On Strong Dual Rickart Modules

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Abstract
Gangyong Lee, S. Tariq Rizvi, and Cosmin S. Roman studied Dual Rickart modules. The main purpose of this paper is to define strong dual Rickart module. Let $M$ and $N$ be $R$-modules, $M$ is called $N$- strong dual Rickart module (or relatively sd-Rickart to $N$) which is denoted by $M$ it is $N$-sd- Rickart if for every submodule $A$ of $M$ and every homomorphism $f \in \text{Hom}(M, N)$, $f(A)$ is a direct summand of $N$. We prove that for an $R$- module $M$, if $R$ is $M$-sd- Rickart, then every cyclic submodule of $M$ is a direct summand. In particular, if $M$ is projective, then $M$ is $Z$-regular. We give various characterizations and basic properties of this type of modules.

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1. Introduction.
A module $M$ is called dual Rickart module if for every $\varphi \in \text{End}(M)$, then $\text{Im}\varphi = eM$, for some $e^2 = e$. Equivalently a module $M$ is dual Rickart module if and only if for every $\varphi \in \text{End}(M)$, then $\text{Im}\varphi$ is a direct summand of $M$, see [1], [2]. Some generalizations of dual Rickart modules and related concepts are recently introduced in [8], [9] and [10]. A module $M$ is $N$-d-Rickart (or relatively d-Rickart to $N$) if for every homomorphism $\varphi : M \to N$, $\text{Im}\varphi$ is a direct summand of $N$, where $N$ is any $R$-module, see [1]. In this paper, we define strong dual Rickart modules, A module $M$ is called $N$- strong dual Rickart module (or relatively sd-
Rickart to $N$) which is denoted by $M$ it is $N$-sd- Rickart if for every submodule $A$ of $M$ and every homomorphism $f \in \text{Hom}(M, N)$, $f(A)$ is a direct summand of $N$. We also give some results on this type of modules.

In section two, we give properties for the relatively strong dual Rickart modules. For example, let $M$ and $N$ be $R$-modules and let $A$ be a submodule of $M$. If $M$ is $N$-sd- Rickart, then $A$ is $N$-sd- Rickart.

In section three, we give various characterizations of relatively strong dual Rickart module, we show that if $N$ and $M$ modules, then $M$ is $N$-sd- Rickart if and only if every short exact sequence

$0 \to i(A) \to i \to N \xrightarrow{\phi} \frac{N}{f(A)} \to 0$ where $i$ is the inclusion map and $\pi$ is the natural epimorphism.

2. Strong dual Rickart.

In this section, we investigate and study the notion of relatively strong dual Rickart modules, and we obtain some of fundamental properties, several relations between sd- Rickart modules, and other classes of modules are obtained in this section.

**Definition (2.1):** Let $M$ and $N$ be $R$-modules, $M$ is called $N$-strong dual Rickart module (or relatively sd-Rickart to $N$) which is denoted by $M$ it is $N$-sd- Rickart if for every submodule $A$ of $M$ and every homomorphism $f \in \text{Hom}(M, N)$, $f(A)$ is a direct summand of $N$, we call $M$ is sd- Rickart if $M$ is $N$-sd- Rickart.

**Remarks and example (2.2):**

1. An $R$-module $M$ is semisimple if and only if $M$ is sd- Rickart, that is sd-Rickart is reflexive relation if and only if $M$ is semisimple. In general, $M$ is semisimple if and only if $A$ is $M$-sd- Rickar, for every submodule $A$ of $M$.

2. Every sd-Rickart module is d-Rickart, the converse is not true in general, for example, $Q$ as $Z$-module is d-Rickart, by [1] which is not sd- Rickart, because it is not semisimple.

3. $Z_n$ is not $Z$-sd-Rickart $Z$-modules, because there is a homomorphism $\varphi: Z_n \to Z$ defined by $\varphi(Z_n) = nZ, n > 1$, which is not a direct summand of $Z$.

4. If $N$ is a semisimple, then $M$ is $N$-sd- Rickart, for every $R$-module $M$.

5. Note that $M$ is $Z_6$-sd- Rickart for every $R$- module $M$, by (4). The converse is not true in general for example, $Z_6$ is not relatively -sd- Rickart to $Z_{12}$ as $Z$-module, hence sd- Rickart is not symmetric property.

6. Let $M$ and $N$ be $R$-modules with $\text{Hom}(M, N) = 0$, then $M$ is $N$-sd- Rickart. For example $\text{Hom}(Q, Z) = 0$ implies $Q$ is $Z$-sd- Rickart. Also, $\text{Hom}(Z_n, Z) = 0$ implies $Z_n$ is $Z$-sd- Rickart.

7. One can easily show that $0$ is $M$-sd- Rickart and $M$ is $0$-sd- Rickart, for every $R$-module $M$.

Recall that an $R$-module $M$ is said to be coquasi- Dedekind if for every proper submodule $A$ of $M$, $\text{Hom}(M, A) = 0$.

Equivalently, $M$ is to be coquasi- Dedekind if every nonzero endomorphism of $M$ is an epimorphism [3].

8. If $M$ is coquasi- Dedekind $R$-module, then $M$ is $A$-sd- Rickart for every proper submodule $A$ of $M$.

Now, we study the properties of the $N$- strong Dual Rickart modules.

**Proposition (2.3):** Let $M$ and $N$ be $R$-modules and let $A$ be a submodule of $M$. If $M$ is $N$-sd-Rickart, then $A$ is $N$-sd- Rickart.

**Proof:** To show that $A$ is $N$-sd- Rickart, let $X$ be a submodule of $A$ and let $f: A \to N$ be a homomorphism. Consider the diagram.

\[ \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{i} & M \\ \downarrow{f} & & \downarrow{f} \\ N & \xrightarrow{i} & N \end{array} \]
Where \( i \) is the inclusion map. Since \( M \) is \( N \)-sd- Rickart module, the \((f \circ i^{-1})(X) = f(X)\) is a direct summand of \( N \). Thus \( A \) is \( N \)-sd- Rickart.

**Proposition (2.4):** Let \( M \) and \( N \) be \( R \)-modules and let \( A \) be a submodule of \( N \). If \( M \) is \( N \)-sd-Rickart, then \( M \) is \( A \)-sd- Rickart.

**Proof:** Let \( X \) be a submodule of \( M \) and let \( f: M \to A \) be a homomorphism, consider the following sequence.

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
  M & \xrightarrow{f} & A \\
     & \downarrow{f} & \downarrow{f} \\
     & i & \downarrow{i} \\
     & N & \downarrow{i} \\
\end{array}
\]

Where \( i \) is the inclusion map. Since \( M \) is \( N \)-sd- Rickart, then \((i \circ f)(X) = f(X)\) is a direct summand of \( N \). But \( f(X) \leq A \), therefore \( f(X) \) is a direct summand of \( A \). Thus, \( M \) is \( A \)-sd- Rickart.

**Proposition (2.5):** Let \( M \) be an \( R \)-module and let \( N \) be any indecomposable \( R \)-module, if \( M \) is \( N \)-sd- Rickart, then either \( \text{Hom}(M,N) = 0 \) or every nonzero \( R \)-homomorphism \( f: M \to N \) is an epimorphism.

**Proof:** Assume that \( M \) is \( N \)-sd- Rickart and \( \text{Hom}(M,N) \neq 0 \), let \( f: M \to N \) be a nonzero homomorphism, then \( f(M) \) is a direct summand of \( N \). But \( N \) is an indecomposable therefore, \( f \) is an epimorphism.

Recall that an \( R \)-module \( M \) is called \( Z \)-regular if every cyclic (equivalently, every finitely generated) submodule of \( M \) is a projective and a direct summand of \( M \), see [4].

**Proposition (2.6):** Let \( M \) be an \( R \)-module such that \( R \) is \( M \)-sd-Rickart. Then every cyclic submodule of \( M \) is a direct summand. In particular, if \( M \) is projective, then \( M \) is \( Z \)-regular.

**Proof:** Suppose that \( M \) is an \( R \)-module such that \( R \) is \( M \)-sd-Rickart and let \( 0 \neq m \in M \). Define \( f: R \to Rm \) by \( f(r) = rm, r \in R \). Let \( i: Rm \to M \) be the inclusion map. Consider the map \( i \circ f: R \to M \). Clearly that \( Im(i \circ f) = Rm \). Since \( R \) is \( M \)-sd- Rickart, then \( Rm \) is a direct summand of \( M \). The last part is clear.

Recall that an \( R \)-module \( M \) is called distributive module if for all submodules \( A,B \) and \( C \) of \( M \), \( A \cap (B + C) = (A \cap B) + (A \cap C) \) for more details see [6].

**Proposition (2.7):** Let \( M_1 \) be \( N_1 \)-sd- Rickart and \( M_2 \) be \( N_2 \)-sd- Rickart. If \( M_1 \oplus M_2 \) is distributive module, then \( N_1 \oplus N_2 \) is \( N_1 \oplus N_2 \)-sd-Rickart module.

**Proof:** Let \( A \) be a submodule of \( M_1 \oplus M_2 \) and let \( f: M_1 \oplus M_2 \to N_1 \oplus N_2 \). Since \( M_1 \oplus M_2 \) is distributive, then \( A = (A \cap M_1) \oplus (A \cap M_2) \), we have to show that \( f(A) \) is a direct summand of \( N_1 \oplus N_2 \). Consider the following diagram.

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
  M_1 \oplus M_2 & \xrightarrow{f} & N_1 \oplus N_2 \\
     & \downarrow{p_3 \circ f \circ i_1} & \downarrow{p_4 \circ f \circ i_2} \\
     & p_1 & \downarrow{p_3} \\
     & p_2 & \downarrow{p_4} \\
     & p_3 & \downarrow{p_1} \\
     & p_4 & \downarrow{p_2} \\
\end{array}
\]

Where \( i_1, i_2, i_3 \) and \( i_4 \) are inclusion maps and \( p_1, p_2, p_3 \) and \( p_4 \) are projection maps. Since \( A \cap M_1 \) is a submodule of \( M_1 \), \( p_3 \circ f \circ i_1: M_1 \to N_1 \) is \( R \)-homomorphism and \( M_1 \) be \( N_1 \)-sd- Rickart, then \((p_1 \circ f \circ i_1)(A \cap M_1)\) is a direct summand of \( N_1 \). Similarly, \((p_4 \circ f \circ i_2)(A \cap M_2)\) is a direct summand of \( N_2 \), hence \((p_3 \circ f \circ i_1)(A \cap M_1) \oplus (p_4 \circ f \circ i_2)(A \cap M_2)\) is a direct summand of \( N_1 \oplus N_2 \). Claim that \( f(A) = (p_3 \circ f \circ i_1)(A \cap M_1) \oplus (p_4 \circ f \circ i_2)(A \cap M_2) \). To see this, let \( a_1 \in A \cap M_1 \) and \( a_2 \in A \cap M_2 \), then \((p_3 \circ f \circ i_1)(a_1) + (p_4 \circ f \circ i_2)(a_2) = (p_3 \circ f)(a_1,0) + (p_4 \circ f)(a_2,0) = p_3(f(a_1),0) + p_4(0,f(a_2)) = (f(a_1),0) + (0,f(a_2)) = (f(a_1),f(a_2)) = f(a_1, a_2)\). Thus, \( f(A) \) is a direct summand of \( N_1 \oplus N_2 \).
Let $M$ be an $R$-module. Recall that a submodule $A$ of $M$ is called a fully invariant if $f(A) \subseteq A$, for every $f \in \text{End}(M)$ and $M$ is called duo module if every submodule of $M$ is a fully invariant. See [7]

**Proposition (2.8):** Let $M_1$ be $N_1$-sd- Rickart and $M_2$ be $N_2$-sd- Rickart. If $M_1 \oplus M_2$ is duo module, then $M_1 \oplus M_2$ is $N_1 \oplus N_2$-sd-Rickart module.

**Proof:** Let $A$ be a submodule of $M_1 \oplus M_2$ and let $f : M_1 \oplus M_2 \rightarrow N_1 \oplus N_2$. Since $M_1 \oplus M_2$ is duo module, then $A = (A \cap M_1) \oplus (A \cap M_2)$ , we have to show that $f(A)$ is a direct summand of $N_1 \oplus N_2$. Consider the following diagram.

Where $i_1$, $i_2$, $i_3$ and $i_4$ are inclusion maps and $p_1$, $p_2$, $p_3$ and $p_4$ are projection maps. Since $A \cap M_1$ is a submodule of $M_1 \oplus M_2$, $p_3 \circ i_1 : M_1 \rightarrow N_1$ is $R$- homomorphism and $M_1$ be $N_1$-sd- Rickart , then $(p_1 \circ f \circ i_1)(A \cap M_1)$ is a direct summand of $N_1$. Similarly, $(p_4 \circ f \circ i_2)(A \cap M_2)$ is a direct summand of $N_2$ , hence $(p_3 \circ f \circ i_1)(A \cap M_1) \oplus (p_4 \circ f \circ i_2)(A \cap M_2)$ is a direct summand of $N_1 \oplus N_2$ . One can easily show that $f(A)$ is a direct summand of $N_1 \oplus N_2$.

### 3. Characterizations of strong dual Rickart modules.

In this section, we give various characterizations of strong dual Rickart modules. We also obtain a characterization for an arbitrary direct sum of relatively sd-Rickart modules.

We start this section by the following proposition.

**Proposition (3.1):** Let $M$ and $N$ be $R$-modules , then $M$ is $N$-sd- Rickart if and only if for every submodule $A$ of $M$ and every monomorphism $f : A \rightarrow M$ and homomorphism $g : M \rightarrow N$, $(g \circ f)(A)$ is a direct summand of $N$.

**Proof:** ($\Rightarrow$) Let $f : A \rightarrow M$ be a monomorphism and let $g : M \rightarrow N$ be a homomorphism , where $A$ is a submodule of $M$. Since $f$ is a submodules of $M$ and $M$ is $N$-sd- Rickart, then $g \circ f \circ i) = (g \circ f)(A)$ is a direct summand of $N$.

($\Leftarrow$) Let $A$ be a submodule of $M$ and let $g : M \rightarrow N$ be a homomorphism , we have to show that $g(A)$ is a direct summand of $N$. Consider the following diagram.

Where $i$ is the inclusion map and $\pi$ is the natural epimorphism , for every subn $\omega \circ f(A)$ splits , every subn

**Proposition (3.2):** Any $R$-modules, then $M$ is $N$-sd- Rickart if and only if every short exact sequence

\[ 0 \rightarrow f(A) \rightarrow i \rightarrow N \rightarrow f(A) \rightarrow 0 \]

where $i$ is the inclusion map and $\pi$ is the natural epimorphism.

**Proof:** Assume that $M$ is $N$-sd- Rickart, it is clear that $f(A)$ is a direct summand of $N$ , for each submodule $A$ of $M$. Thus we get the result. By the same way, we can prove the converse.

**Theorem (3.3):** Let $M$ and $N$ be $R$-modules, the following statements are equivalent.

1. $M$ is $N$-sd- Rickart.
2. For each direct summand $B$ of $M$ and a submodule $A$ of $N$, $B$ is $A$-sd- Rickart.
3. For each direct summand $B$ of $M$, if $L$ is a submodule of $N$ with $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(M,L)$ , then $\varphi(X)$ is a direct summand of $L$, for every submodule $X$ of $B$.
4. For every submodule $L$ of $N$, $M$ is $L$-sd- Rickart.
Proof: (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Suppose that $M$ is $N$-sd- Rickart, let $B$ be a direct summand of $M$ and $A$ be a submodule of $N$. To show that $B$ is $A$-sd- Rickart , let $X$ be a submodule of $B$ and let $f : B \rightarrow A$ be an $R$- homomorphism. Consider the following sequence.

$$
\begin{array}{c}
M \xrightarrow{i} B \xrightarrow{p} A \xrightarrow{i} N \\
\end{array}
$$

Where $i$ is the inclusion map and $p$ is the projection map. Since $X$ is a submodule of $M$ and $M$ is $N$-sd- Rickart, then $(i \circ f \circ p)(X) = (f \circ p)(X) = f(X)$ is a direct summand of $N$, hence $f(X)$ is a direct summand of $A$. Thus , we get the result.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Let $B$ be a direct summand of $M$ and let $L$ be a submodule of $N$, we have to show that $\varphi(X)$ is a direct summand of $L$, for every submodule $X$ of $B$ and every $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(M,L)$. By (2) we get $B$ is $L$-sd- Rickart. Consider the following sequence.

$$
\begin{array}{c}
B \xrightarrow{i} M \xrightarrow{\varphi} L \\
\end{array}
$$

Where $i$ is the inclusion map. Clearly that $\varphi(X)$ is a direct summand of $L$.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4) Let $L$ be a submodule of $N$ and let $f : M \rightarrow L$ be a homomorphism , we have to prove that $f(X)$ is a direct summand of $L$, for every submodule $X$ of $M$. Take $B = M$ and $\varphi = f$ and apply (3) , we get the result.

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Clear.

Proposition (3.4): Let $M$ and $N$ be $R$- modules , then $M$ is $N$-sd- Rickart if and only if $\frac{M}{X}$ is $N$-sd- Rickart , for every submodule $X$ of $M$.

Proof: ($\Rightarrow$) Suppose that $M$ is $N$-sd-Rickart, let $\frac{A}{X}$ be a submodule of $\frac{M}{X}$ and let $f : \frac{M}{X} \rightarrow N$ be an $R$- homomorphism. Consider the following sequence.

$$
\begin{array}{c}
M \xrightarrow{\pi} \frac{M}{X} \xrightarrow{f} N \\
\end{array}
$$

Where $\pi$ is the natural epimorphism. Since $M$ is $N$-sd- Rickart , then $(f \circ \pi)(A)$ is a direct summand of $N$, so we get the result.

($\Leftarrow$) It is clear by taking $X = 0$.

Corollary (3.5): Let $M$ and $N$ be $R$- modules , then $M$ is $N$-sd- Rickart if and only if $\frac{M}{A}$ is $K$-sd- Rickart, for each submodules $A$ of $M$ and $K$ of $N$.

Proof: Let $M$ be $N$-sd- Rickart and let $A$ be a submodule of $M$, hence $\frac{M}{A}$ is $N$-sd- Rickart , be proposition (3.4), hence $\frac{M}{A}$ is $K$-sd- Rickart, for each submodule $K$ of $N$, by proposition (2.4). For the converse , take $A = 0$ and $K = N$.

Theorem (3.6): The following statements are equivalent for a ring $R$.

1. $M$ is $R$-sd- Rickart, for every $R$- module $M$.
2. $M$ is $R$-sd- Rickart, for every free (projective) $R$- module $M$.
3. $R$ is $R$-sd- Rickart.
4. $R$ is semisimple ring.
Proof: Clear.

In the next result, we present conditions under which $M_i$ is $\bigoplus_{j=1}^{n} M_j$-s- Rickart.

**Theorem (3.7):** Let $\{M_i\}_{i=1}^{n}$ be a family of $R$-modules such that $M_i$ is $M_j$-projective for all $i > j$. Then $N$ is $\bigoplus_{j=1}^{n} M_j$-s- Rickart if and only if $N$ is $M_j$-s- Rickart, for any $R$-module $N$ and all $j = 1, 2, \ldots, n$.

**Proof:** The necessity it follows from theorem (3.3). Conversely, suppose that $N$ is $M_j$-s- Rickart for all $j = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ and $M_i$ is $M_j$-projective for all $i > j, j = 1, 2, \ldots, n$. We will prove that, $N$ is $\bigoplus_{j=1}^{n} M_j$-s- Rickart by induction on $n$.

Start with $n = 2$. Suppose that $N$ is $M_j$-s- Rickart for $j=1, 2$ and $M_2$ is $M_1$-projective. Let $A$ be a submodule of $N$, and let $\varphi = (\pi_1 \circ \varphi, \pi_2 \circ \varphi)$ be any homomorphism from $N$ to $M_1 \oplus M_2$, where $\pi_j$ is the projection map from $M_1 \oplus M_2$ to $M_j$ for $j = 1, 2$. We want to prove that $\varphi(A)$ is a direct summand of $M_1 \oplus M_2$. Since $(\pi_2 \circ \varphi)(A)$ is a direct summand of $M_2$ as $N$ is $M_2$-s- Rickart, then $(\pi_2 \circ \varphi)(A)$ is $M_1$-projective. We have also $M_1+\varphi(A) = M_1 \oplus (\pi_2 \circ \varphi)(A)$ is a direct summand of $M_1 \oplus M_2$, then there exists $L \subseteq \varphi(A)$ such that $M_1+\varphi(A) = M_1 \oplus L$, by Lemma 4.47 in [5], we have $\varphi(A) = (M_1 \cap \varphi(A)) \oplus L$. In addition, $(\pi_1 \circ \varphi)(A)$ is a direct summand of $M_1$ because $N$ is $M_1$-s- Rickart. Hence $\varphi(A) = M_1 \oplus L$ is a direct summand of $M_1 \oplus M_2$. Therefore, $N$ is $M_1 \oplus M_2$-s- Rickart.

Now assume that $N$ is $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} M_j$-s- Rickart, we need to show that $N$ is $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} M_j \oplus M_{n+1}$-s- Rickart.

Note that $M_{n+1}$ is $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} M_j$-projective. Also, $N$ is $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} M_j$-Rickart and $N$ is $M_{n+1}$-s- Rickart, so by similar arguments in the previous case for $n = 2$, $N$ is $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n+1} M_j$-s- Rickart.

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