

Chapter 3

Pure C3 Modules

In 1976, W.K. Nicholson [47], defined an R -module M to be direct injective if given a direct summand N of M with injection $i : N \rightarrow M$ and any monomorphism $g : N \rightarrow M$ there exists $f \in \text{End}_R(M)$ such that $f \circ g = i$. In 2003, Nicholson and Yousif [48] proved that the class of direct injective modules is equivalent to the class of $C2$ modules. An R -module is called a $C2$ module if every submodule of N which is isomorphic to a direct summand of N is itself a direct summand of N . In 2022, Maurya et al. [38] generalized the class of $C2$ modules to the class of pure $C2$ modules. Here, we introduced the new notion of pure $C3$ modules, which is a generalization of the concept of pure $C2$ modules and $C3$ modules. We give new characterizations of many rings in terms of pure $C3$ modules, namely semisimple rings, pure-semisimple rings, von Neumann regular rings, Noetherian rings, pure-hereditary rings, pure- V -rings, etc. Moreover, we also discuss the pure $C3$ envelope and pure $C3$ cover of a module and introduce the pure quasi-continuous modules as the generalization of the quasi-continuous modules.

3.1 Pure C3 Modules

We first define pure C3 modules with some of their examples and study their various properties.

Definition 3.1.1. *An R -module N is called pure C3 if $A \oplus B$ is a pure submodule of N for submodules A and B of N with $A \leq^{\oplus} N$, $B \leq^{\oplus} N$ and $A \cap B = 0$, then $A \oplus B \leq^{\oplus} N$.*

- Example 3.1.2.**
1. Any C2 module or a pure C2 module is a pure C3 module.
 2. Any quasi-pure-injective module is a pure C3 module [38].
 3. \mathbb{Z}_{p^∞} as a \mathbb{Z} -module is a quasi-pure-projective module because there are no proper pure submodules. Hence, \mathbb{Z}_{p^∞} is pure C3 module.
 4. \mathbb{Z} as \mathbb{Z} -module is pure C3 because there are no proper pure submodules of \mathbb{Z} [Corollary 4.92, [32]].
 5. Let $N = \mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^3}$ as \mathbb{Z} -module, where p is any prime is pure C3 module since N is finitely generated module over the Noetherian ring, so the pure submodules of N are only direct summands [Corollary 4.91, [32]].

Proposition 3.1.3. *Let N be a pure C3 module, where $N = N_1 \oplus N_2$ for submodules N_1 and N_2 of module N . Let $f : N_1 \rightarrow N_2$ be a homomorphism with $\text{Ker}(f) \leq^{\oplus} N_1$ and $\text{Im}(f)$ is pure in N_2 , then $\text{Im}(f) \leq^{\oplus} N_2$.*

Proof. It easily follows from [Proposition 2.3,[2]]. □

Corollary 3.1.4. *Let $N = N_1 \oplus N_2$ for some submodules N_1 and N_2 of N . If N is a pure C3 module with $f : N_1 \rightarrow N_2$ a monomorphism and $\text{Im}(f)$ pure in N_2 , then $\text{Im}(f) \leq^{\oplus} N_2$.*

Corollary 3.1.5. *Let N be an R -module. If $N \oplus PE(N)$ is a pure C3 module, then N is pure-injective.*

Proof. Let $i : N \rightarrow PE(N)$ be the inclusion map. By Corollary 3.1.4, $i(N) = N \leq^\oplus PE(N)$ it implies $N = PE(N)$. Hence N is pure-injective \square

Proposition 3.1.6. *For a pure C3 module $N = N_1 \oplus N_2$, the following conditions are equivalent:*

1. *Let a homomorphism $f : N_1 \rightarrow N_2$ with $Ker(f) \leq^\oplus N_1$ and $Im(f)$ is pure in N_2 . Then $Im(f) \leq^\oplus N_2$;*
2. *Let a monomorphism $f : N_1 \rightarrow N_2$ such that $Im(f)$ is pure in N_2 . Then $Im(f) \leq^\oplus N_2$.*

Proof. (2) \Rightarrow (1). Obvious by Corollary 3.1.5.

(1) \Rightarrow (2). By the given hypothesis, $Ker(f) \leq^\oplus N_1$ then $N_1 = Ker(f) \oplus X$ for some submodule $X \leq N_1$. So, $N = X \oplus (Ker(f) \oplus N_2)$. Now, a monomorphism $f|_X : X \rightarrow N_2$ and $Im(f|_X) = Im(f)$ (since $N_1 = Ker(f) \oplus X$), it implies $Im(f|_X)$ is pure in N_2 . Hence, $Im(f) \leq^\oplus N_2$. \square

Proposition 3.1.7. *Let N be a pure C3 module. Then the following statements hold:*

1. *If $A \leq^\oplus N$, $B \leq^\oplus N$ such that $A \cap B = 0$, then $N = A_1 \oplus B = A \oplus B_1$ for submodules $A \leq A_1$ and $B \leq B_1$.*
2. *If $A \leq^\oplus N$, $B \leq^\oplus N$ and $A \cap B \leq^\oplus N$, then $A + B \leq^\oplus N$.*

Proof. It is clear. \square

By definition of C3 modules, we know that the C3 module implies pure C3, whereas we have given a counterexample that shows that a pure C3 module does not imply C3 module in general.

Example 3.1.8. Suppose $\mathbb{Z} \oplus 2\mathbb{Z}$ as \mathbb{Z} -module, [Example 2.5, [2]] is not a C3 module whereas it is pure C3 since $\mathbb{Z} \oplus 2\mathbb{Z}$ module is finitely generated over the Noetherian ring, so the pure submodules of a module $\mathbb{Z} \oplus 2\mathbb{Z}$ are the only direct summands [Corollary 4.91, [32]]. Hence, it is a pure C3 module.

Proposition 3.1.9. If N is a pure C3 module with $K \leq^\oplus N$, then K is also a pure C3 module.

Proof. Let N be a pure C3 module and $K \leq^\oplus N$. Let $N_1, N_2 \leq^\oplus K$ such that $N_1 \cap N_2 = 0$, then $N_1 \oplus N_2$ is a pure submodule in K . Since $N_1 \oplus N_2 \leq^p K \leq^p N \Rightarrow N_1 \oplus N_2 \leq^p N$. As N is a pure C3 module, it follows that $N_1 \oplus N_2 \leq^\oplus N \Rightarrow N = (N_1 \oplus N_2) \oplus L$ for some submodule L of N . Now, by modular law $N \cap K = [(N_1 \oplus N_2) \oplus L] \cap K \Rightarrow K = (N_1 \oplus N_2) \oplus [L \cap K]$ (as $N_1 \oplus N_2 \leq K$). Hence, $N_1 \oplus N_2 \leq^\oplus K$, so K is a pure C3 module.

□

Theorem 3.1.10. Any pure C2 module is a pure C3 module.

Proof. Let N be a pure C2 module and $N_1, N_2 \leq^\oplus K$ such that $N_1 \cap N_2 = 0$. Let $N = N_1 \oplus N'_1$ for some submodule N'_1 of N and $f : N = N_1 \oplus N'_1 \rightarrow N'_1$ be a projection map. As $f|_{N_2}$ is a monomorphism (since $f|_{N'_1}$ is a monomorphism and $N_2 \leq N'_1$), so we get $f(N_2) \cong N_2 \leq^\oplus N$ and N is a pure C2, so $f(N_2) \leq^\oplus N$. As $f(N_2) \leq^\oplus N \Rightarrow N = f(N_2) \oplus L$ for some submodule $L \leq N$. Therefore by modular law, $N \cap N'_1 = [f(N_2) \oplus L] \cap N'_1 \Rightarrow N'_1 = f(N_2) \oplus (L \cap N'_1)$ (as $f(N_2) \leq N'_1$) $\Rightarrow f(N_2) \leq^\oplus N'_1$ which implies that $N'_1 = f(N_2) \oplus K$ for some submodule K of

N . So, $N = N_1 \oplus (f(N_2) \oplus K) \Rightarrow N = (N_1 \oplus (f(N_2))) \oplus K$. Hence, $N_1 \oplus N_2 \cong N_1 \oplus f(N_2) \leq^{\oplus} N \Rightarrow N_1 \oplus N_2 \leq^{\oplus} N$ (because N is pure C2). So, N is a pure C3 module. \square

Remark 3.1.11. *As every C3 module is not a C2 module [4], intuitively, we observe that every pure C3 module need not be a pure C2 module, but unfortunately, we have not found any counter-example.*

Proposition 3.1.12. *Let N be a pure simple module. Then N is a pure C3 module.*

Proof. If N is a pure-simple module, then it does not contain any proper pure submodule. Hence N is a pure C3 module. \square

Corollary 3.1.13. *Every indecomposable module is a pure C3 module.*

In the next theorem, we show that every finitely generated R -module is dual-Rickart if and only if every finitely generated R -module is a pure C3 module.

Theorem 3.1.14. *Let R be a ring and every R module be a finitely generated module.*

Then the following statements are equivalent :

1. *Every R -module is dual-Rickart;*
2. *Every R -module has SSP property;*
3. *Every submodule of an R -module is a direct summand;*
4. *Every R -module is pure C3.*

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Every dual-Rickart module has the SSP property [Proposition 2.11, [33]].

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Let N be finitely generated R -module such that $K \leq N$. By the given hypothesis, $N \oplus K$ has SSP property. By Corollary 3.1.4, $K \leq^\oplus N$.

(3) \Rightarrow (4) Let N be a finitely generated R -module with K and L as direct summands of N with zero intersection. Now, $K + L$ is finitely generated as K and L are finitely generated. It follows that $K + L \leq^\oplus N$. So N is C3 i.e. pure C3.

(4) \Rightarrow (1) Let N be a finitely generated R -module and f be an endomorphism of N . Then $N + f(N)$ is finitely generated. By hypothesis, $N + f(N)$ is pure C3. So by Corollary 3.1.4, $f(N) \leq^\oplus N$. Hence, N is dual-Rickart. \square

Remark 3.1.15. *In the above proposition, (2) \Rightarrow (4) holds without taking N to be a finitely generated R -module.*

Corollary 3.1.16. *Let N be an R -module with SSP property. Then N is a pure C3 module.*

Proof. Let N be an R -module having the SSP property. It follows that the sum of any two direct summands is again a summand. Thus, N is pure C3. \square

3.2 Characterization of rings using pure C3 modules

This section deals with some characterizations of several rings in terms of pure C3 modules. In the first three propositions, we obtain new characterizations of the von Neumann regular rings with respect to pure C3 modules.

Proposition 3.2.1. *For a ring R , the following statements are equivalent :*

1. R is a von Neumann regular ring;

2. Every pure C3 R -module is C3 module.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Let N be a pure C3 module and $A \leq^{\oplus} N$, $B \leq^{\oplus} N$ such that $A \cap B = 0$. Since, over a von Neumann regular ring R , every submodule of an R -module N is pure. As N is pure C3, it follows that $A \oplus B \leq^{\oplus} N$. Hence, N is a C3 module.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Let N be a pure-injective module. Then $E(N)$ is pure-injective. So $N \oplus E(N)$ is pure-injective. Therefore, the inclusion map $i : N \rightarrow E(N)$ splits, so $N = E(N)$ is an injective module. Hence, R is a von Neumann regular ring [Proposition 37.6, [57]]. \square

Proposition 3.2.2. *For a ring R , the following conditions are equivalent:*

1. R is a von Neumann regular ring;
2. Every pure C3 R -module is a flat.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) It follows from [Theorem 4.21, [32]].

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Let N be an R -module and $PE(N)$ be the pure-injective hull of N . So $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow PE(N) \rightarrow PE(N)/N \rightarrow 0$ is a pure exact sequence. From the given hypothesis, $PE(N)$ is a flat module so by [Corollary 4.86(1), [32]], $PE(N)/N$ is flat module. Therefore, by [Corollary 4.86 (2), [32]], N is a flat module which implies R is a von Neumann regular ring [Theorem 4.21, [32]]. \square

Proposition 3.2.3. *If every pure C3 R -module is quasi-injective, then R is von Neumann regular ring.*

Proof. Let N be a pure-injective R -module. Then $E(N)$ is pure-injective. So, $N \oplus E(N)$ is pure-injective. Hence, $N \oplus E(N)$ is quasi-injective. Now, the inclusion map $i : N \rightarrow E(N)$, splits. Thus, $N = E(N)$ it implies N is injective. By [Proposition 3.7, [45]], R is a von Neumann regular ring. \square

In the following proposition, we obtain a characterization of the PDS ring in terms of a pure C3 module.

Proposition 3.2.4. *Over a PDS ring R , all R -modules are pure C3.*

Proof. Let N be an R -module and $A, B \leq^{\oplus} N$ such that $A \cap B = 0$ with $A \oplus B$ pure in N . By the given hypothesis, R is a PDS ring in which all pure submodules are direct summands, it follows that $A \oplus B \leq^{\oplus} N$. Hence N be pure C3. □

Theorem 3.2.5. *For a ring R , the following conditions are equivalent:*

1. R is a semisimple ring;
2. Every pure C3 R -module is projective;
3. Every pure C2 R -module is projective;
4. Every quasi-pure-injective R -module is projective;
5. Every pure-injective R -module is projective.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) If R is a semisimple ring then every R -module N is projective [Proposition 20.7, [57]], so (2) holds.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Every pure C2 module is pure C3, so (3) holds.

(3) \Rightarrow (4) Every quasi-pure-injective R -module is pure C2, so (4) holds.

(4) \Rightarrow (5) Every pure-injective R -module is quasi-pure-injective, so (5) holds.

(5) \Rightarrow (1) Every pure-injective right R -module is projective, which implies every injective is projective. Therefore, (1) holds by [Proposition 20.7, [57]]. □

For a semisimple ring R , an R -module is projective if and only if it is injective. So, we give an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.2.5 in terms of injective modules in the following proposition.

Theorem 3.2.6. *For a ring R , the following conditions are equivalent:*

1. R is a semisimple ring;
2. Every pure C3 R -module is injective;
3. Every pure C2 R -module is injective;
4. Every quasi-pure-injective R -module is injective;
5. Every pure-injective R -module is injective.

Proof. Straightforward. □

In the next proposition, we give a new characterization of pure-semisimple rings in respect of pure C3 modules.

Proposition 3.2.7. *For a ring R , the following conditions are equivalent:*

1. R is a pure-semisimple ring;
2. Every R -module is pure-injective;
3. Every R -module is pure C3.

Proof. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) from [Theorem 8.4, [27]].

(2) \Rightarrow (3) It is obvious.

(3) \Rightarrow (2) Let K be an R -module, $N = K \oplus PE(K)$ and $\phi : K \rightarrow PE(K)$ be the inclusion map. By Proposition 3.1.6, $Im(\phi) = K \leq^{\oplus} PE(K)$ and $PE(K)$ is pure essential extension of K , $K = PE(K)$ i.e. K is pure-injective. So, (2) holds. \square

Proposition 3.2.8. *For a uniserial ring, every R -module N is a pure C3 module.*

Proof. Since every uniserial ring is pure-semisimple [Theorem 10.4, [17]], N is a pure C3 module. \square

Proposition 3.2.9. *Let R to be a Noetherian ring, then every finitely generated R -module is a pure C3 module.*

Proof. Pure submodules of a finitely generated module over a Noetherian ring are just direct summands [Corollary 4.91, [32]] it implies a pure C3 module. \square

In the following proposition, we give a new characterization of pure-hereditary rings in terms of pure C3 modules.

Proposition 3.2.10. *For a ring R , the following conditions are equivalent:*

1. R is a pure-hereditary ring;
2. Every quotient module of pure-injective R -module is pure C3 module.

Proof. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) It is obvious.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Let N be an injective R -module and $K \leq N$. Let $PE(N/K) \oplus N$ be an R -module. Then $PE(N/K) \oplus N/K$ is the factor module of $PE(N/K) \oplus N$. By the given hypothesis, $PE(N/K) \oplus N/K$ is pure C3 module and a inclusion map $\phi : N/K \rightarrow PE(N/K)$. (By Proposition 3.1.6), $Im(\phi) = N/K \leq^{\oplus} PE(N/K)$ and $PE(N/K)$ is pure-essential extension of N/K , $N/K = PE(N/K)$ i.e. N/K is pure-injective as required. Hence, R is a pure-hereditary ring. \square

Proposition 3.2.11. *If every finitely cogenerated R -module is pure C3 then R is a pure- V -ring.*

Proof. Let N be a simple R -module and $N \oplus PE(N)$ is finitely cogenerated. By hypothesis, $N \oplus PE(N)$ is pure C3 module. By Corollary 3.1.5, N is pure-injective. So, every simple module is pure-injective, i.e., R is pure- V -ring. \square

Remark 3.2.12. *The converse of the Proposition 3.2.11 may not hold in general. However, in particular, if we take ring R to be a von Neumann ring and pure- V -ring, then every cofinitely generated R -module is pure C3.*

Proposition 3.2.13. *Every quasi-pure-injective module is a pure C3 module.*

Proof. Clear from [Corollary 3.9, [36]]. \square

Proposition 3.2.14. *The following statements are equivalent:*

1. *Every pure C3 module is pure-injective;*
2. *The direct sum of any two pure C3 modules is a pure C3 module.*

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Let N_1 and N_2 be two pure C3 modules. By the given hypothesis, N_1 and N_2 are pure-injective then $N_1 \oplus N_2$ is a pure-injective module. Hence, $N_1 \oplus N_2$ is pure C3 module.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Let N be a pure C3 module, by the given hypothesis $N \oplus PE(N)$ is pure C3. By Corollary 3.1.5, N is pure-injective. \square

Recall a ring R is said to be a Xu ring if every cotorsion R -module is a pure-injective module [22]

Proposition 3.2.15. *For a ring R , the following statements are equivalent:*

1. R is a Xu ring;
2. Every cotorsion R -module is pure C3 module.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) It is obvious.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Let N be a cotorsion R -module. Then there exists a pure exact sequence $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow PE(N) \rightarrow PE(N)/(N) \rightarrow 0$ where $PE(N)$ is the pure-injective hull of N . Since $N \oplus PE(N)$ is cotorsion module, by hypothesis, $N \oplus PE(N)$ is pure C3. Hence, R is the Xu ring. \square

Motivated by [2], and [4], the notion of a Pure C3 Envelope and Pure C3 Cover of a module are introduced here.

3.3 Pure C3 Envelopes and Pure C3 Covers of a Module

In this section, we study pure C3 envelopes and pure C3 covers of a module.

Definition 3.3.1. A homomorphism $f : N \rightarrow E$ is called a pure C3 envelope of a module N , if E is a pure C3 module and any diagram below

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N & \xrightarrow{f} & E \\ g \downarrow & \swarrow h & \\ F & & \end{array}$$

with F as a pure C3 module and a homomorphism $g : N \rightarrow F$ can be completed by a homomorphism $h : E \rightarrow F$, and the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N & \xrightarrow{f} & E \\ g \downarrow & \swarrow k & \\ E & & \end{array}$$

can be completed by an automorphism $k : E \rightarrow E$.

Proposition 3.3.2. *The following statements are equivalent:*

1. Every pure C3 module is pure-injective;
2. Every module has a pure C3 envelope.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Since every module has a pure-injective envelope; by hypothesis, every pure C3 module is pure-injective. Hence, Every module has a pure C3 envelope.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Let N be a pure C3 module and $f : N \oplus PE(N) \rightarrow E$ is a pure C3 envelope of $N \oplus PE(N)$. Now, $\pi_1 : N \oplus PE(N) \rightarrow N$ and $\pi_2 : N \oplus PE(N) \rightarrow PE(N)$ be canonical projections. Since N and $PE(N)$ are pure C3 modules, so there are homomorphisms $\theta_1 : E \rightarrow N$ and $\theta_2 : E \rightarrow PE(N)$ such that the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N \oplus PE(N) & \xrightarrow{f} & E \\ \pi_1 \downarrow & \swarrow \theta_1 & \\ N & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N \oplus PE(N) & \xrightarrow{f} & E \\ \pi_2 \downarrow & \swarrow \theta_2 & \\ PE(N) & & \end{array}$$

Now, from diagrams $\theta_1\mu = \pi_1$ and $\theta_2\mu = \pi_2$. Also define $\theta : E \rightarrow N \oplus PE(N)$ by $\theta(x) = \theta_1(x) + \theta_2(x)$ such that $\theta\mu = id_E$, it implies μ is a monomorphism, and $N \oplus PE(N) \cong Im(\mu) \leq^\oplus E$. By Proposition 3.1.9, $N \oplus PE(N)$ is pure C3 module. Hence, by Corollary 3.1.5, N is a pure-injective module.

□

Definition 3.3.3. A homomorphism $f : C \rightarrow N$ is called a pure C3 cover of a module N , if C is a pure C3 module such that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & C & \\ & \nearrow g & \downarrow f \\ C' & \xrightarrow{h} & N \end{array}$$

with C' is a pure C3 module can be completed

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & C & \\ & \nearrow g & \downarrow f \\ C & \xrightarrow{h} & N \end{array}$$

and above diagram commutes where $g : C \rightarrow C$ automorphism.

Proposition 3.3.4. Let R be a pure-semisimple ring. Then every R -module has a pure C3 cover.

Proof. Every R -module over a pure-semisimple ring is pure C3. Hence, every R -module has a pure C3 cover. □

Proposition 3.3.5. Let R be a Noetherian ring. Then every finitely generated R -module has a pure C3 cover.

Proof. As we know every finitely generated module over the Noetherian ring is pure-injective. So, every finitely generated module over the Noetherian ring is a pure $C3$ module. Hence, every finitely generated R -module has pure $C3$ cover. \square

3.4 Pure Quasi-Continuous Modules

In this section, we define pure quasi-continuous modules which is the generalization of the quasi-continuous modules by the use of pure $C3$ modules.

Definition 3.4.1. *A pure quasi-continuous module is a module N in which every pure submodule is essential in a direct summand of N , and if K, L are direct summands of N with zero intersection and $K \oplus L$ a pure submodule of N , then $K \oplus L$ is a direct summand of N .*

In other words, a module that is pure $C1$ and pure $C3$ is known as a pure quasi-continuous module.

Example 3.4.2. *Any Quasi-continuous module or Continuous module is a pure quasi-continuous module.*

It is easily seen from the definition of pure quasi-continuous modules that quasi-continuous modules imply pure quasi-continuous modules, whereas the converse is not true. We show this in the following example.

Example 3.4.3. *Let $N = \mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^3}$ as \mathbb{Z} -module, here p is any prime. In particular take $p = 2$, $P = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_8$ as \mathbb{Z} -module. P is pure $C1$ whereas P is not $C1$ [Example 2.1.7]. Moreover, by Example 3.1.2 (5), P is a pure $C3$, so P is a pure quasi-continuous but not a quasi-continuous module.*

This example shows that a pure quasi-continuous module is a proper generalization of the quasi-continuous module.

Proposition 3.4.4. *Every pure continuous module is a pure quasi-continuous module.*

Proof. As we know every pure $C2$ module is a pure $C3$ module (Theorem 3.1.10), so a pure continuous module is a quasi-pure-continuous module. \square

Proposition 3.4.5. *Every direct summand of a pure quasi-continuous module is a pure quasi-continuous module.*

Proof. The proof easily follows from Proposition 2.1.4 and Proposition 3.1.9. \square