  $R$ -module  $M$  is  $I$ -FP-injective if and only if  $M^{++}$  is  $I$ -FP-injective.
- (10) A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is  $I$ -flat if and only if  $M^{++}$  is  $I$ -flat.
- (11) For any ring  $S$ ,  $\text{Tor}_1^R(\text{Hom}_S(B, E), V) \cong \text{Hom}_S(\text{Ext}_R^1(V, B), E)$  for the situation  $({}_R V, {}_R B_S, E_S)$  with  $V$   $I$ -finitely presented and  $E_S$  injective.
- (12) Every right  $R$ -module has an  $I$ -flat preenvelope.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) follows from [5, Lemma 2.9(2)].

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) follows from [5, Lemma 2.10(2)].

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (7), (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) are trivial.

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $V = R^m/T$  be an  $I$ -finitely presented left  $R$ -module, where  $T$  be a finitely generated submodule of  $I^m$ , and let  $(M_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  a direct system of  $FP$ -injective left  $R$ -modules (with  $A$  directed). Then  $\varinjlim M_\alpha$  is  $I$ -FP-injective by (7), and so  $\text{Ext}^1(V, \varinjlim M_\alpha) = 0$ . Thus we have a commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \varinjlim \text{Hom}(V, M_\alpha) & \longrightarrow & \varinjlim \text{Hom}(R^m, M_\alpha) & \longrightarrow & \varinjlim \text{Hom}(T, M_\alpha) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow h & & \\ \text{Hom}(V, \varinjlim M_\alpha) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(R^m, \varinjlim M_\alpha) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(T, \varinjlim M_\alpha) & \longrightarrow & 0. \end{array}$$

Since  $f$  and  $g$  are isomorphism by [9, 25.4(d)],  $h$  is also an isomorphism by the Five Lemma. So  $T$  is finitely presented by [9, 25.4(e)] and then  $V$  is 2-presented. Hence  $R$  is left  $I$ -coherent.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $T$  be a finitely generated submodule of the left  $R$ -module  $I^m$ . By (4),  $\text{Tor}_1(\Pi R, R^m/T) = 0$ . Thus we have a commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & (\Pi R) \otimes T & \longrightarrow & (\Pi R) \otimes R^m & \longrightarrow & (\Pi R) \otimes R^m/T \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow f_1 & & \downarrow f_2 & & \downarrow f_3 \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \Pi T & \longrightarrow & \Pi R^m & \longrightarrow & \Pi(R^m/T) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Since  $f_2$  and  $f_3$  are isomorphism by [22, Theorem 3.2.22],  $f_1$  is an isomorphism by the Five Lemma. So  $T$  is finitely presented by [22, Theorem 3.2.22] again. Hence  $R$  is left  $I$ -coherent.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (12). Let  $N$  be any right  $R$ -module. By [22, Lemma 5.3.12], there is a cardinal number  $\aleph_\alpha$  dependent on  $\text{Card}(N)$  and  $\text{Card}(R)$  such that for any homomorphism  $f : N \rightarrow F$  with  $F$   $I$ -flat, there is a pure submodule  $S$  of  $F$  such that  $f(N) \subseteq S$  and  $\text{Card } S \leq \aleph_\alpha$ . Thus  $f$  has a factorization  $N \rightarrow S \rightarrow F$  with  $S$   $I$ -flat by Corollary 4.12. Now let  $\{\varphi_\beta\}_{\beta \in B}$  be all such homomorphisms  $\varphi_\beta : N \rightarrow S_\beta$  with  $\text{Card } S_\beta \leq \aleph_\alpha$  and  $S_\beta$   $I$ -flat. Then any homomorphism  $N \rightarrow F$  with  $F$   $I$ -flat has a factorization  $N \rightarrow S_i \rightarrow F$  for some  $i \in B$ . Thus the homomorphism  $N \rightarrow \prod_{\beta \in B} S_\beta$  induced by all  $\varphi_\beta$  is an  $I$ -flat preenvelope since  $\prod_{\beta \in B} S_\beta$  is  $I$ -flat by (5).

(12)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) follows from [23, Lemma 1].

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (11). Let  $V$  be any  $I$ -finitely presented left  $R$ -module. Since  $R$  is left  $I$ -coherent,  $V$  is 2-presented. And so (11) follows from [5, Lemma 2.7(2)].

(11)  $\Rightarrow$  (8). Let  $S = \mathbb{Z}, C = \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$  and  $B = M$ . Then  $\text{Tor}_1(M^+, V) \cong \text{Ext}^1(V, M)^+$  for any  $I$ -finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $V$  by (11), and hence (8) holds.

(8)  $\Rightarrow$  (9). Let  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module. If  $M$  is  $I$ -FP-injective, then  $M^+$  is  $I$ -flat by (8), and so  $M^{++}$  is  $I$ -FP-injective by Corollary 4.3. Conversely, if  $M^{++}$  is  $I$ -FP-injective, then  $M$ , being a pure submodule of  $M^{++}$  (see [24, Exercise 41, p.48]), is  $I$ -FP-injective by Corollary 3.4.

(9)  $\Rightarrow$  (10). If  $M$  is an  $I$ -flat right  $R$ -module, then  $M^+$  is an  $I$ -FP-injective left  $R$ -module by Corollary 4.3, and so  $M^{++}$  is  $I$ -FP-injective by (9). Thus  $M^{++}$  is  $I$ -flat by Corollary 4.3 again. Conversely, if  $M^{++}$  is  $I$ -flat, then  $M$  is  $I$ -flat by Corollary 4.12 since  $M$  is a pure submodule of  $M^{++}$ .

(10)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Let  $\{N_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a family of  $I$ -flat right  $R$ -modules. Then by Proposition 4.13,  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} N_\alpha$  is  $I$ -flat, and so  $(\prod_{\alpha \in A} N_\alpha^+)^+ \cong (\bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} N_\alpha)^{++}$  is  $I$ -flat by (10). Since  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} N_\alpha^+$  is a pure submodule of  $\prod_{\alpha \in A} N_\alpha^+$  by [25, Lemma 1(1)],  $(\prod_{\alpha \in A} N_\alpha^+)^+ \rightarrow (\bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} N_\alpha^+)^+ \rightarrow 0$  splits, and hence  $(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} N_\alpha^+)^+$  is  $I$ -flat. Thus  $\prod_{\alpha \in A} N_\alpha^{++} \cong (\bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} N_\alpha^+)^+$  is  $I$ -flat. Since  $\prod_{\alpha \in A} N_\alpha$  is a pure submodule of  $\prod_{\alpha \in A} N_\alpha^{++}$  by [25, Lemma 1(2)],  $\prod_{\alpha \in A} N_\alpha$  is  $I$ -flat by Corollary 4.12.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.5.** *Let  $R$  be a left  $I$ -coherent ring. Then every left  $R$ -module has an  $I$ -FP-injective cover.*

*Proof.* Let  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  be a pure exact sequence of left  $R$ -modules with  $B$   $I$ -FP-injective. Then  $0 \rightarrow C^+ \rightarrow B^+ \rightarrow A^+ \rightarrow 0$  is split. Since  $R$  is left  $I$ -coherent,  $B^+$  is  $I$ -flat by Theorem 5.4, so  $C^+$  is  $I$ -flat, and hence  $C$  is  $I$ -FP-injective by Remark 4.4. Thus, the class of  $I$ -FP-injective modules is closed under pure quotients. By [26, Theorem 2.5], every left  $R$ -module has an  $I$ -FP-injective cover.  $\square$

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called left semihereditary if every finitely generated left ideal of  $R$  is projective, a ring  $R$  is called left  $J$ -semihereditary [6] if every finitely generated left ideal in  $J$  is projective. We extend these concepts as follows.

**Definition 5.6.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then  $R$  is called left  $I$ -semihereditary if every finitely generated left ideal in  $I$  is projective.*

**Example 5.7.** *Recall that a ring  $R$  is called left PS [27] if every minimal left ideal of  $R$  is projective. It is easy to see that a ring  $R$  is left PS if and only if  $R$  is left  $Soc({}_R R)$ -semihereditary.*

Let  $R$  be a non-coherent commutative domain and  $G$  a free abelian group with  $rank G = \infty$ . Then the group ring  $RG$  is left  $J$ -semihereditary but not left semihereditary (see [6, p.152]). So, a left  $I$ -semihereditary ring need not be left semihereditary for a general ideal  $I$ .

**Theorem 5.8.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is a left  $I$ -semihereditary ring.
- (2) For every positive integer  $m$ , every finitely generated submodule  $A$  of the left  $R$ -module  $I^m$  is projective.
- (3) If  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow P \rightarrow V \rightarrow 0$  is exact, where  $V$  is  $I$ -finitely presented,  $P$  is finitely generated projective and  $K$  is finitely generated, then  $K$  is projective.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). We prove by induction on  $m$ . If  $m = 1$ , then  $A$  is a finitely generated left ideal in  $I$ , by hypothesis,  $A$  is projective. Assume that every finitely generated submodule of the left  $R$ -module  $I^{m-1}$  is projective. Then for any finitely generated submodule  $A$  of the left  $R$ -module  $I^m$ . Let  $B = A \cap (Re_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus Re_{m-1})$ . Then each  $a \in A$  has a unique expression  $a = b + re_m$ , where  $b \in Re_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus Re_{m-1}$ ,  $r \in R$ , where  $e_j \in R^m$  with 1 in the  $j$ th position and 0's in all other positions. If  $\varphi : A \rightarrow R$  is defined by  $a \mapsto r$ , then there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\varphi} L \rightarrow 0$ , where  $L = \text{Im}(\varphi)$  is a finitely generated left ideal in  $I$ . By hypothesis,  $L$  is projective, so  $A \cong B \oplus L$  and

then  $B$  is finitely generated. Since  $B$  is contained in  $I^{m-1}$ , the induction hypothesis gives  $B$ , hence  $A$ , is projective.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It is clear.

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3). By the dual of Schanuel's lemma [9, 50.2(1)]. □

**Corollary 5.9.** *If  $R$  is a left  $J$ -semihhereditary ring, then for every positive integer  $m$ , every finitely generated submodule of the left  $R$ -module  $J^m$  is projective.*

**Corollary 5.10.** *If  $R$  is a left semihhereditary ring, then every finitely generated submodule of a projective left  $R$ -module is projective.*

**Theorem 5.11.** *The following statements are equivalent for a ring  $R$ :*

- (1)  $R$  is a left  $I$ -semihhereditary ring.
- (2)  $R$  is left  $I$ -coherent and every submodule of an  $I$ -flat right  $R$ -module is  $I$ -flat.
- (3)  $R$  is left  $I$ -coherent and every right ideal is  $I$ -flat.
- (4)  $R$  is left  $I$ -coherent and every finitely generated right ideal is  $I$ -flat.
- (5) Every quotient module of an  $I$ -FP-injective left  $R$ -module is  $I$ -FP-injective.
- (6) Every quotient module of an injective left  $R$ -module is  $I$ -FP-injective.
- (7) Every left  $R$ -module has a monic  $I$ -FP-injective cover.
- (8) Every right  $R$ -module has an epic  $I$ -flat envelope.

*Proof.* (2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) $\Rightarrow$  (4), and (5) $\Rightarrow$ (6) are trivial.

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Let  $V = R^m/L$  be an  $I$ -finitely presented left  $R$ -module, where  $L$  is a finitely generated submodule of  $I^m$ . Then by Theorem 5.8,  $L$  is projective, and so finitely presented, it shows that  $V$  is 2-presented, and thus  $R$  is left  $I$ -coherent. Let  $A$  be a submodule of an  $I$ -flat right  $R$ -module  $B$ , and let  $m$  be any positive and  $T$  a finitely generated submodule of  ${}_R I^m$ . Then  $T$  is projective by Theorem 5.8 again, and hence  $T$  is flat. So the exactness of  $0 = \text{Tor}_2(B/A, R^m) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_2(B/A, R^m/T) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1(B/A, T) = 0$  implies that  $\text{Tor}_2(B/A, R^m/T) = 0$ . And thus from the exactness of the sequence  $0 = \text{Tor}_2(B/A, R^m/T) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1(A, R^m/T) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1(B, R^m/T) = 0$  we have  $\text{Tor}_1(A, R^m/T) = 0$ , it follows that  $A$  is  $I$ -flat.

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let  $T$  be a finitely generated left ideal in  $I$ . Then for any finitely generated right ideal  $K$  of  $R$ , the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow R \rightarrow R/K \rightarrow 0$  implies the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \text{Tor}_2(R/K, R/T) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1(K, R/T) = 0$  since  $K$  is  $I$ -flat. So  $\text{Tor}_2(R/K, R/T) = 0$ , and hence we obtain an exact sequence  $0 = \text{Tor}_2(R/K, R/T) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1(R/K, T) \rightarrow 0$ . Thus,  $\text{Tor}_1(R/K, T) = 0$ . Note that  $T$  is finitely presented for  $R$  is left  $I$ -coherent, so  $T$  is a finitely presented flat left  $R$ -module. Therefore,  $T$  is projective.

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (5). Let  $M$  be an  $I$ -FP-injective left  $R$ -module and  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Then for any positive integer  $m$  and finitely generated submodule  $T$  of  ${}_R I^m$ , since  $T$  is projective, the exact sequence  $0 = \text{Ext}^1(T, N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^2(R^m/T, N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^2(R^m, N) = 0$  implies that  $\text{Ext}^2(R^m/T, N) = 0$ . Thus the exact sequence  $0 = \text{Ext}^1(R^m/T, M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(R^m/T, M/N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^2(R^m/T, N) = 0$  implies that  $\text{Ext}^1(R^m/T, M/N) = 0$ . Consequently,  $M/N$  is  $I$ -FP-injective.

(6) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let  $T$  be a finitely generated left ideal in  $I$ . Then for any left  $R$ -module  $M$ , by (6),  $E(M)/M$  is  $I$ -FP-injective, and so  $\text{Ext}^1(R/T, E(M)/M) = 0$ . Thus, the exactness of the sequence  $0 = \text{Ext}^1(R/T, E(M)/M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^2(R/T, M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^2(R/T, E(M)) = 0$  implies that  $\text{Ext}^2(R/T, M) = 0$ . And so, the exactness of the sequence  $0 = \text{Ext}^1(R, M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(T, M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^2(R/T, M) = 0$  implies that  $\text{Ext}^1(T, M) = 0$ , this follows that  $T$  is projective, as required.

(2), (5) $\Rightarrow$ (7). Since  $R$  is left  $I$ -coherent by (2), for any left  $R$ -module  $M$ , there is an  $I$ -FP-injective cover  $f : E \rightarrow M$  by Corollary 5.4. Note that  $\text{Im}(f)$  is  $I$ - $n$ -injective by (5), and  $f : E \rightarrow M$  is an  $I$ -FP-injective precover, so for the inclusion map  $i : \text{Im}(f) \rightarrow M$ , there is a homomorphism  $g : \text{Im}(f) \rightarrow E$  such that  $i = fg$ . Hence  $f = f(gf)$ . Observing that  $f : E \rightarrow M$  is an  $I$ -FP-injective cover and



$gf$  is an endomorphism of  $E$ , so  $gf$  is an automorphisms of  $E$ , and thus  $f : E \rightarrow M$  is a monic  $I$ -FP-injective cover.

(7) $\Rightarrow$ (5). Let  $M$  be an  $I$ -FP-injective left  $R$ -module and  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . By (7),  $M/N$  has a monic  $I$ -FP-injective cover  $f : E \rightarrow M/N$ . Let  $\pi : M \rightarrow M/N$  be the natural epimorphism. Then there exists a homomorphism  $g : M \rightarrow E$  such that  $\pi = fg$ . Thus  $f$  is an isomorphism, and so  $M/N \cong E$  is  $I$ -FP-injective.

(2) $\Leftrightarrow$ (8). By Theorem 5.4 and [23, Theorem 2]. □

**Corollary 5.12.** *The following statements are equivalent for a ring  $R$ :*

- (1)  $R$  is a left semihereditary ring.
- (2)  $R$  is left coherent and every submodule of a flat right  $R$ -module is flat.
- (3)  $R$  is left coherent and every right ideal is flat.
- (4)  $R$  is left coherent and every finitely generated right ideal is flat.
- (5) Every quotient module of an FP-injective left  $R$ -module is FP-injective.
- (6) Every quotient module of an injective left  $R$ -module is FP-injective.
- (7) Every left  $R$ -module has a monic FP-injective cover.
- (8) Every right  $R$ -module has an epic flat envelope. □

**Corollary 5.13.** *The following statements are equivalent for a ring  $R$ :*

- (1)  $R$  is a left  $J$ -semihereditary ring.
- (2)  $R$  is left  $J$ -coherent and every submodules of a  $J$ -flat right  $R$ -modules is flat.
- (3)  $R$  is left  $J$ -coherent and every right ideal is  $J$ -flat.
- (4)  $R$  is left  $J$ -coherent and every finitely generated right ideal is  $J$ -flat.
- (5) Every quotient module of an  $J$ -FP-injective left  $R$ -module is  $J$ -FP-injective.
- (6) Every quotient module of an injective left  $R$ -module is  $J$ -FP-injective.
- (7) Every left  $R$ -module has a monic  $J$ -FP-injective cover.
- (8) Every right  $R$ -module has an epic  $J$ -flat envelope. □

## 6 Conclusion

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  an ideal of  $R$ . In this paper, we define and study  $I$ -pure submodules,  $I$ -FP-injective modules,  $I$ -flat modules,  $I$ -coherent rings and  $I$ -semihereditary rings, a series of interesting results are obtained, some results generalize the well-known results on pure submodules, FP-injective modules, flat modules, coherent rings and semihereditary rings, respectively.

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