

## Modules in $\sigma[M]$ with Chain Conditions on $\delta_M$ -Small Submodules

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**Abstract: Problem statement:** Let  $M$  be a right module over a ring  $R$ . In this article modules in  $\sigma[M]$  with chain conditions on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules are studied. **Approach:** With the help of known results about  $M$ -singular, Artinian and Noetherian modules the techniques of the proofs of our main results use the properties of  $\delta_M$ -small,  $\delta_M$ -supplement and  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodules. **Results:** Modules in  $\sigma[M]$  with chain conditions on  $\delta_M$ -small are investigated,  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodule is defined. Some Properties of  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodules are proved. As application a new characterization of Artinian module in  $\sigma[M]$  is obtained in terms of  $\delta_M$ -small submodules and  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodules, as well as  $\delta_M$ -small submodules and  $\delta_M$ -supplement submodules. **Conclusion/Recommendations:** Our results certainly generalized several results obtained earlier.

**Key words:** Small submodules, supplement submodules, chain conditions,  $M$ -singular, supplemented module, finitely generated, uniform dimension, nonzero submodules, positive integer

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### INTRODUCTION

Throughout this research,  $R$  denotes an associative ring with unity and modules  $M$  are unitary right  $R$ -modules.  $\text{Mod-}R$  denotes the category of all right  $R$ -modules. Let  $M$  be any  $R$ -module. Any  $R$ -module  $N$  is  $M$ -generated (or generated by  $M$ ) if there exists an epimorphism  $f: M^{(\Lambda)} \rightarrow N$ , for some indexed set  $\Lambda$ . An  $R$ -module  $N$  is said to be subgenerated by  $M$  if  $N$  is isomorphic to a submodule of an  $M$ -generated module. We denote by  $\sigma[M]$  the full subcategory of the right  $R$ -modules whose objects are all right  $R$ -modules subgenerated by  $M$ . Any module  $N \in \sigma[M]$  is said to be  $M$ -singular if  $N \cong L/K$ , for some  $L \in \sigma[M]$  and  $K$  is essential in  $L$ . The class of all  $M$ -singular modules is closed under submodules, homomorphic images and direct sums. The concept of small submodule has been generalized to  $\delta$ -small submodule by Zhou (2000). Zhou called a submodule  $N$  of a module  $M$  is  $\delta$ -small in  $M$  (notation  $N \leq_{\delta} M$ ) if, whenever  $N+X=M$  with  $M/X$  singular, we have  $X=M$ . Ozcan and Alkan consider this notation in  $\sigma[M]$ . For a module  $N$  in  $\sigma[M]$ , Ozcan and Alkan (2006) call a submodule  $L$  of  $N$  is  $\delta$ - $M$  small submodule, written  $L \ll_{\delta_M} N$ , in  $N$  if  $L+K \neq N$  for any proper submodule  $K$  of  $N$  with  $N/K$   $M$ -singular. Clearly, if  $L$  is  $\delta$ -small, then  $L$  is a  $\delta_M$ -small submodule.

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Hence  $\delta_M$ -small submodules are the generalization of  $\delta$ -small submodules in the category  $\text{Mod-}R$ . Let  $L, K$  be two submodules of  $M$ .  $L$  is called a  $\delta$ -supplement of  $K$  in  $M$  if  $M = L+K$  and  $L \cap K \ll_{\delta} L$ .  $L$  is called a  $\delta$ -supplement submodule of  $M$  if  $L$  is a  $\delta$ -supplement of some submodule of  $M$ .  $M$  is called a  $\delta$ -supplemented module if every submodule of  $M$  has a  $\delta$ -supplement in  $M$ . If for every submodules  $L, K$  of  $M$  with  $M=L+K$  there exists a  $\delta$ -supplement  $N$  of  $L$  in  $M$  such that  $N \leq K$ , then  $M$  is called an amply  $\delta$ -supplemented module. Now, let  $N \in \sigma[M]$  and  $L, K \leq N$ .  $L$  is called a  $\delta_M$ -supplement of  $K$  in  $N$  if  $N=K+L$  and  $K \cap L \ll_{\delta_M} L$ .  $L$  is called a  $\delta_M$ -supplement submodule of  $N$  if  $L$  is a  $\delta_M$ -supplement of some submodule of  $N$ .  $N$  is called a  $\delta_M$ -supplemented module if every submodule of  $N$  has a  $\delta_M$ -supplement. On the other hand  $N$  is called an amply  $\delta_M$ -supplemented module if for every submodules  $L, K$  with  $N=L+K$  there exists a  $\delta_M$ -supplement  $X$  of  $L$  such that  $X \leq K$ . For the other definitions and notations in this study we refer to Anderson and Fuller (1974) and Wisbauer (1991).

The properties of  $\delta$ -small submodules that are listed in Zhou (2000) Lemma 1.3 also hold in  $\sigma[M]$ .

We write them for convenience Ozcan and Alkan, (2006) lemma 2.3, Lemma 2.1).

**Lemma 1.1:** Let  $N \in \sigma[M]$ :

1. For modules  $K$  and  $L$  with,  $K \leq L \leq N$ , we have  $L \ll_{\delta_M} N$  if and only if  $K \ll_{\delta_M} N$  and  $L/K \ll_{\delta_M} N/K$
2. For submodules  $K$  and  $L$  of  $N$ ,  $K+L \ll_{\delta_M} N$  if and only if  $K \ll_{\delta_M} N$  and  $L \ll_{\delta_M} N$
3. If  $K \ll_{\delta_M} N, L \in \sigma[M]$  and  $f: K \rightarrow L$  is a homomorphism, then  $f(K) \ll_{\delta_M} L$ . In particular, if  $K \ll_{\delta_M} N \leq L$ , then  $K \ll_{\delta_M} L$
4. If  $K \leq L \leq^{\oplus} N$  and  $K \ll_{\delta_M} N$ , then  $K \ll_{\delta_M} L$

Also Ozcan and Alkan (2006) consider the following submodule of a module  $N$  in  $\sigma[M]$  Zhou (2000).

$$\delta_M(N) = \bigcap \{K \leq N : N/K \text{ is } M\text{-singular simple}\}$$

**Lemma 1.2:** For any  $N$  in  $\sigma[M]$ ,  $\delta_M(N) = \sum \{L \leq N : L \ll_{\delta_M} N\}$ .

The next Lemma is proven in Alattass (2011).

**Lemma 1.3:** Let  $N \in \sigma[M]$  be  $\delta_M$ -supplemented. Then  $N/\delta_M(N)$  is semisimple.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Theorem 2.1:** Let  $N \in \sigma[M]$ . Then  $\delta_M(N)$  is Noetherian if and only if  $N$  satisfies ACC on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules.

**Proof:** By lemma 1.2, every ascending chain of  $\delta_M$ -small submodules of  $N$  is ascending chain submodules of  $\delta_M(N)$ . Hence the necessity is clear.

Sufficiency: Suppose to the contrary that  $\delta_M(N)$  is not Noetherian. Then there is a properly ascending chain  $N_1 \leq N_2 \leq \dots$  of submodules of  $\delta_M(N)$ . Let  $n_i \in N_i$  and  $n_i \in N_i - N_{i-1}$ , for each  $i > 1$ . For each  $j \geq 1$ , let  $K_j = \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} n_i R$ . Hence  $K_j$  is finitely generated and  $K_j \leq \delta_M(N)$ . So, by Lemma 1.2 and Lemma 1.1,  $K_j \ll_{\delta_M} N$ , for each  $j \geq 1$ . Hence  $K_1 \leq K_2 \leq \dots$  is a properly ascending chain of  $\delta_M$ -small submodules of  $N$ . This implies  $N$  fails to satisfy ACC on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules, a contradiction. Thus  $\delta_M(N)$  is Noetherian.

Recall that a module  $M$  is said to have a uniform dimension  $n$ , where  $n$  is a nonnegative integer, if  $n$  is the maximal number of summands in a direct sum of nonzero submodules of  $M$ . In this case we write  $u.\dim M = n$  and we say  $M$  has a finite uniform dimension.

**Theorem 2.2:** For any  $N \in \sigma[M]$ , the following are equivalent:

- a)  $\delta_M(N)$  has a finite uniform dimension.
- b) Every  $\delta_M$ -small submodules of  $N$  has a finite uniform dimension and there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $u.\dim L \leq n$ , for any  $L \ll_{\delta_M} N$ .
- c)  $N$  does not contain an infinite direct sum of nonzero  $\delta_M$ -small submodules of  $N$

**Proof:** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). This is clear as any  $\delta_M$ -small submodule of  $N$  is contained in  $\delta_M(N)$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). Assume that  $N_1 \oplus N_2 \oplus \dots$  is an infinite direct sum of nonzero  $\delta_M$ -small submodules of  $N$ . Then, by lemma 1.1,  $N_1 \oplus N_2 \oplus \dots \oplus N_{n+1} \ll_{\delta_M} N$  and hence  $u.\dim(N_1 \oplus N_2 \oplus \dots \oplus N_{n+1}) \geq n+1$ , a contradiction to the hypothesis. Hence (C) follows.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Let  $N_1 \oplus N_2 \oplus \dots$  be an infinite direct sum of nonzero submodules of  $\delta_M(N)$ . For each  $i \geq 1$ , let  $n_i$  be a nonzero element of  $N_i$ . Hence, by Lemmas 1.1 and 1.2,  $n_i R \ll_{\delta_M} N$ . Thus  $n_1 R \oplus n_2 R \oplus \dots$  is an infinite direct sum of nonzero  $\delta_M$ -small submodules of  $N$ . This contradicts (C) and hence  $\delta_M(N)$  has a finite uniform dimension.

**Theorem 2.3:** Let  $N \in \sigma[M]$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- a)  $\delta_M(N)$  is Artinian.
- b) Every  $\delta_M$ -small submodule of  $N$  is Artinian.
- c) satisfies DDC on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules of  $N$

**Proof:** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). This is clear as every  $\delta_M$ -small submodules of  $N$  is a submodule of  $\delta_M(N)$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). This is obvious.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). By Anderson and Fuller (1994), proposition 10.10) it will be suffice to show that every factor module of  $\delta_M(N)$  is finitely cogenerated. For this suppose that there exists a factor module of  $\delta_M(N)$  which is not finitely cogenerated. Then the set

$\Lambda = \{L \leq \delta_M(N) : \delta_M(N)/L \text{ is not finitely cogenerated}\}$  is nonempty. We show that  $\Lambda$  has a minimal member. Let  $\{L_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be a chain of submodules in  $\Lambda$ . Consider the submodule  $L = \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} L_\alpha$ . If  $L \notin \Lambda$ , then  $\delta_M(N)/L$  finitely cogenerated and so  $L = L_\alpha$ , for some  $\alpha \in I$  a contradiction. This contradiction gives  $L \in \Lambda$  and we conclude that every chain of  $\Lambda$  has a lower bound in  $\Lambda$ . Hence, by Zorn's lemma,  $\Lambda$  has a minimal member  $K$ .

We claim that  $K \ll_{\delta_M} N$ . First we show  $\text{Soc}(\delta_M(N)/K)$  is not finitely generated. Let  $x \in \delta_M(N)$  and  $x \notin K$ . By lemmas 1.2-1.1,  $xR \ll_{\delta_M} N$ . Hence  $xR$  is Artinian. This implies  $(xR+K)/K$  is a nonzero Artinian as  $(xR+K)/K \cong xR/(xR \cap K)$ . Therefore  $(xR+K)/K$  and hence  $\delta_M(N)/K$  has an essential socle. Thus  $\text{Soc}(\delta_M(N)/K)$  is not finitely generated Anderson and Fuller (2000), Proposition 10.7.

Now suppose that  $U$  is a submodules of  $N$  such that  $N=K+U$  with  $N/U$   $M$ -singular. Let  $V$  be a submodule of  $\delta_M(N)$ , containing  $K$  such that  $V/K = \text{Soc}(\delta_M(N)/K)$ . Then we have  $V = K + (U \cap V)$ . Suppose to the contrary that  $K \cap U \neq K$ . Then  $\delta_M(N)/(K \cap U)$  is finitely cogenerated. But  $V/K \cong (K + (U \cap V))/K \cong (U \cap V)/(K \cap U) \leq \text{Soc}(\delta_M(N)/(K \cap U))$ . So  $V/K$  is finitely generated, a contradiction. This contradiction gives  $K \cap U = K$  and hence  $N=U$  Thus  $K \ll_{\delta_M} N$ .

Next we show  $V \ll_{\delta_M} N$ . Suppose that  $W \leq N$  such that  $N=V+W$  with  $N/W$   $M$ -singular. Then  $N/(K+W) = (U+W)/(K+W) \cong U/(K+U \cap W)$ , implying that  $N/(K+W)$  is semisimple. If  $N \neq K+W$  then  $K+W$  is contained in a maximal submodule  $Z$  of  $N$ . Therefore  $N/Z$  is  $M$ -singular simple. It follows that  $U \leq \delta_M(N) \leq Z$  and so  $N=Z$ , a contradiction. Thus  $N=K+W$  which will imply  $N=W$ . So  $V \ll_{\delta_M} N$ . Therefore, by the hypothesis,  $V$  and hence  $V/K$  is Artinian.

The following example explain that if every  $\delta_M$ -small submodule of  $N$  is Noetherian, then  $\delta_M(N)$  need not be Noetherian.

**Example 2.4:** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}, M = \mathbb{Z}$  and let  $N = \mathbb{Z}_{(p^\infty)}$ , the Prufer  $P$ -group. Hence  $N$  is an  $R$ -module in fact  $N \in \sigma[M]$ . It is known that every submodule of  $N$  is Noetherian, but  $N$  is not Noetherian. Moreover  $\delta_M(N) = N$  Wang (2007), Example 2.6.

**Remark:** If we look to a ring  $R$  as a module over itself and taking  $M=R$  in 2.1,2.2, 2.3 we get the results 2.3, 2.4,2.5 in Wang (2007) respectively.

Recall that a submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a  $\delta$ -semimaximal submodule if  $N = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} N_\alpha$ , for some finite set  $\Lambda$  with  $N_\alpha \leq M$  and  $M/N_\alpha$  singular simple, for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . Here we consider this definition in the category  $\sigma[M]$ .

**Definition 2.5:** Let  $N \in \sigma[M]$  and  $K \leq N$ .  $K$  is called  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodule of  $N$  if there is a finite collection  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  of submodules of  $N$  such that  $K = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha$  and  $N/A_\alpha$   $M$ -singular simple for any  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ .

Since any  $M$ -singular module is singular, any  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodule of  $N \in \sigma[M]$  is  $\delta$ -semimaximal submodule of  $N$ . The next example gives a module with a  $\delta$ -semimaximal submodule which is not  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodule.

**Example 2.6:** Let  $M$  be a simple non projective module. Then  $M$  is singular and not  $M$ -singular Wisbauer (1991). Hence the trivial submodule is a  $\delta$ -semimaximal submodule of  $M$  but it is not  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodule.

**Lemma 2.7:** Let  $N \in \sigma[M]$ . Then:

1.  $\delta_M(N)$  is contained in any  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodule of  $N$
2. If  $N$  has DDC on the  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodules, then  $N$  has a minimal  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodule

**Proof:** The proof is standard and is omitted.

**Theorem 2.8:** Let  $N \in \sigma[M]$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- a)  $N$  is Artinian
- b)  $N$  satisfies DCC on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules and on  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodules
- c)  $N$  satisfies DCC on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules and  $\delta_M(N)$  is  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodule
- d)  $N$  amply  $\delta_M$ -supplemented satisfies DCC on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules and  $\delta_M$ -supplementet submodules.

**Proof:** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Is obvious.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). Let  $K$  be a minimal  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodule of  $N$ . We show that  $\delta_M(N) = K$ .

If  $\delta_M(N) = N$ , then, by Lemma 2.7 (1),  $N = \delta_M(N) \leq K$  and so  $\delta_M(N) = K$ . Suppose that  $\delta_M(N) \neq N$ . By the definition of  $\delta_M(N)$  and Lemma 2.7 (1) it is suffice to show  $K \leq L$ , for any submodule  $L$  of  $N$  with  $N/L$  is  $M$ -singular simple. If  $L \leq N$  such that  $N/L$  is  $M$ -singular simple, then  $K \cap L$  is  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodule of  $N$ . Hence, by the minimality of  $K$ ,  $K \cap L = K$  and so  $K \leq L$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). If  $N = \delta_M(N)$ , then  $N$  is Artinian by Theorem 2.3. Suppose that  $N \neq \delta_M(N)$ . Then  $\delta_M(N) = \bigcap_{i=1}^n L_i$ , where  $N/L_i$  is  $M$ -singular simple for each  $i=1, \dots, n$ . Therefore  $N/\delta_M(N)$  is isomorphic to a submodule of the finitely generated semisimple module  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n N/L_i$ . Hence  $N/\delta_M(N)$  and so  $N$  is Artinian.

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Suppose that  $N$  is an amply  $\delta_M$ -supplemented which satisfies DCC on  $\delta_M$ -supplement submodules and  $\delta_M$ -small submodules. Then, by Theorem 2.3,  $\delta_M(N)$  is Artinian and hence it is suffices to show  $N/\delta_M(N)$  is Artinian.  $N/\delta_M(N)$  is semisimple by Lemma 1.3.

We claim that  $N/\delta_M(N)$  is Noetherian. Suppose that  $\delta_M(N) \leq N_1 \leq N_2 \leq \dots$  is ascending chain of submodules of  $N$ .

We show by induction there exists descending chain of submodules  $K_1 \geq K_2 \geq \dots$  such that  $K_i$  is  $\delta_M$ -supplement  $N_i$  of in  $n$  for each  $i \geq 1$ .

Since  $N = N_1 + N$  and  $N$  is amply  $\delta_M$ -supplemented, there exists  $\delta_M$ -supplement  $K_1$  of  $N_1$  in  $N$ . Then  $N = N_1 + K_1$ . Again since  $N = N_2 + K_1$ ,  $K_1$  contains a  $\delta_M$ -supplement  $K_2$  of  $N_2$  in  $N$ . Now assume  $r \geq 1$  and there is a descending  $K_1 \geq K_2 \geq \dots \geq K_r$  of submodules such that  $K_i$  is  $\delta_M$ -supplement of  $N_i$  in  $N$  for each  $i=1, 2, \dots, r$ . Hence  $N = N_r + K_r$  and so  $N = N_{r+1} + K_r$ . Again since  $N$  is amply  $\delta_M$ -supplemented, we have a  $\delta_M$ -supplement  $K_{r+1}$  of  $N_{r+1}$  in  $N$ . Proceeding in this way we see that there exists a descending chain of submodules  $K_1 \geq K_2 \geq \dots$  such that  $K_i$  is  $\delta_M$ -supplement of  $N_i$  in  $N$  for each  $i \geq 1$ . By the hypothesis there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $K_n = K_m$ , for each  $n \geq m$ . Since  $N = N_i + K_i$

and  $N_i \cap K_i \subseteq \delta_M(N)$ ,  $N/\delta_M(N) = N_i/\delta_M(N) \oplus (K_i + \delta_M(N))/\delta_M(N)$ . Thus  $N_n = N_m$ , for each  $n \geq m$ . Therefore  $N/\delta_M(N)$  is Noetherian and hence finitely generated. Thus  $N/\delta_M(N)$  is Artinian.

**Note:** The condition  $N$  is amply  $\delta_M$ -supplemented in the statement (d) in Theorem 2.8 cannot be deleted (see the following example).

**Example 2.9:** Take  $R = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $M = \mathbb{Z}$ . It is clear that  $M \in \sigma[M]$ ,  $M$  satisfies DCC on  $\delta_M$ -supplement submodules and  $\delta_M$ -small submodules, but  $M$  is not Artinian.

The next corollary follows from the proof of (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) in 2.8 and Lemma 2.7(1).

**Corollary 2.9:** If  $N$  satisfies one of the conditions of Theorem 2.8, then  $\delta_M(N)$  is the least  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodule of  $N$ .

**Corollary 2.10:** The following statements are equivalent for any  $R$ -module  $N$ .

- $N$  is Artinian.
- $N$  satisfies DCC on  $\delta_N$ -small submodules and on  $\delta_N$ -semimaximal submodules.
- $N$  satisfies DCC on  $\delta_N$ -small submodules and  $\delta_N(N)$  is  $\delta_N$ -semimaximal submodule.
- $N$  is amply  $\delta_N$ -supplemented satisfies DCC on  $\delta_N$ -small submodules and  $\delta_N$ -supplement submodules.
- $N$  satisfies DCC on  $\delta$ -small submodules and on  $\delta$ -semimaximal submodules.
- $N$  satisfies DCC on  $\delta$ -small submodules and  $\delta(N)$  is  $\delta_N$ -semimaximal submodule.
- $N$  is amply  $\delta$ -supplemented satisfies DCC on  $\delta$ -small submodules and  $\delta$ -supplement submodules.

**Proof:** (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (b)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (c)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (d) is by taking  $M = N$  in Theorem 2.8 and (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (e)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (f)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (g) by taking  $M = R$  in 2.8.

**Remark:** The equivalence of (a,e,f,g) has been proved by Wang (2007), Proposition 2.8 and Theorem (3.10). Then Theorem 2.8 is an extension of such results.

**Corollary 2.12:** A finitely generated  $\delta_M$ -supplemented module  $N$  in  $\sigma[M]$  is Artinian if and only if  $N$  satisfies DCC on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules.

**Proof:** The necessary part is trivial. Sufficiently part, suppose that  $N$  is a finitely generated  $\delta_M$ -supplemented module in  $\sigma[M]$  satisfies DCC on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules. Then, by Lemma 1.3,  $N/\delta_M(N)$  is semisimple and hence it must be Artinian as  $N$  is finitely generated. By the hypothesis and 2.3,  $\delta_M(N)$  is Artinian. Thus  $N$  is Artinian.

We end this Article by showing that every factor module of a  $\delta_M$ -supplemented module that satisfies ACC on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules is also satisfies ACC on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules.

**Theorem 2.13:** Let  $N \in \sigma[M]$  be  $\delta_M$ -supplemented module. If  $N$  satisfies ACC on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules, then so does every factor modules of  $N$ .

**Proof.** Let  $L \leq N$  and let  $L_1/L \leq L_2/L \leq \dots$  be an ascending chain of a  $\delta_M$ -small submodules of  $N/L$ . Since  $N$  is a  $\delta_M$ -supplemented module and  $L \leq N$ , there exists a submodule  $K$  of  $N$  such that  $N = L + K$  and  $L \cap K \ll_{\delta_M} K$ . Hence  $N/L \cong (L+K)/L \cong K/L \cap K$ . Let  $f: N/L \rightarrow K/L \cap K$  be an isomorphism. Therefore for each  $i \geq 1$ , there exists a submodule  $K_i$  of  $N$  containing  $L \cap K$  such that  $f(L_i/L) = K_i/K \cap L$ . Hence, by Lemma 1.1,  $f(L_i/L) = K_i/K \cap L \ll_{\delta_M} K/L$ . Now we show that  $K_i \ll_{\delta_M} N$ , for each  $i \geq 1$ . Suppose that  $X \leq N$  such that  $N = K_i + X$ , with  $N/X$   $M$ -singular. Then  $N/K \cap L = K_i/K \cap L + (X + L \cap K)/L \cap K$ . But  $K_i/K \cap L \ll_{\delta_M} K/L$  and  $N/(X + L \cap K)$  is  $M$ -singular. So  $N/K \cap L = (X + L \cap K)/L \cap K$  and hence  $N = (L \cap K) + X$ . Therefore  $N = X$ . Thus we have a sending chain  $K_1 \leq K_2 \leq \dots$  of  $\delta_M$ -small submodules of  $N$ . Then, by the hypothesis, there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $K_n = K_{n+1} = \dots$ .

This implies  $L/L_n = L/L_{n+1} = \dots$ . Therefore  $N/L$  satisfies ACC on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules.

### CONCLUSION

For any module  $N$  in  $\sigma[M]$  we have obtained a necessary and sufficient conditions for the sum of all  $\delta_M$ -small submodules of  $N$  to has a finite uniform dimension. Also it is shown that (i) the sum of all  $\delta_M$ -small submodules of  $N$  is Noetherian (Artinian) if and only if  $N$  satisfies ACC (DCC) on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules. (ii) Every factor module of a  $\delta_M$ -supplemented module in  $\sigma[M]$  with ACC on

$\delta_M$ -small submodules is also has ACC on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules. (iii)  $N$  is Artinian if and only if  $N$  satisfies DCC on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules and on  $\delta_M$ -semimaximal submodules if and only if  $N$  amply  $\delta_M$ -supplemented satisfies DCC on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules and on  $\delta_M$ -supplement submodules. (iv) If  $N$  is finitely generated  $\delta_M$ -supplemented, then  $N$  is Artinian if and  $N$  only if  $N$  satisfies DCC on  $\delta_M$ -small submodules.

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