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# Modules whose $\delta$ -small epimorphisms are isomorphisms

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#### Abstract

An *R*-module *M* is called  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian if any  $\delta$ -small surjective endomorphism of *M* is an automorphism. In this paper we explore various properties of  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian modules, shedding light on their distinct characteristics. Additionally, we examine the  $\delta$ -weakly Hopficity of modules over polynomial and truncated polynomial rings.

## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper all rings have identity and all modules are unital right modules. The concept of Hopfian modules was introduced by Hiremath [7]. An R-module M is Hopfian if every surjective endomorphism of M is an automorphism. Moreover, Co-Hopfian modules, introduced by Varadarajan, are modules where every injective endomorphism is an automorphism. Furthermore, generalized Hopfian modules, introduced and studied by Ghorbani and Haghany [6], are modules where any surjective endomorphism has a small kernel. Weakly Hopfian modules, a proper generalization of Hopfian modules, were defined in [8], a right R-module M is weakly Hopfian if any

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small surjective endomorphism of M is an automorphism. It was established that a right R-module M is Hopfian if and only if it is both generalized Hopfian and weakly Hopfian. These concepts, along with other generalizations, have been extensively studied by various authors ([2], [3], [4], [5]).

In [1], the authors introduced  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian modules, where a right R-module M is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian if every  $\delta$ -small surjective endomorphism of M is an automorphism.

# 2 Modules whose $\delta$ -small epimorphisms are isomorphism

**Definition 2.1.** [1] Let M be an R-module. We say that M is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian if every  $\delta$ -small surjective endomorphism of M is an automorphism.

**Proposition 2.2.** Every quasi-projective uniform right *R*-module is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian.

#### Proof.

Let M be a quasi-projective uniform R-module. Suppose  $M \cong M/K$  for some  $K \ll_{\delta} M$ . Let  $\varphi : M/K \to M$  be an isomorphism. The map  $\varphi \pi : M \to M$ , where  $\pi : M \to M/K$  is canonical epimorphism has kernel K; i.e.,  $Ker(\varphi \pi) = K$ . Since M is quasi-projective, there is a  $g : M \to M$  which makes the following diagram commutative.



Then  $M = Ker(\varphi \pi) \oplus Im(g)$ . Since M is uniform,  $Im(g) \leq^{e} M$ . Hence M/Im(g) is singular. Since  $Ker(\varphi \pi) = K \ll_{\delta} M$ , we must have K = 0 and so M is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian by [1, Lemma 2.3].

**Corollary 2.3.** Let M be a quasi-projective right R-module such that every nonzero submodule of M is indecomposable. Then M is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian.

#### Proof.

An *R*-module *M* is uniform if and only if every nonzero submodule of *M* is indecomposable. Then *M* is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian by Proposition 2.2.

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**Theorem 2.4.** Let M be an R-module. If M[x] is a  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian R[x]-module, then M is a  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian R-module.

#### Proof.

Let  $f: M \to M$  be any  $\delta$ -small epimorphism in R-module. Then  $\alpha: M[x] \to M[x]$  defined by  $\alpha(\sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i x^i) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} f(a_i) x^i$  is a surjective endomorphism in an R[x]-module and  $Ker\alpha = Ker(f)[x]$ . Assume that  $Ker\alpha + N = M[x]$  for all submodule N of M[x] with a singular factor over R[x]. Therefore, Kerf + N' = M where N' is the submodule of M which is generated by the constant polynomials of N. We show that M/N' is a singular R-module. Let  $m \in M$ . Since M[x]/N is singular, there exists  $I[x] \leq^e R[x]$  (essential), such that  $mI[x] \subseteq N$ . Therefore,  $I \leq^e R$  and  $mI \subseteq N'$ . Then M/N' is singular. Since Kerf is  $\delta$ -small in M, M = N'. Hence M[x] = N and  $Ker\alpha = Kerf[x]$  is  $\delta$ -small in M[x]. Consequently, f is an automorphism in M, and finally M is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian.

**Corollary 2.5.** Let M be an R-module. If  $M[x_1, ..., x_k]$  is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian  $R[x_1, ..., x_k]$ -module, then M is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian R-module.

#### Proof.

Use induction and the  $R[x_1, ..., x_{k-1}][x_k]$ -module isomorphism  $M[x_1, ..., x_{k-1}][x_k] \simeq M[x_1, ..., x_k]$ , and ring isomorphism  $R[x_1, ..., x_{k-1}][x_k] \simeq R[x_1, ..., x_k]$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** Let M be an R-module. If  $M[x]/(x^{n+1})$  is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian  $R[x]/(x^{n+1})$ -module, then M is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian R-module.

#### Proof.

The proof is similar to that of theorem 2.4.

**Corollary 2.7.** Let M be an R-module. If  $M[x_1, ..., x_k]/(x_1^{n_1+1}, ..., x_k^{n_k+1})$  is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian  $R[x_1, ..., x_k]/(x_1^{n_1+1}, ..., x_k^{n_k+1})$ -module, then M is  $\delta$ -weakly Hopfian R-module.

#### Proof.

Use induction and the  $(R[x_1, ..., x_{k-1}]/(x_1^{n_1+1}, ..., x_{k-1}^{n_{k-1}+1}))[x_k]/(x_k^{n_k+1}) \text{-module isomorphism}$   $(M[x_1, ..., x_{k-1}]/(x_1^{n_1+1}, ..., x_{k-1}^{n_{k-1}+1}))[x_k]/(x_k^{n_k+1}) \simeq M[x_1, ..., x_k]/(x_1^{n_1+1}, ..., x_k^{n_k+1})$ and ring isomorphism  $(R[x_1, ..., x_{k-1}]/(x_1^{n_1+1}, ..., x_{k-1}^{n_{k-1}+1}))[x_k]/(x_k^{n_k+1}) \simeq R[x_1, ..., x_k]/(x_1^{n_1+1}, ..., x_k^{n_k+1}).$ 

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