

(m, n) -purity for modules

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Abstract

We consider (m, n) -purity for modules and show that the main properties of purity may be refined for (m, n) -purity. We give connections with (m, n) -injectivity and (n, m) -flatness of modules.

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1 Introduction

Purity in module categories and its generalizations is a topic present in the literature since the 1960s, with early work by P.M. Cohn [2], B. Maddox [7], A.P. Mishina and L.A. Skornjakov [8], B. Stenström [10] and R.B. Warfield Jr. [12], to mention just few of them. Its importance became clear in the years to come, not only in module theory, but also in related fields such as model theory [9] or the theory of locally finitely presented categories [3].

In this note we consider a generalization of the purity in the sense of P.M. Cohn [2] for a short exact sequence of modules by asking for its exactness when tensored by any (n, m) -presented module. We give some basic properties and see that (m, n) -purity coincides with \mathcal{P} -purity in the sense of R. Wisbauer [13, p.274], where \mathcal{P} is the class consisting of all (m, n) -presented modules. We characterize (m, n) -injectivity and (n, m) -flatness, introduced and studied in [1] and [14], in terms of (m, n) -purity.

Throughout m and n are non-zero natural numbers, R is an associative ring with non-zero identity and $R\text{-Mod}$ is the category of left R -modules. By a homomorphism we mean an R -homomorphism. The injective hull of a left R -module A is denoted by $E(A)$. A right R -module M is called (n, m) -presented if there exists an exact sequence $R^m \rightarrow R^n \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ of right R -modules, or equivalently, there exists an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow R^n \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ of right R -modules

with K m -generated. Clearly, every (n, m) -presented right R -module is finitely presented.

2 (m, n) -purity

Definition 2.1. An exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0 \quad (1)$$

of left R -modules is called (m, n) -pure if the functor $M \otimes_R -$ is left exact with respect to (1) for every (n, m) -presented right R -module M .

That is, (1) induces an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \otimes_R A \rightarrow M \otimes_R B \rightarrow M \otimes_R C \rightarrow 0$$

for every (n, m) -presented right R -module M .

In this case, f is called an (m, n) -pure monomorphism, g an (m, n) -pure epimorphism and $\text{Im} f$ an (m, n) -pure submodule of B .

Remarks. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be a monomorphism.

(a) f is pure if and only if f is (m, n) -pure for every $m, n \geq 1$.

(b) f is RD -pure if and only if f is $(1, 1)$ -pure.

(c) A monomorphism which is $(m, 1)$ -pure for every $m \geq 1$ was called c -pure in [4], whereas a monomorphism which is $(1, n)$ -pure for every $n \geq 1$ was called F/U -pure in [5].

(d) Let $m' \geq m, n' \geq n$. If f is (m', n) -pure, then it is (m, n) -pure. Also, if f is (m, n') -pure, then it is (m, n) -pure. In particular, (m, n) -purity implies RD -purity.

(e) (m, n) -purity and purity are the same over Prüfer domains. This follows by the above remarks and by the fact that RD -purity and purity are the same over Prüfer domains [12].

For a left R -module M , denote by M^* its character module, that is, $M^* = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M, \mathbb{Q})$, where $\mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$. Then the exact sequence (1) induces the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow C^* \rightarrow B^* \rightarrow A^* \rightarrow 0$ of right R -modules.

The main characterizations of (m, n) -purity are given in the following theorem. The proof is adapted after [11, Chapter I, Proposition 11.2] and [13, 34.5].

Theorem 2.2. Consider the exact sequence (1). The following are equivalent:

(i) The sequence (1) is (m, n) -pure.

(ii) The sequence $0 \rightarrow C^* \rightarrow B^* \rightarrow A^* \rightarrow 0$ is (n, m) -pure.

(iii) The functor $\text{Hom}_R(M, -)$ is exact with respect to (1) for every (m, n) -presented left R -module M .

(iv) For every commutative diagram of left R -modules

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R^n & \xrightarrow{q} & R^m \\ p \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow B \end{array}$$

there exists a homomorphism $h : R^m \rightarrow A$ such that $p = hq$.

(v) Every system

$$\sum_{j=1}^m r_{ij}x_j = a_i$$

with $r_{ij} \in R$, $a_i \in A$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, $j = 1, \dots, m$, with n equations and m unknowns which is solvable in B is already solvable in A .

Proof: (v) \implies (i) Let M be an (n, m) -presented left R -module, so that there is an exact sequence $R^m \xrightarrow{\alpha} R^n \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$. We get the following commutative diagram with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} R^m \otimes_R A & \xrightarrow{\alpha \otimes 1_A} & R^n \otimes_R A & \longrightarrow & M \otimes_R A & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ u \downarrow & & v \downarrow & & \downarrow w & & \\ R^m \otimes_R B & \xrightarrow{\alpha \otimes 1_B} & R^n \otimes_R B & \longrightarrow & M \otimes_R B & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

where u, v are monomorphisms.

By [11, Chapter I, Lemma 11.3], w is a monomorphism if and only if

$$\text{Im}(\alpha \otimes 1_B) \cap \text{Im} v = \text{Im}(v(\alpha \otimes 1_A)).$$

We prove this last equality. The homomorphism α is given by an $n \times m$ -matrix (r_{ij}) with entries in R . Then $z \in \text{Im}(\alpha \otimes 1_B) \cap \text{Im} v$ if and only if $z = \sum_{j=1}^m (r_{ij}) \otimes x_j \in R^n \otimes A$ is the image of an element $(x_1, \dots, x_m) \in B^m \cong R^m \otimes_R B$ and the image of an element $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n \cong R^n \otimes_R A$. This happens when $\sum_{j=1}^m r_{ij}x_j = a_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, that is, the system has a solution in B . By hypothesis, this is equivalent to the existence of a solution of the system in A , that is, z is the image of an element from $A^n \cong R^n \otimes_R A$, hence $z \in \text{Im}(v(\alpha \otimes 1_A))$.

Now w is a monomorphism, showing that the sequence (1) is (m, n) -pure.

(i) \implies (v) The $n \times m$ -matrix (r_{ij}) determines a homomorphism $\alpha : R^m \rightarrow R^n$. Take $M = R^n / \text{Im} \alpha$ and reverse the proof for (v) \implies (i).

(ii) \iff (iii) Let M be an (m, n) -presented left R -module. Since M is finitely presented and \mathbb{Q} is injective, we have the isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(D, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}) \otimes_R M \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\text{Hom}_R(M, D), \bar{\mathbb{Q}})$$

for every left R -module D [13, 25.5]. Then the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow C^* \otimes_R M \rightarrow B^* \otimes_R M \rightarrow A^* \otimes_R M \rightarrow 0$$

is exact if and only if the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow (\mathrm{Hom}_R(M, C))^* \rightarrow (\mathrm{Hom}_R(M, B))^* \rightarrow (\mathrm{Hom}_R(M, A))^* \rightarrow 0$$

is exact if and only if the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_R(M, A) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_R(M, B) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_R(M, C) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact, because \mathbb{Q} is an injective cogenerator. This shows the equivalence.

(iii) \iff (iv) By Homotopy Lemma [13, Lemma 7.16].

(iv) \iff (v) The homomorphisms p and q from (iv) are determined by the $a_i \in A$ and by an $n \times m$ -matrix (r_{ij}) with entries in R respectively. Any solution of the system in B yields a homomorphism $h : R^m \rightarrow B$. Now the conclusion is immediate. \square

Theorem 2.3. *Let R be commutative, Q be an R -module and consider the exact sequences*

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0 \quad (1)$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_R(C, Q) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_R(B, Q) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_R(A, Q) \rightarrow 0 \quad (2)$$

(i) *If Q is injective and (1) is (m, n) -pure, then (2) is (n, m) -pure.*

(ii) *If Q is a cogenerator of $R\text{-Mod}$ and (2) is (n, m) -pure, then (1) is (m, n) -pure.*

Proof: Follow the proof of Theorem 2.2. \square

Recall that for a non-empty class \mathcal{P} of left R -modules, an exact sequence (1) is called \mathcal{P} -pure if the functor $\mathrm{Hom}_R(P, -)$ is exact with respect to (1) for every $P \in \mathcal{P}$ [13, p.274]. By Theorem 2.2, we see that (m, n) -purity means \mathcal{P} -purity, where the class \mathcal{P} consists of all (m, n) -presented left R -modules. Hence all the general properties of \mathcal{P} -purity hold in our case. In what follows we discuss some specific ones.

Let us characterize (m, n) -pure sequences of modules in the case of a commutative ring R .

Theorem 2.4. *Let R be commutative. The following are equivalent:*

(i) *The sequence (1) is (m, n) -pure.*

(ii) *The exact sequence*

$$0 \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_R(C, E(S)) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_R(B, E(S)) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_R(A, E(S)) \rightarrow 0$$

is (n, m) -pure for every simple R -module S .

Proof: (i) \implies (ii) By Theorem 2.3.

(ii) \implies (i) Let $(S_i)_{i \in I}$ be a representative set of isomorphism classes of simple R -modules. Let M be an (m, n) -presented R -module. For an R -module X , denote $X_i = \text{Hom}_R(X, E(S_i))$. Now apply the functor $M \otimes_R -$ to each exact sequence $0 \rightarrow C_i \rightarrow B_i \rightarrow A_i \rightarrow 0$, take the direct product of the obtained sequences and use the isomorphism

$$M \otimes_R \left(\prod_{j \in J} D_j \right) \cong \prod_{j \in J} (M \otimes_R D_j),$$

which holds for any finitely presented R -module M and any family $(D_j)_{j \in J}$ of R -modules [11, Chapter I, Lemma 13.2], to get the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \otimes_R \left(\prod_{i \in I} C_i \right) \rightarrow M \otimes_R \left(\prod_{i \in I} B_i \right) \rightarrow M \otimes_R \left(\prod_{i \in I} A_i \right) \rightarrow 0$$

which shows that the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} \text{Hom}_R(C, E(S_i)) \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} \text{Hom}_R(B, E(S_i)) \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} \text{Hom}_R(A, E(S_i)) \rightarrow 0$$

is (n, m) -pure. Then the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(C, D) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(B, D) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(A, D) \rightarrow 0$$

is (n, m) -pure, where $D = \prod_{i \in I} E(S_i)$ is a cogenerator of $R\text{-Mod}$. Now by Theorem 2.3, the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is (m, n) -pure. \square

Recall that a monomorphism $f : A \rightarrow B$ is called *locally split* if for every $a \in A$, there exists a homomorphism $g : B \rightarrow A$ such that $g(f(a)) = a$. It is known that every locally split monomorphism is pure [6, p.163].

Theorem 2.5. *Let A be a submodule of the left R -module R^m . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i) A is (m, n) -pure in R^m .
- (ii) The inclusion $i : A \rightarrow R^m$ is locally split.
- (iii) A is pure in R^m .

Proof: (i) \implies (ii) Let $a_1 \in A$. Also, let $a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$ and let $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ be a basis of R^n . Define the homomorphisms $p : R^n \rightarrow A$ by $p(e_k) = a_k$ for $k = 1, \dots, n$ and $q : R^n \rightarrow R^m$ by $q(e_k) = a_k$ for $k = 1, \dots, n$. Now by Theorem 2.2, there exists a homomorphism $h : R^m \rightarrow A$ such that $hq = p$. Then $h(a_1) = h(q(e_1)) = p(e_1) = a_1$. Thus i is locally split.

(ii) \implies (iii) By [6, p.163].

(iii) \implies (i) Clear. \square

3 (m, n) -pure-injectivity

Definition 3.1. A left R -module M is called (m, n) -*pure-injective* (respectively (m, n) -*pure-projective*) if is injective (respectively projective) with respect to every (m, n) -pure exact sequence of left R -modules.

Clearly, every (m, n) -pure-injective (respectively (m, n) -pure-projective) left R -module is pure-injective (respectively pure-projective).

Theorem 3.2. $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M, \bar{\mathbb{Q}})$ is an (m, n) -pure-injective left R -module for every (n, m) -presented right R -module M .

Proof: Let M be an (n, m) -presented right R -module and denote

$$X = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}).$$

Considering an (m, n) -pure exact sequence (1), we have the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \otimes_R A \rightarrow M \otimes_R B \rightarrow M \otimes_R C \rightarrow 0$$

Since D is injective, we have the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M \otimes_R A, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M \otimes_R B, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M \otimes_R C, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}) \rightarrow 0$$

By the adjunction we get the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(C, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(B, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(A, X) \rightarrow 0$$

Thus $X = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M, \bar{\mathbb{Q}})$ is (m, n) -pure-injective. \square

Theorem 3.3. *The following are equivalent:*

- (i) *The sequence (1) is (m, n) -pure.*
- (ii) *Every (m, n) -pure-injective left R -module is injective with respect to the sequence (1).*
- (iii) *$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M, \bar{\mathbb{Q}})$ is injective with respect to the sequence (1) for every (n, m) -presented right R -module M .*

Proof: (i) \implies (ii) Clear.

(ii) \implies (iii) By Theorem 3.2.

(iii) \implies (i) Let M be an (n, m) -presented right R -module and denote $X = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M, \bar{\mathbb{Q}})$. By hypothesis, we have the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(C, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(B, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(A, X) \rightarrow 0$$

By the adjunction we get the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M \otimes_R A, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M \otimes_R B, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M \otimes_R C, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}) \rightarrow 0$$

whence we get the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \otimes_R A \rightarrow M \otimes_R B \rightarrow M \otimes_R C \rightarrow 0$$

because $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ is a cogenerator. Thus the sequence (1) is (m, n) -pure. \square

Remark. Theorem 3.3 still holds if one replaces \mathbb{Z} by a commutative ring R and \mathbb{Q} by an injective cogenerator Q of $R\text{-Mod}$.

Theorem 3.4. *Every left R -module is an (m, n) -pure submodule of an (m, n) -pure-injective left R -module.*

Proof: By Theorem 3.3 and the dual of [10, Proposition 2.3]. □

For a left R -module N we denote by $M_{kl}(N)$ the set of formal $k \times l$ -matrices with entries in N . Also, for $K \subseteq M_{hk}(N)$, denote by $r_{M_{kl}(N)}(K)$ the right annihilator of K in $M_{kl}(N)$. If N is a left R -module and K is an m -generated submodule of the left R -module R^n , then there is an isomorphism

$$\varphi : r_{M_{n1}(N)}(K) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R^n/K, N)$$

given by $\varphi(u)(r + K) = ru$ for $u \in r_{M_{n1}(N)}(K)$ and $r \in R^n$ [14, p.151].

Theorem 3.5. *Let R be commutative. The following are equivalent:*

- (i) *The sequence (1) is (m, n) -pure.*
- (ii) *For every m -generated submodule K of the R -module R^n and for every simple R -module S , $r_{M_{n1}(E(S))}(K)$ is injective with respect to (1).*

Proof: Consider the cogenerator $Q = \prod_{i \in I} E(S_i)$ of $R\text{-Mod}$, where $(S_i)_{i \in I}$ is a representative set of isomorphism classes of simple R -modules. By the remark following Theorem 3.3, the sequence (1) is (m, n) -pure if and only if $\prod_{i \in I} \text{Hom}_R(R^n/K, E(S_i)) \cong \text{Hom}_R(R^n/K, Q)$ is injective with respect to (1) for every m -generated submodule K of the R -module R^n . But this holds if and only if $r_{M_{n1}(E(S))}(K) \cong \text{Hom}_R(R^n/K, E(S))$ is injective with respect to (1) for every simple R -module S . □

4 On (m, n) -injective and (m, n) -flat modules

Now let us give characterizations of (m, n) -injectivity and (m, n) -flatness in terms of (m, n) -purity.

Definition 4.1. [1] A left R -module A is called (m, n) -injective if every homomorphism from an n -generated submodule I of the left R -module R^m to A extends to a homomorphism from R^m to A .

Theorem 4.2. *The following are equivalent for a left R -module A :*

- (i) *A is (m, n) -injective.*
- (ii) *Every exact sequence of left R -modules $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is (m, n) -pure.*
- (iii) *There exists an (m, n) -pure exact sequence of left R -modules $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ with B (m, n) -injective (injective).*

Proof: By [14, Proposition 2.3], A is (m, n) -injective if and only if every exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ of left R -modules with C (m, n) -presented splits. But this condition is equivalent to (ii) and (iii) by [13, 35.1]. \square

Corollary 4.3. *Let $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence of left R -modules with B (m, n) -injective. Then the sequence is (m, n) -pure if and only if A is (m, n) -injective.*

By Theorem 4.2, we see that (m, n) -injectivity means absolute \mathcal{P} -purity in the sense of R. Wisbauer [13, p.297], where the class \mathcal{P} consists of all (m, n) -presented left R -modules.

Definition 4.4. [14] A left R -module C is called (n, m) -flat if $i \otimes_R 1_C : I \otimes_R C \rightarrow R^n \otimes_R C$ is a monomorphism for every m -generated submodule I of the right R -module R^n .

Note that a left R -module C is (n, m) -flat if and only if the right R -module C^* is (n, m) -injective by [14, Theorem 4.3]. We use this property for giving a direct proof of the following result.

Theorem 4.5. *The following are equivalent for a left R -module C :*

- (i) C is (n, m) -flat.
- (ii) Every exact sequence of left R -modules $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is (m, n) -pure.
- (iii) There exists an (m, n) -pure exact sequence of left R -modules $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ with B (n, m) -flat (projective, free).

Proof: (i) \implies (ii) Since C is (n, m) -flat, C^* is (n, m) -injective. By Theorem 4.2, the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow C^* \rightarrow B^* \rightarrow A^* \rightarrow 0$ is (n, m) -pure. Now by Theorem 2.2 the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is (m, n) -pure.

(ii) \implies (iii) Clear.

(iii) \implies (i) Since the sequence $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is (m, n) -pure, the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow C^* \rightarrow B^* \rightarrow A^* \rightarrow 0$ is (n, m) -pure by Theorem 2.2. But B is (n, m) -flat, hence B^* is (n, m) -injective. Now by Corollary 4.3, it follows that C^* is (n, m) -injective, so that C is (n, m) -flat. \square

Corollary 4.6. *Let $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence of left R -modules with B (n, m) -flat. Then the sequence is (m, n) -pure if and only if C is (n, m) -flat.*

By Theorem 4.5, we see that (n, m) -flatness means \mathcal{P} -flatness in the sense of R. Wisbauer [13, p.304], where the class \mathcal{P} consists of all (m, n) -presented left R -modules.

Now let us give a couple of results related to some coherence properties. Recall that a ring R is called left (n, m) -coherent if every m -generated submodule of the left R -module R^n is finitely presented [14, p.156].

Theorem 4.7. (i) Suppose that every n -generated submodule of R^m is (m, n)-presented. Then for every (m, n)-pure exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ of left R -modules with B (m, n)-injective, also C is (m, n)-injective.

(ii) Suppose that for every (m, n)-pure exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ of left R -modules with B (m, n)-injective, also C is (m, n)-injective. Then R is left (n, m)-coherent.

Proof: (i) Let $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0$ be an (m, n)-pure exact sequence of left R -modules with B (m, n)-injective. Let I be an n -generated submodule of R^m and let $\alpha : I \rightarrow C$ be a homomorphism. We have the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & I & \xrightarrow{i} & R^m \\
& & \downarrow \alpha & & \\
B & \xrightarrow{g} & C & \longrightarrow & 0
\end{array}$$

where i is the inclusion. Since I is (m, n)-presented by hypothesis and the epimorphism g is (m, n)-pure, by Theorem 2.2 there exists a homomorphism $\beta : I \rightarrow B$ such that $g\beta = \alpha$. Now by the (m, n)-injectivity of B , there exists a homomorphism $\gamma : R^m \rightarrow B$ such that $\gamma i = \beta$. Then $g\gamma i = \alpha$, showing that C is (m, n)-injective.

(ii) In order to prove that R is left (n, m)-coherent, by [14, Theorem 5.7] it is enough to show that every direct limit of (n, m)-injective modules is (n, m)-injective. Let $(L_i, f_{ij})_I$ be a direct system of (n, m)-injective modules and denote by L its direct limit. Then $\bigoplus_I L_i$ is (n, m)-injective. Since the canonical epimorphism $\bigoplus_I L_i \rightarrow L$ is pure, hence (n, m)-pure, we deduce that L is (n, m)-injective by hypothesis. \square

Theorem 4.8. (i) Suppose that every m -generated submodule of R^n is (m, n)-presented. Then for every (m, n)-pure exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ of left R -modules with B (n, m)-injective, also C is (n, m)-injective.

(ii) Suppose that for every (m, n)-pure exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ of left R -modules with B (n, m)-injective, also C is (n, m)-injective. Then R is left (n, m)-coherent.

Proof: Similar to the proof of Theorem 4.7. \square

Note added in proof. It may be possible that some of the present results have been established in: Z. Zhu, J. Chen, X. Zhang, *On (m, n)-purity of modules*, East-West J. Math. **5** (2003), No. 1, 35–44, paper unaccessible to the authors.

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