

## Radical functors in the category of modules over different rings

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**ABSTRACT.** The category  $\mathcal{G}$  of all left modules over all rings is studied. Necessary and sufficient conditions for a preradical functor on  $\mathcal{G}$  to be radical are given. Radical functors on essential subcategories of  $\mathcal{G}$  are investigated.

All categories in our paper are concrete. Recall that a category is called concrete if all objects are (structured) sets, morphisms from  $A$  to  $B$  are (structure preserving) mappings from  $A$  to  $B$ , composition of morphisms is the composition of mappings, and the identities are the identity mappings [1].

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an arbitrary concrete category. (Though all these things we can do in an arbitrary category.)

**Definition.** A preradical functor (or simply a preradical) on  $\mathcal{C}$  is a subfunctor of the identity functor on  $\mathcal{C}$ . In other words, a preradical functor  $T$  assigns to each object  $A$  a subobject  $T(A)$  in such a way that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & B \\ i_1 \uparrow & & \uparrow i_2 \\ T(A) & \longrightarrow & T(B) \end{array}$$

is commutative.

**Definition.** A preradical functor  $T$  is called idempotent if

$$T(T(A)) = T(A) \text{ for every } A \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}).$$

**Remark 1.** We will consider only idempotent preradical functors.

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**Definition.** Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be functors from the category  $\mathcal{A}$  to the category  $\mathcal{B}$ . The functor  $T_1$  is called a subfunctor of the functor  $T_2$  (denote  $T_1 \leq T_2$ ) if  $T_1(A)$  is a subobject of  $T_2(A)$  (denote  $T_1(A) \subseteq T_2(A)$ ) for every  $A \in Ob(\mathcal{A})$  and the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T_1(A_1) & \xrightarrow{T_1(\varphi)} & T_1(A_2) \\ i_1 \downarrow & & i_2 \downarrow \\ T_2(A_1) & \xrightarrow{T_2(\varphi)} & T_2(A_2) \end{array}$$

is commutative for every morphism  $\varphi: A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ ,  $A_1, A_2 \in Ob(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Definition.** The functor  $T_1$  is called a normal subfunctor of the functor  $T_2$  if  $T_1(A)$  is a normal subobject of  $T_2(A)$  for every  $A \in Ob(\mathcal{A})$ .

Recall that  $A'$  is called a normal subobject of  $A$  (or an ideal) if  $A' \rightarrow A$  is a kernel of some morphism [2, 3].

As a rule we will consider the cases, when the categories  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  coincide.

**Definition.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a category,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be functors on  $\mathcal{A}$ , such that  $T_1$  is a normal subfunctor of  $T_2$ . A factor-functor  $T_2/T_1$  is a functor such that  $(T_2/T_1)(A) = T_2(A)/T_1(A) \forall A \in Ob(\mathcal{A})$  and the next diagram is commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T_1(A_1) & \xrightarrow{T_1(\varphi)} & T_1(A_2) \\ i_1 \downarrow & & i_2 \downarrow \\ T_2(A_1) & \xrightarrow{T_2(\varphi)} & T_2(A_2) \\ \pi_1 \downarrow & & \pi_2 \downarrow \\ T_2(A_1)/T_1(A_1) & \longrightarrow & T_2(A_2)/T_1(A_2), \end{array}$$

where  $i_1, i_2$  are normal monomorphisms,  $\pi_1, \pi_2$  are canonical epimorphisms.

**Definition.** A preradical functor  $T$  on the category  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a radical functor if  $T(I/T) = 0$ , where  $I$  is an identity functor.

Consider a category  $\mathcal{G}$ , such that its objects are  $R$ -modules and its morphisms are some semilinear transformations.

Throughout the whole text, all rings are considered to be associative with unit  $1 \neq 0$  and all modules are left unitary [5, 6]. Let  $R$  be a ring. The category of left  $R$ -modules will be denoted by  $R\text{-Mod}$ , radical functor in the category  $R\text{-Mod}$  will be denoted by  $r_R$ .

All necessary definitions and theorems of Torsion theory and Category theory can be found in [2, 4, 7, 8].

A pair of mappings  $(\varphi, \psi): (R_1, M_1) \rightarrow (R_2, M_2)$ , where  $\varphi: R_1 \rightarrow R_2$  is either zero or a surjective ring homomorphism, and  $\psi: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  is a homomorphism of abelian groups, is called a *semilinear transformation* if  $\forall r \in R_1, \forall m \in M_1$

$$\psi(r_1 m_1) = \varphi(r_1) \psi(m_1).$$

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a category of all left modules over all rings. Or, more precisely, the objects of the category  $\mathcal{G}$  are the pairs  $(R, M) =_R M$ , where  $R$  is a ring,  $M$  is a left module; the set of morphisms  $H(R_1 M_1, R_2 M_2)$  is defined as a quotient set of a collection of all semilinear transformations  $(\varphi, \psi): (R_1, M_1) \rightarrow (R_2, M_2)$  by the equivalence relation  $\sim$ , such that  $(\varphi, \psi) \sim (\varphi', \psi')$ , if  $\psi = \psi'$ , and product of morphisms is defined naturally. The class, determined by the semilinear transformation  $(\varphi, \psi)$  will be denoted by  $(\widetilde{\varphi}, \widetilde{\psi})$ , or, more frequently,  $(\varphi, \psi)$ . It is easy to verify that  $\mathcal{G}$  is a category. All categories, we consider in the paper, will be subcategories of  $\mathcal{G}$ . From the definition of equality of morphisms in the category  $\mathcal{G}$  it follows

**Remark 2.** A class  $(\widetilde{\varphi}, \widetilde{\psi})$  is a monomorphism (resp., an epimorphism) in the category  $\mathcal{G}$  if  $\psi$  is a monomorphism (resp., an epimorphism) in the category of abelian groups.

**Lemma 1.** *If  $(0, \psi)$  is a semilinear transformation, then  $\psi = 0$ .*

*Proof.* By the definition of a semilinear transformation,

$$\psi(m) = \psi(1m) = \varphi(1)\psi(m) = 0 \quad \forall m \in M.$$

□

The objects  $(R, 0)$  and the morphisms  $(\widetilde{0}, \widetilde{0})$  are zero objects and zero morphisms in the category  $\mathcal{G}$ , respectively.

State some properties of the category  $\mathcal{G}$ .

**Proposition 1.** *For arbitrary many of objects  $(R_i, M_i)$  of the category  $\mathcal{G}$ , where  $i \in I$ , there exists the direct product belonging to  $\mathcal{G}$ .*

*Proof.* In fact consider a pair  $(R, M)$ , where  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$  is a direct product of rings  $R_i$  and  $M = \prod_{i \in I} M_i$  is a direct product of abelian groups  $M_i$ .

Every abelian group  $M$  can be turned into a left  $R$ -module putting  $rm = = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_i, \dots)(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_i, \dots) = (r_1 m_1, r_2 m_2, \dots, r_i m_i, \dots)$ , where  $r_i \in R_i$  and  $m_i \in M_i$ .

Consider the following morphisms:

$$(s_i, \pi_i): \left( \prod_{i \in I} R_i, \prod_{i \in I} M_i \right) \rightarrow (R_i, M_i),$$

where  $s_i$  is a projection of  $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$  onto  $R_i$  and  $\pi_i$  is a projection of  $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$  onto  $M_i$ . It is easy to see that pairs of homomorphisms  $(s_i, \pi_i)$  belong to the category  $\mathcal{G}$ . Since  $R$  is a direct product of rings  $R_i$  and  $M$  is a direct product of abelian groups we can verify that the object  $(R, M)$  and the morphisms  $(s_i, \pi_i)$  define a direct product of the objects  $(R_i, M_i)$  in the category  $\mathcal{G}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.** *Every morphism of  $\mathcal{G}$  has the kernel.*

*Proof.* In fact, let  $(\varphi, \psi) \in H(R_1 M_1, R_2 M_2)$  be a morphism of the category  $\mathcal{G}$ . Consider the pair  $(R_1, Ker\psi)$ , where  $Ker\psi$  is the kernel of a homomorphism  $\psi$  in the category of abelian groups. Since  $M_1$  is an  $R_1$ -module,  $Ker\psi$  is an  $R_1$ -submodule. Prove that the object  $(R_1, Ker\psi)$  with a monomorphism  $(1_{R_1}, i): (R_1, Ker\psi) \rightarrow (R_1, M_1)$ , where  $i$  is a canonical injection, is the kernel of the morphism  $(\varphi, \psi)$ . As a matter of fact  $(\varphi, \psi)(1_{R_1}, i) = (\varphi, 0) \sim (0, 0)$ . Now let a morphism  $(\varphi', \psi'): (R_3, M_3) \rightarrow (R_1, M_1)$  be such that  $(\varphi, \psi)(\varphi', \psi') = (\varphi\varphi', 0) \sim (0, 0)$ . Since  $\psi\psi' = 0$  it follows that there exists a homomorphism of abelian groups  $\psi_3: M_3 \rightarrow Ker\psi$  satisfying the condition  $\psi' = i\psi_3$ . Thus, there exists a pair of homomorphisms  $(\varphi', \psi_3): (R_3, M_3) \rightarrow (R_1, Ker\psi)$  satisfying the condition  $(\varphi', \psi') = (1_{R_1}, i)(\varphi', \psi_3)$ . Verify that  $(\varphi', \psi_3)$  is a semilinear transformation. Let  $r_3 \in R_3$  and  $m_3 \in M_3$ . Since  $(\varphi', \psi')$  is a semilinear transformations,  $\psi'(r_3 m_3) = \varphi'(r_3)\psi'(m_3)$ . Hence  $\psi'(r_3 m_3) = i\psi_3(r_3 m_3) = \varphi'(r_3)\psi'(m_3) = \varphi'(r_3)i\psi_3(m_3) = i\varphi'(r_3)\psi_3(m_3)$ , i. e.  $i\psi_3(r_3 m_3) = i(\varphi'(r_3)\psi_3(m_3))$ . Since  $i$  is a monomorphism in the category of abelian groups it follows that  $\psi_3(r_3 m_3) = \varphi'(r_3)\psi_3(m_3)$ . By the construction of kernel, we see that the ideals of the object  $(R, M)$  are of the form  $(R, N)$ , where  $N$  is a submodule of the module  $M$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.** *Every morphism of  $\mathcal{G}$  has the cokernel.*

*Proof.* Let  $(\varphi, \psi): (R_1, M_1) \rightarrow (R_2, M_2)$  be a morphism in  $\mathcal{G}$ . Since  $\varphi$  is either zero or a surjective homomorphism it follows by lemma 1 that the group  $\psi(M_1)$  is a submodule of an  $R_2$ -module  $M_2$ . Using the scheme dual to the scheme of proving proposition 2 it is easy to see that a quotient object  $(R_2, M_2/\psi(M_1))$  of the object  $(R_2, M_2)$  with an epimorphism  $(1_{R_2}, \pi): (R_2, M_2) \rightarrow (R_2, M_2/\psi(M_1))$ , where  $\pi$  is a canonical epimorphism of  $R_2$ -modules, is a cokernel of the morphism  $(\varphi, \psi)$  in the category  $\mathcal{G}$ .  $\square$

The construction of the kernel and the cokernel in  $\mathcal{G}$  implies

**Remark 3.** If a subcategory of  $\mathcal{G}$  contains each object  $(R, M)$  together with the category  $R\text{-Mod}$ , then it also has properties as in proposition 2 and proposition 3.

**Proposition 4.** *Every morphism of  $\mathcal{G}$  has the normal image.*

*Proof.* In fact, let  $(\varphi, \psi): (R_1, M_1) \rightarrow (R_2, M_2)$  be a semilinear transformation. In the proof of proposition 3 we recalled that  $\psi(M_1)$  is an  $R_2$ -module. This  $R_2$ -module can be turned into  $R_1$ -module.

Consider morphisms  $(1_{R_1}, \psi'): (R_1, M_1) \rightarrow (R_1, \psi(M_1))$  and  $(\varphi, i): (R_1, \psi(M_1)) \rightarrow (R_2, M_2)$ , where  $i$  is a canonical injection of abelian groups, and  $\psi'(m_1) = \psi(m_1)$  for all  $m_1 \in M_1$ . It is easy to verify that these transformations are semilinear. By remark 2, morphisms  $(1_{R_1}, \psi')$  and  $(\varphi, i)$  are epimorphism and monomorphism in the category  $\mathcal{G}$ , respectively.

Since  $(\varphi, \psi) = (\varphi, i)(1_{R_1}, \psi')$  it remains to show that  $(1_{R_1}, \psi')$  is a normal epimorphism in the category  $\mathcal{G}$ . By the construction of kernel we see that the semilinear transformation  $(1_{R_1}, \psi')$  is the cokernel of the semilinear transformation  $(1_{R_1}, j): (R_1, Ker\psi) \rightarrow (R_1, M_1)$ , where  $j$  is a canonical injection from  $Ker\psi$  to  $M_1$ .

Since every cokernel is a normal epimorphism [2] proposition 4 is proved.  $\square$

By the construction of a normal image and by the fact that a normal image is determined up to equivalence implies

**Remark 4.** Every normal epimorphism up to equivalence has the form  $(1_R, \psi)$ , where  $\psi$  is any epimorphism of abelian groups.

Let  $T$  be an idempotent preradical functor on the category  $\mathcal{G}$ . Consider the class

$$\mathcal{T}(T) = \{(R, M) \mid T(R, M) = (R, M)\}, \text{ where } (R, M) \in Ob(\mathcal{G}).$$

**Proposition 5.** *The class  $\mathcal{T}$  is closed under epimorphic images.*

**Remark 5.** Epimorphisms in the category  $\mathcal{G}$  are morphisms  $(\varphi, \psi): (R_1, M_1) \rightarrow (R_2, M_2)$ , such that  $\varphi: R_1 \rightarrow R_2$  is a surjective ring homomorphism, and  $\psi: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  is an epimorphism of modules (i. e. a surjective homomorphism).

*Proof of the proposition 5.* Let  $(R_1, M_1) \in \mathcal{T}(T)$ ,  $(\varphi, \psi): (R_1, M_1) \rightarrow (R_2, M_2)$  be an epimorphism. By the definition of the preradical functor the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (R_1, M_1) & \xrightarrow{(\varphi, \psi)} & (R_2, M_2) \\ i_1 \uparrow & & i_2 \uparrow \\ (R_1, M_1) & \longrightarrow & T(R_2, M_2), \end{array}$$

where  $i_1, i_2$  are monomorphisms, is commutative. Since  $(\varphi, \psi)$  is an epimorphism of the category  $\mathcal{G}$  we obtain  $T(R_2, M_2) = (R_2, M_2)$ . So  $(R_2, M_2) \in \mathcal{T}(T)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 6.** *The class  $\mathcal{T}$  possesses the following property:*

*if  $(R, M_1) \in \mathcal{T}(T)$  and  $(R, M_2) \in \mathcal{T}(T)$  then  $(R, M_1 \oplus M_2) \in \mathcal{T}(T)$ .*

*Proof.* Verify that the pair  $(R, M_1 \oplus M_2)$  is a direct sum of  $(R, M_1)$  and  $(R, M_2)$ . If we fix the ring then we obtain a subcategory of the category  $\mathcal{G}$ , which coincides with the category of modules. But in the category of modules class  $\mathcal{T}$  is closed under direct sums [4].  $\square$

**Remark 6.** In the category  $\mathcal{G}$  there exist two objects, for which the direct sum does not exist, because the direct sum  $(R_1 \oplus R_2, M_1 \oplus M_2)$  must be the greatest object, which contains  $(R_1, M_1)$  and  $(R_2, M_2)$  as subobjects. But if  $R_1 \neq R_2$ , then such object does not exist, because a morphism  $R_i \rightarrow R_j$  must be a surjective ring homomorphism or a zero homomorphism.

**Proposition 7.** *Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a class of objects of the category  $\mathcal{G}$ , which is closed under epimorphic images and under direct sums (if they exist).*

*Put*

$$T(R, M) = \sum \{(R, M_i) | (R, M_i) \subseteq (R, M), (R, M_i) \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{S})\}.$$

*Then  $T$  is an idempotent preradical.*

*Proof.* Let  $T$  be a radical functor on  $\mathcal{G}$ . The restriction of the functor  $T$  on the category  $R\text{-Mod}$  is denoted by  $T_R$ . So we can write  $T(R, M)$  is equal to  $(R, T_R(M)) \forall (R, M) \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{G})$  or simply to  $T_R(M)$ . In every category  $R\text{-Mod}$   $T(R, M) = (R, T_R(M))$  is an idempotent preradical functor. So it remains to show that for every  $(\varphi, \psi): (R_1, M_1) \rightarrow (R_2, M_2)$  the next diagram is commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (R_1, M_1) & \xrightarrow{(\varphi, \psi)} & (R_2, M_2) \\ i_1 \uparrow & & i_2 \uparrow \\ T(R_1, M_1) & \xrightarrow{T(\varphi, \psi)} & T(R_2, M_2), \end{array}$$

where  $i_1, i_2$  are monomorphisms.

$T(R, M) \in Ob(\mathcal{S})$ , so  $(R_2, \psi(T_{R_1}(M_1))) \in Ob(\mathcal{S})$  and  $\psi(T_{R_1}(M_1)) \subseteq T_{R_2}(M_2)$ . Hence our diagram is commutative.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.** *A preradical functor on the category  $\mathcal{G}$  is a radical functor if and only if its restriction on every category  $R\text{-Mod}$  is a radical.*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) It is evidently.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $T$  be an idempotent preradical functor on  $\mathcal{G}$ , and its restriction  $T_R$  on every category  $R\text{-Mod}$  be a radical, i. e.  $T_R(M/T_R(M)) = 0 \forall M \in R\text{-Mod}$ . We must prove that  $T(I/T) = 0$ , where  $I$  is an identity functor. For this  $T(R, M)$  must be a normal subobject of  $(R, M)$ , that is  $T(R, M) = (R, T_R(M))$ . But on the category  $R\text{-Mod}$   $T_R$  is a radical.  $\square$

**Definition.** The surjective ring homomorphism  $\varphi: R_1 \rightarrow R_2$  is called essential in subcategory  $\mathcal{K}$  of the category  $\mathcal{G}$  if every morphism  $(\varphi, \psi)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{K}$ .

**Definition.** A subcategory  $\mathcal{K}$  of the category  $\mathcal{G}$  is called essential if it has such properties:

- 1) if  $(R, M)$  is an object of  $\mathcal{K}$ , then  $R\text{-Mod} \subseteq \mathcal{K}$ ;
- 2) if  $(\widetilde{\varphi_0}, \widetilde{\psi_0})$  is a morphism of  $\mathcal{K}$ , then  $(\widetilde{\varphi_0}, \widetilde{\psi_0}) = (\widetilde{\varphi_1}, \widetilde{\psi_1})$ , where  $\varphi_1$  is a surjective homomorphism essential in the category  $\mathcal{K}$ ;
- 3) if objects  $(R_1, M_1), (R_2, M_2) \in Ob(\mathcal{K})$ , then zero morphism  $(\widetilde{0}, \widetilde{0}): (R_1, M_1) \rightarrow (R_2, M_2)$  belongs to the category  $\mathcal{K}$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be an essential subcategory of  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $r_R$  be radicals on the categories  $R\text{-Mod} \subseteq \mathcal{K}$ . Radicals  $r_R$  generate a radical functor on  $\mathcal{K}$  if and only if for every morphism  $(\varphi, \psi): (R_1, M_1) \rightarrow (R_2, M_2)$  of the category  $\mathcal{K}$   $\psi(r_{R_1}(M_1)) \subseteq r_{R_2}(M_2)$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let radicals  $r_R$  generate a radical functor  $T$ . So for every  $(\varphi, \psi): (R_1, M_1) \rightarrow (R_2, M_2)$  the next diagram is commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (R_1, M_1) & \xrightarrow{(\varphi, \psi)} & (R_2, M_2) \\ i_1 \uparrow & & i_2 \uparrow \\ T(R_1, M_1) & \xrightarrow{T(\varphi, \psi)} & T(R_2, M_2), \end{array}$$

where  $i_1, i_2$  are monomorphisms. But  $T(R_1, M_1) = (R_1, r_{R_1}(M_1))$ ,  $T(R_2, M_2) = (R_2, r_{R_2}(M_2))$ , so  $\psi(r_{R_1}(M_1)) \subseteq r_{R_2}(M_2)$

( $\Leftrightarrow$ ) 1. We want to show that for every  $(\varphi, \psi): (R_1, M_1) \rightarrow (R_2, M_2)$  the next diagram is commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (R_1, M_1) & \xrightarrow{(\varphi, \psi)} & (R_2, M_2) \\ i_1 \uparrow & & i_2 \uparrow \\ T(R_1, M_1) & \xrightarrow{T(\varphi, \psi)} & T(R_2, M_2), \end{array}$$

where  $i_1, i_2$  are monomorphisms. Since  $T(R_1, M_1) = (R_1, r_{R_1}(M_1))$ ,  $T(R_2, M_2) = (R_2, r_{R_2}(M_2))$  and  $\psi(r_{R_1}(M_1)) \subseteq r_{R_2}(M_2)$  it follows the commutativity of the diagram. So  $T$  is a preradical functor.

2. It is easy to see that  $T$  is an idempotent, because every  $r_R$  is an idempotent.

3.  $T(I/T) = 0$  by the theorem 1. □

Let  $I$  be an arbitrary left ideal of the ring  $R$ . Define a class  $\mathcal{R}_I$  of left  $R$ -modules in such a way that:  $N \in Ob(\mathcal{R}_I) \Leftrightarrow IN = N$ , where  $IN$  consists of all sums of the form  $\sum_{j=1}^k i_j n_j$ , where  $i_j \in I, n_j \in N$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Show that  $\mathcal{R}_I$  is a radical class [4, 7].

It is necessary to show that  $\mathcal{R}_I$  is closed under 1) epimorphic images, 2) direct sums and 3) extensions.

1). Let  $f: N \rightarrow M$  be an epimorphism of  $R$ -modules and  $N \in Ob(\mathcal{R}_I)$  and  $m$  be any element of  $M$ . There exists  $n \in N$  such that  $m = f(n)$ . Since  $N \in Ob(\mathcal{R}_I)$ ,  $n = \sum_{j=1}^k i_j n_j$ , where  $i_j \in I, n_j \in N$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Therefore  $m = f(n) = f(\sum_{j=1}^k i_j n_j) = \sum_{j=1}^k i_j f(n_j)$ . Hence  $m \in IM$ , i. e.  $M = IM$ .

2). It is clear.

3). We have short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow N \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} M \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} M/N \longrightarrow 0$$

and  $IN = N$ ,  $I(M/N) = M/N$ . We shall show that  $IM = M$ . Let  $m \in M$ , so  $\varphi_2(m) = m_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j k_j$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m_1, k_j \in M/N$ ,  $\varphi_2(m_j) = k_j$ . Consider such expression:  $m - \sum_{j=1}^n a_j m_j$ ,  $m_j \in M$ . Then  $\varphi_2(m - \sum_{j=1}^n a_j m_j) = \varphi_2(m) - \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \varphi_2(m_j) = 0$ . So  $(m - \sum_{j=1}^n a_j m_j) \in Ker \varphi_2$  implies  $(m - \sum_{j=1}^n a_j m_j) \in N$ , it follows  $m - \sum_{j=1}^n a_j m_j = \sum b_j n_j$ . So  $m \in IM$ , i. e.  $M = IM$ .

A radical functor, defined by the radical class  $\mathcal{R}_I$  is called an  $I$ -radical functor (or simply an  $I$ -radical).

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an arbitrary essential subcategory of the category  $\mathcal{G}$ , such that  $R\text{-Mod} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  and  $I(R)$  be a left ideal of the ring  $R$ . Then in every category  $R\text{-Mod} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  we can define  $I(R)$ -radical  $r_R$ .

**Theorem 3.** *If  $\varphi(I(R_1)) \subseteq I(R_2)$  for every surjective ring homomorphism  $\varphi: R_1 \rightarrow R_2$ , which is essential in essential subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $I(R)$ -radicals generate a radical functor  $T$  on the category  $\mathcal{C}$ .*

*Proof.* Define a functor  $T$  in such a way:  $T(R, M) = (R, r_R(M))$  and  $T(\varphi, \psi) = (\varphi, \psi_{r_R(M)})$  for every  $(R, M)$  and  $(\varphi, \psi)$  belonging to the category  $\mathcal{C}$ , where  $\psi_{r_R(M)}$  is a restriction of the homomorphism  $\psi$  on the module  $r_R(M)$ . It remains to show that inclusions  $\psi(r_{R_1}(M_1)) \subseteq r_{R_2}(M_2)$  hold true for every morphism  $(\varphi, \psi): (R_1, M_1) \rightarrow (R_2, M_2)$  of the category  $\mathcal{C}$ . The surjective homomorphism  $\varphi$  can be considered as essential in  $\mathcal{C}$ , because the category  $\mathcal{C}$  is essential. Since  $\varphi(I(R_1)) \subseteq I(R_2)$ , it follows by the definition of an  $I(R_2)$ -radical in  $R_2$ -Mod,  $\psi(r_{R_1}(M_1)) = \psi(I(R_1)r_{R_1}(M_1)) = \varphi(I(R_1))\psi(r_{R_1}(M_1))$ .  $\square$

Let  $I(R)$  be a left ideal of the ring  $R$ ,  $r_{I(R)}$  is an  $I(R)$ -radical in  $R$ -Mod.

**Definition.** A left ideal  $J(R)$  is called a maximal left ideal for the  $I(R)$ -radical  $r_{I(R)}$  if  $r_{I(R)} = r_{J(R)}$  implies  $I(R) \subseteq J(R)$ .

**Proposition 8.** *If  $I(R)$  is a maximal left ideal for the radical  $r_{I(R)}$ , then  $\psi(r_{I(R_1)}(M_1)) \subseteq r_{I(R_2)}(M_2)$  for every morphism  $(\varphi, \psi): (R_1, M_1) \rightarrow (R_2, M_2)$  of the category  $\mathcal{G}$  if and only if  $\varphi(I(R_1)) \subseteq I(R_2)$ .*

*Proof.*  $(\Rightarrow)\psi(r_{R_1}(M_1)) = \varphi(I(R_1))\psi(r_{R_1}(M_1))$  (see the proof of the theorem 3).  $r_{I(R_2)}(M_2) = I(R_2)r_{I(R_2)}(M_2)$  implies  $\psi(r_{R_1}(M_1)) = I(R_2) \times \psi(r_{R_1}(M_1))$ . Since  $\varphi$  is a surjective ring homomorphism,  $R_2$ -Mod  $\subseteq R_1$ -Mod and since  $I(R_2)$  is a maximal, it follows  $\varphi(I(R_1)) \subseteq I(R_2)$

$(\Leftarrow)$  See the proof of the theorem 3.  $\square$

Now let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a subcategory of  $\mathcal{G}$ , where  $R$  is a noetherian ring.

For a noetherian ring we can chose a maximal ideal for an  $I$ -radical functor, so we have

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $R$  be a noetherian ring and  $I(R)$  be a left ideal of  $R$ , which is maximal for the radical  $r_{I(R)}$ . Radicals  $r_{I(R)}$  in  $R$ -Mod generate  $I(R)$ -radical functor on the category  $\mathcal{L}$  if and only if  $\varphi(I(R_1)) \subseteq I(R_2)$  for every morphism  $(\varphi, \psi): (R_1, M_1) \rightarrow (R_2, M_2)$  of the category  $\mathcal{L}$ .*

*Proof.*  $(\Rightarrow)$  Apply Theorem 2 and Proposition 8.

$(\Leftarrow)$  See Theorem 3.  $\square$

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