

## SOME ASPECTS OF $\tau$ -FULL MODULES

Jaime Castro Pérez, Marcela González Peláez\*  
and  
José Ríos Montes

*Departamento de Matemáticas  
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey,  
Calle del Puente 222, Tlalpan 14380, México  
e-mail:jcastrop@itesm.mx*

*\*Departamento de Matemáticas  
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México,  
Río Hondo 1, Col. Progreso Tizapán 01080, México  
e-mail:gonzap@itam.mx*

*Instituto de Matemáticas, UNAM  
Área de la Investigación Científica  
Circuito Exterior, C. U. 04510, México  
e-mail:jrios@matem.unam.mx*

### Abstract

Let  $\tau$  be a hereditary torsion theory on  $\text{Mod-}R$ . For a right  $\tau$ -full  $R$ -module  $M$ , we establish that  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  is a boolean lattice; we find necessary and sufficient conditions for the interval  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  be atomic, and we give conditions for the atoms be of some specific type in terms of the internal structure of  $M$ .

We also prove that there are lattice isomorphisms between the lattice  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  and the lattice of  $\tau$ -pure fully invariant submodules of  $M$ , under the additional assumption that  $M$  is absolutely  $\tau$ -pure.

With the aid of these results, we get a decomposition of a  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure  $R$ -module  $M$  as a direct sum of  $\tau$ -pure fully invariant submodules  $N$  and  $N'$  with different atomic characteristics on the intervals  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N)]$  and  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N')]$ , respectively.

---

\* This author appreciates the support from Asociación Mexicana de Cultura, A.C. in Mexico City

**Key words:** hereditary torsion theory,  $\tau$ -full  $R$ -module, atomic characteristics.  
2000 AMS Mathematics Subject Classification: Primary: 16S90; secondary: 16D50; 16P50; 16P70.

## 1 Introduction

Let  $R$  be an associative ring with unit.  $\text{Mod-}R$  denotes the category of unitary right  $R$ -modules and  $R\text{-tors}$  denotes the frame of all hereditary torsion theories on  $\text{Mod-}R$ .

For a hereditary torsion theory  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ , William George Lau studied the  $\tau$ -full modules, that is,  $\tau$ -torsion-free modules which have the property that every essential submodule is  $\tau$ -dense. The latest condition was named the  $\tau$ -large condition by Lau, [12]. Earlier on, this notion was studied by Ann K. Boyle [4] in connection with her work on modules having Krull dimension and also, Robert Wisbauer worked with them in [16]. Later, some properties about these modules were pointed out in [8]. Zelmanowitz defined polyform modules in [18] which were proved to be full modules by Wisbauer in [17]. Other works concerned with these modules can be found in [14] and [15].

In this paper, for a  $\tau$ -full module  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$ , we investigate the behavior of the fully invariant submodules  $N$  such that  $M/N$  is  $\tau$ -torsion-free. We establish a lattice isomorphism between the set of these submodules and a sublattice of  $R\text{-tors}$  determined by  $\tau$  and  $M$ , considering that  $M$  be also relatively injective. Therefore, we can get some results about the structure of this modules. In order to do this, we have divided the paper in three sections: in Section 2 we give the concepts, characterizations and some results related to  $\tau$ -full modules. In Section 3, we establish the lattice isomorphism between the lattice  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  and the lattice of  $\tau$ -pure fully invariant submodules of  $M$ , assuming, in addition, that  $M$  is absolutely  $\tau$ -pure. Under these conditions, it was proved, in [8, Proposition 15.6], that every  $\tau$ -pure submodule of  $M$  is a direct summand of  $M$ ; in this section we prove that if  $N$  is a  $\tau$ -pure fully invariant submodule of  $M$ , there is another  $\tau$ -pure fully invariant submodule of  $M$  which is complement of  $N$  to get  $M$ . Also, we get a decomposition of  $M$  in terms of some  $\tau$ -pure fully invariant submodules  $N$  of  $M$  with different atomic structure on their intervals  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N)]$ . In Section 4, we prove some equivalent statements so that interval  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  be atomic, for a  $\tau$ -full module  $M$ , and give conditions on the internal structure of  $M$  in order that atoms be of some specific type. Among these conditions we get some decompositions of  $\chi(M)$ .

For  $M, N \in \text{Mod-}R$ , the notation  $N \leq M$  ( $N < M$ ) means that  $N$  is a (proper) submodule of  $M$ . If  $N$  is an essential submodule of  $M$ , we write  $N \leq_{ess} M$ . Also we use this symbols  $\leq$  ( $<$ ) for the partial order in the lattice  $R\text{-tors}$ . For  $\tau, \sigma \in R\text{-tors}$  with  $\tau \leq \sigma$ ,  $[\tau, \sigma] = \{\gamma \in R\text{-tors} \mid \tau \leq \gamma \leq \sigma\}$ . When we mean that  $X$  is a (proper) subset or a (proper) subclass of  $Y$ , we write  $X \subseteq Y$  ( $X \subset Y$ ). For a family of right  $R$ -modules  $\{M_\alpha\}$ , let  $\chi(\{M_\alpha\})$  be the torsion theory cogenerated by the family  $\{M_\alpha\}$ , i.e. the maximal element of  $R\text{-tors}$  for which all the  $M_\alpha$  are torsion free; and let  $\xi(\{M_\alpha\})$  be the torsion theory generated by the family  $\{M_\alpha\}$ , i.e. the minimal element of  $R\text{-tors}$  for

which all the  $M_\alpha$  are torsion. In particular, we write  $\chi(M)$  and  $\xi(M)$  instead of  $\chi(\{M\})$  and  $\xi(\{M\})$ , respectively. The greatest element of  $R$ -tors is denoted by  $\chi$  and the least by  $\xi$ . For  $\tau \in R$ -tors,  $\mathbb{T}_\tau$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_\tau$  and  $t_\tau$  denotes the torsion class, the torsion free class and the torsion functor associated to  $\tau$ , respectively.

We give some concepts and results that we will refer to throughout this paper.

Let  $(L, \wedge, \vee, 0, 1)$  be a complete lattice. A non-zero element  $a \in L$  is an *atom* if  $x < a$  implies  $x = 0$ , for each  $x \in L$ . The lattice  $L$  is said to be *atomic* if for every  $0 \neq y \in L$ , there is an atom  $a \in L$  such that  $a \leq y$ .  $L$  is said to be *locally atomic* if every non-zero element in  $L$  is a join of atoms. If  $L$  is a complete Boolean lattice, then  $L$  is atomic if and only if  $L$  is locally atomic if and only if the element 1 is a join of atoms of  $L$ . We also observe that if  $L$  is Boolean and if  $a, b \in L$  are such that  $a < b$ , then  $[a, b]$  is Boolean. For other concepts and terminology about lattice theory, the reader is referred to [5, 10].

Let  $\tau \in R$ -tors and  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$ , a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is said to be  $\tau$ -dense in  $M$  if  $M/N \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ .  $N$  is  $\tau$ -pure in  $M$  if  $M/N \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ .  $M$  is called  $\tau$ -cocritical if  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$  and every  $0 \neq N \leq M$  is  $\tau$ -dense in  $M$ .  $M$  is *cocritical* if there is  $\tau \in R$ -tors such that  $M$  is  $\tau$ -cocritical. We say that  $M$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module if  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$  and  $\tau \vee \xi(M)$  is an atom in  $[\tau, \chi]$ . We write  $E(M)$  for the injective hull of  $M$ , and for a  $\tau \in R$ -tors, we denote  $E_\tau(M)$  the  $\tau$ -injective hull of  $M$  which can be described as  $E_\tau(M)/M = t_\tau(E(M)/M)$ .

$\tau \in R$ -tors is said to be *irreducible* if for  $\tau', \tau'' \in R$ -tors with  $\tau' \wedge \tau'' = \tau$ , we have that  $\tau' = \tau$  or  $\tau'' = \tau$ . The element  $\tau$  is *strongly irreducible* if  $\wedge U \leq \tau$  implies that there exists  $\sigma \in U$  such that  $\sigma \leq \tau$ , for each  $\phi \neq U \subseteq R$ -tors. We say that  $\tau$  is *prime* if it is of the form  $\chi(M)$  for some cocritical right  $R$ -module.

For all other concepts and terminology concerning torsion theories, the reader is referred to [8, 13].

## 2 $\tau$ -full modules

**Definition 1.** Let  $\tau \in R$ -tors. A nonzero right  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a  $\tau$ -full module if  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$  and for every  $0 \neq N \leq M$ , we have that  $M/N \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ .<sup>1</sup>

- Examples 2.**
1. If  $M$  is  $\tau$ -cocritical, then  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -full module.
  2. If  $M$  is a semisimple  $\tau$ -torsion free module, then  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -full module.
  3. Let  $\tau_g$  denote the Goldie torsion theory and  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$ . Then  $M$  is  $\tau_g$ -torsion free if and only if  $M$  is a  $\tau_g$ -full module.
  4. Let  $\tau \in R$ -tors be a hereditary torsion theory.  $\tau$  is said to be spectral if the class of  $\tau$ -injective and  $\tau$ -torsion free right  $R$ -modules is a spectral

---

<sup>1</sup>The concept of  $\tau$ -full module can also be defined for modules that are not necessarily  $\tau$ -torsion free, as it is in [1].

category, i.e. a Grothendieck category where every short exact sequence splits. If  $\tau$  is a spectral torsion theory and  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ , then  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -full module. For further details see [2, Proposition 1.1], [3], and [13].

5. Let  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$ .  $M$  is a  $\xi$ -full module if and only if  $M$  is a semisimple module.
6. Let  $\tau_{sp}$  be the hereditary torsion theory whose torsion class consists of all semisimple and projective modules. For each  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$ ,  $t_{\tau_{sp}}(M) = \sum\{S \leq M \mid S \text{ is simple and projective}\}$ . Then  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$  is a  $\tau_{sp}$ -full module if and only if  $M$  is semisimple and singular.
7. Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ . If  $R$  is  $\tau$ -full, then  $\tau = \tau_g$ . □

In order to make this work self-contained we include the following results from [8, Chapter 15].

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\tau$ -full module. Then the following conditions hold.*

1. *If  $0 \neq N \leq M$ , then  $N$  is also  $\tau$ -full.*
2. *If  $N$  is a  $\tau$ -pure submodule of  $M$ , then  $M/N$  is  $\tau$ -full.*

The next proposition shows that the property of being  $\tau$ -full of the module  $M_R$ , extends to any generalization  $\sigma$  of  $\tau$ , when  $M$  is  $\sigma$ -torsion free.

**Proposition 4.** *Let  $\tau, \sigma \in R\text{-tors}$  such that  $\tau \leq \sigma$ . If  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$  is  $\tau$ -full and  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ , then  $M$  is  $\sigma$ -full.*

**Proof** *Let  $0 \neq N \leq_{ess} M$ , then  $M/N \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ . Therefore,  $M/N \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$  and  $M$  is  $\sigma$ -full.* □

**Corollary 5.** *If  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$  is  $\tau$ -full for  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ , then  $M$  is a  $\chi(M)$ -full module.*

**Remark 6.** As a consequence of Proposition 4 it can be proved that  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$  is  $\tau$ -full if and only if the restriction of the torsion theory  $\tau$  to the category  $\sigma[M]$  is a spectral torsion theory.

**Proposition 7.** *Let  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$  and  $\tau, \sigma \in R\text{-tors}$ . If  $M$  is  $\tau$ -full and  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ , then  $M$  is  $(\tau \wedge \sigma)$ -full.*

**Proof** *As  $(\tau \wedge \sigma) \leq \tau$  and  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$  we see that  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau \wedge \sigma}$ . If  $N \leq_{ess} M$ , then  $M/N \in \mathbb{T}_\tau \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ . Hence  $M$  is  $(\tau \wedge \sigma)$ -full.* □

**Definition 8.** A module  $M$  is called full if there exists  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  such that  $M$  is  $\tau$ -full.

**Remark 9.** By Corollary 5 we see that a module  $M$  is full if and only if  $M$  is  $\chi(M)$ -full.

Now, for each  $R$ -module  $M$  we write  $\xi_M = \xi(\{M/N \mid N \leq M\})$ . Note that if  $M$  is a full module, then  $M/N \in \mathbb{T}_{\chi(M)}$ , for each  $N \stackrel{ess}{\leq} M$ ; thus  $\xi_M \leq \chi(M)$ .

In the next result we assume that  $M$  is a full module. In Example 13 we shall see that this is a necessary condition.

**Proposition 10.** *Let  $M$  be a full  $R$ -module and  $\tau \in R$ -tors. Then  $M$  is  $\tau$ -full if and only if  $\tau \in [\xi_M, \chi(M)]$ .*

**Proof**  $\Rightarrow$ ] Let  $\tau \in R$ -tors such that  $M$  is  $\tau$ -full, then  $\tau \leq \chi(M)$ , and if  $N \leq M$ , we have that  $M/N \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ ; therefore  $\xi_M \leq \tau$ .

$\Leftarrow$ ] Now, let  $\pi \in [\xi_M, \chi(M)]$ . Since  $\xi_M \leq \pi$ ,  $M/N \in \mathbb{T}_\pi$ , for every  $N \stackrel{ess}{\leq} M$ . On the other hand,  $\pi \leq \chi(M)$  tells us that  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\pi$ . Thus,  $M$  is  $\pi$ -full.  $\square$

**Corollary 11.** *Let  $\{\tau_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I} \subseteq R$ -tors and  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$ . If  $M$  is  $\tau_\alpha$ -full for every  $\alpha \in I$ , then  $M$  is  $\bigwedge_{\alpha \in I} \tau_\alpha$ -full and  $\bigvee_{\alpha \in I} \tau_\alpha$ -full.*

**Proof** If  $M$  is  $\tau_\alpha$ -full, then  $\tau_\alpha \in [\xi_M, \chi(M)]$  for every  $\alpha \in I$ . So  $\bigwedge_{\alpha \in I} \tau_\alpha$  and  $\bigvee_{\alpha \in I} \tau_\alpha$  are in the interval  $[\xi_M, \chi(M)]$ . The result follows straightforwardly from the above proposition.  $\square$

The next proposition is an immediate result from the definitions.

**Proposition 12.** *Let  $\tau \in R$ -tors and  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$ .  $M$  is  $\tau$ -cocritical if and only if  $M$  is  $\tau$ -full and uniform.*

The following example shows that the injective hull of a full module is not always a full module.

**Example 13.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $p \in R$  be a prime number and  $M = \mathbb{Z}_p$ .  $M$  is simple and  $\chi(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ -torsion free module, so it is a  $\chi(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ -full module. However,  $E(\mathbb{Z}_p) = \mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}$  is not full since for every essential submodule  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^k}$  we have that  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}/\mathbb{Z}_{p^k} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty} \notin \mathbb{T}_{\chi(\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty})}$ . Notice that in this case  $\xi_{\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}} \not\leq \chi(\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty})$ , since  $\xi_{\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}} = \xi(\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty})$ .  $\square$

**Remark 14.** In the following proposition, which was proved in [17], condition 2. is Zelmanowitz' definition of polyform module. So, this proposition says that a module  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$  is full if and only if  $M$  is polyform.

**Proposition 15.** *Let  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$ . The following conditions are equivalent.*

1.  $M$  is full.

2. For every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  and every morphism  $f : N \rightarrow M$  such that  $\ker(f) \leq_{ess} N$ , we have that  $f = 0$ .

**Proposition 16.** Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  and  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$  a  $\tau$ -full module. If  $N \in \text{Mod-}R$  is such that  $\chi(N) = \chi(M)$ , then  $N$  contains a  $\tau$ -full submodule.

**Proof** Since  $M$  is  $\tau$ -full,  $\tau \in [\xi_M, \chi(M)]$  by Proposition 10, and thus  $\tau \leq \chi(N)$ . As  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\chi(N)}$ , then  $\text{Hom}_R(M, E(N)) \neq 0$ . Let  $0 \neq f : M \rightarrow E(N)$ , then there is a non-zero submodule  $M' \leq M$  such that  $0 \neq f(M') \leq N$ . Therefore  $f(M') \in \mathbb{F}_{\chi(N)} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_\tau$ . By Proposition 3, we can conclude that  $f(M')$  is  $\tau$ -full.  $\square$

**Proposition 17.** Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  and  $M$  a  $\tau$ -full  $R$ -module. Then the following conditions hold.

1.  $E_\tau(M)$  is a  $\tau$ -full  $R$ -module.
2.  $E_\tau(M)$  is the greatest  $\tau$ -full submodule of  $E(M)$ .

**Proof** 1. It is a consequence of [8, Proposition 15.4].

2. Let  $K$  be a  $\tau$ -full submodule of  $E(M)$ , then  $K \neq 0$  and thus  $K \cap M \neq 0$ . Moreover  $K \cap M \leq K$ . Note that  $K / K \cap M \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$  since  $K$  is a  $\tau$ -full  $R$ -module. As  $E(M) / E_\tau(M) \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ , then the morphism  $f : K / K \cap M \rightarrow E(M) / E_\tau(M)$  defined by  $f((x + K \cap M)) = x + E_\tau(M)$  must be zero. Hence  $K \subseteq E_\tau(M)$ .  $\square$

Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ . A right  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be *absolutely  $\tau$ -pure* if it is  $\tau$ -torsion free and  $\tau$ -injective.

**Remark 18.** Let  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$  and  $\sigma = \chi(M) \wedge \chi(E(M)/M)$ . As  $\sigma \leq \chi(M)$ , then  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ ; on the other hand  $\sigma \leq \chi(E(M)/M)$  implies that  $E(M)/M \in \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ , i.e.  $E_\sigma(M)/M = t_\sigma(E(M)/M) = 0$ , which means that  $M$  is  $\sigma$ -injective. Therefore,  $M$  is absolutely  $\sigma$ -pure. So, if  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ , then  $M$  is absolutely  $\tau$ -pure if and only if  $\tau \in [\xi, \chi(M) \wedge \chi(E(M)/M)]$ . (See [8, Chapter 10] for further details about absolutely  $\tau$ -pure modules.)

From Proposition 10, we can conclude that for a full module  $M$ , if  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  is such that  $M$  is absolutely  $\tau$ -pure and  $\tau$ -full, then  $\tau \in [\xi_M, \chi(M) \wedge \chi(E(M)/M)]$ . However, it is not enough that  $M$  be a full module to have that  $\xi_M \leq \chi(M) \wedge \chi(E(M)/M)$ , as we can see in the following example. Thus the converse is not true in general.

**Example 19.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $M = \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $E(M) = \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $M$  is  $\tau_g$ -full,  $\chi(M) = \chi(\mathbb{Z}) = \tau_g$ ,  $\chi(E(M)/M) = \chi(\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) = \xi$  and  $\xi_M = \xi_{\mathbb{Z}} = \tau_g$ . Thus  $\xi_M \not\leq \chi(M) \wedge \chi(E(M)/M)$ .  $\square$

### 3 Structure of $Sub_{P_\tau FI}(M)$ and $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$

Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  and  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$ . In this section we are going to study some properties of the set  $\{N \leq M \mid N \text{ is } \tau\text{-pure and fully invariant in } M\}$ , henceforth we shall denote it as  $Sub_{P_\tau FI}(M)$ .

We begin with a characterization of the  $\tau$ -pure submodules of a  $\tau$ -full  $R$ -module.

**Proposition 20.** *Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  and  $M$  a  $\tau$ -full  $R$  module. Then  $N \leq M$  is  $\tau$ -pure in  $M$  if and only if  $N$  is essentially closed in  $M$ .*

**Proof**  $\Rightarrow$ ] *Let  $N$  be a  $\tau$ -pure submodule of  $M$ . If  $N \leq N' < M$ , then  $N'/N \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$  since  $N'$  is  $\tau$ -full; on the other hand  $M/N \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$  implies that  $N'/N \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ , hence,  $N' = N$ .*

$\Leftarrow$ ] *Let  $N \leq M$  essentially closed in  $M$  and let  $N' \leq M$  be a pseudocomplement of  $N$  in  $M$ . Then  $N$  must be also a pseudocomplement of  $N'$  in  $M$ . Therefore we have an essential monomorphism  $N' \simeq N \oplus N'/N \xrightarrow{ess} M/N$ . So, we can deduce that  $M/N \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ , since  $N' \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ .  $\square$*

**Remark 21.** We see, by Proposition 20, that the set  $Sub_{P_\tau FI}$  does not depend on  $\tau$  when  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -full module, i.e.  $Sub_{P_\tau FI}(M) = \{N \leq M \mid N \text{ is fully invariant and essentially closed in } M\}$ .

**Theorem 22.** *Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ ,  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$  and  $\varphi : [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)] \rightarrow Sub_{P_\tau FI}(M)$  defined by  $\varphi(\sigma) = t_\sigma(M)$ . Then the following conditions hold.*

1. *If  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -full module, then  $\varphi$  is injective.*
2. *If  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure module, then  $\varphi$  is bijective.*

**Proof** 1. *We first claim that for every  $\sigma \in [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ ,  $\sigma = \tau \vee \xi(t_\sigma(M))$ . Let  $N = t_\sigma(M)$ , then  $\tau \leq \tau \vee \xi(N) \leq \sigma \leq \tau \vee \xi(M)$ . Assume that  $\tau \vee \xi(N) < \sigma$ ; then there exists  $0 \neq K \in \text{Mod-}R$  such that  $K \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$  and  $K \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau \vee \xi(N)}$ . Therefore,  $K \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$  and  $K \in \mathbb{F}_{\xi(N)}$ ; so  $\text{Hom}_R(N, E(K)) = 0$ . On the other hand,  $K \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma \subseteq \mathbb{T}_{\tau \vee \xi(M)}$  implies that  $\text{Hom}_R(M, E(K)) \neq 0$ . Let  $0 \neq \underline{f} \in \text{Hom}_R(M, E(K))$ , then  $N \leq \ker(f)$ , and so there is a morphism  $0 \neq \underline{f} : M/N \rightarrow E(K)$ . It follows that there exists submodules  $H/N < L/N \leq M/N$  and a monomorphism  $L/H \hookrightarrow K \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ , then  $L/H \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ . Since  $L/N \leq M/N = M/t_\sigma(M) \in \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ , it follows that  $H/N \leq L/N$  by [8, Proposition 5.7], thus  $H \leq L$ . As  $L$  is  $\tau$ -full, we have that  $L/H \xrightarrow{ess} \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ ; but this is a contradiction because  $L/H \hookrightarrow K \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ . Hence,  $\sigma = \tau \vee \xi(t_\sigma(M))$ .*

*Now, let  $\sigma, \sigma' \in [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  such that  $\varphi(\sigma) = \varphi(\sigma')$ , then  $t_\sigma(M) = t_{\sigma'}(M)$ . Using the above equality, we have that  $\sigma = \tau \vee \xi(t_\sigma(M)) = \tau \vee \xi(t_{\sigma'}(M)) = \sigma'$ . Therefore,  $\varphi$  is injective.*

2. By 1. we already know that  $\varphi$  is injective. Now, let  $N \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$  and  $\sigma = \tau \vee \xi(N)$ . We claim that  $t_\sigma(M) = N$ .

As  $t_\sigma(M)$  is  $\tau$ -pure in  $M$ , there exists  $L \leq M$  such that  $M = t_\sigma(M) \oplus L$  by [8, Proposition 15.6]. Thus,  $t_\sigma(M)$  is absolutely  $\tau$ -pure and  $\tau$ -full. Notice that  $N \leq t_\sigma(M)$ , even more,  $N$  is  $\tau$ -pure in  $t_\sigma(M)$ . Then  $N$  is a direct summand of  $t_\sigma(M)$ ; so there exists  $K \leq t_\sigma(M)$  such that  $t_\sigma(M) = N \oplus K$ . Inasmuch as  $K \simeq t_\sigma(M)/N \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma \cap \mathbb{F}_\tau$ , we have that  $K \notin \mathbb{F}_{\xi(N)}$ ; therefore  $\text{Hom}_R(N, E(K)) \neq 0$ . Let  $0 \neq g : N \rightarrow E(K)$  and let  $N_0 = g^{-1}(K)$ , then there is a morphism  $f : N/N_0 \rightarrow E(K)/K$  defined by  $f(x + N_0) = g(x) + K$ . We can see that  $f$  is a monomorphism. On the other hand, as  $K$  is a direct summand of  $t_\sigma(M)$ ,  $K$  is  $\tau$ -injective from where we get that  $E(K)/K \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ ; hence,  $N/N_0 \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ . Since  $N$  is a  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure module, there exists  $N_1 \leq N$  such that  $N = N_0 \oplus N_1$ . In this way we have that  $M = t_\sigma(M) \oplus L = N \oplus K \oplus L = N_0 \oplus N_1 \oplus K \oplus L$ . Consequently, unless  $K = 0$ , it can be defined an endomorphism  $0 \neq h : M \rightarrow M$  in such a way that  $0 \neq h(N) \subseteq K$ , which is a contradiction since  $N$  is fully invariant. Thus  $N = t_\sigma(M)$ , that is,  $\varphi$  is surjective.  $\square$

Now, considering Remarks 18 and 21 we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 23.** *Let  $\tau \in R$ -tors. If  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure  $R$ -module, then  $[\sigma, \sigma \vee \xi(M)] \simeq \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M) \forall \sigma \in [\xi_M, \chi(M) \wedge \chi(E(M)/M)]$ , where  $\xi_M = \xi(\{M/N \mid N \leq M\})$ .*

**Corollary 24.** *If  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure module, then  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism of complete lattices.*

**Proof** *It follows from the fact that  $\varphi$  preserves order and arbitrary meets.*  $\square$

The following examples show that the hypothesis of  $M$  be  $\tau$ -full in Theorem 22,1 is not superfluous, neither the hypothesis of  $M$  be absolutely  $\tau$ -pure in Theorem 22,2.

**Example 25.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\tau = \xi$  and  $M = \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $[\xi, \xi(\mathbb{Z})] = \mathbb{Z}$ -tors. In this case  $M$  is not  $\xi$ -full, nor  $\varphi : \mathbb{Z}$ -tors  $\rightarrow \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(\mathbb{Z})$  such that  $\varphi(\sigma) = t_\sigma(\mathbb{Z})$  is an injective function, since  $t_\sigma(\mathbb{Z}) = 0 \forall \sigma \in \mathbb{Z}$ -tors with  $\sigma < \chi$ .

**Example 26.** Let  $F$  be a field,  $A = F^{\aleph_0}$  and  $P$  the subalgebra of  $F^{\aleph_0}$  generated by  $\bar{1}$  and  $A$ , where  $\bar{1}$  denotes the unitary element in the ring  $F^{\aleph_0}$ . Note that  $A$  is a maximal ideal of  $P$ , and that  $A \in \text{Mod-}P$  is faithful and semisimple. We can see  $F$  as a unital subring of  $P$  if we consider  $F_0 = \{(a) = (a, a, a, \dots) \mid a \in F\}$ . Now, let  $Q = \mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2}(P)$ , the ring of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $P$  and  $R$  the subring  $\begin{pmatrix} P & A \\ 0 & F_0 \end{pmatrix}$  of  $Q$ . The minimal right ideals of  $R$  are of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & S \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $S \leq A$  is a minimal ideal of  $P$ , and



$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & F_0 \end{pmatrix}$ . So, the right socle of  $R$  is  $\text{soc}_r(R) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ 0 & F_0 \end{pmatrix}$ ; it is an essential right ideal of  $R$  since for every  $0 \neq r \in R$  there is an element  $s \in R$  such that  $0 \neq rs \in \text{soc}_r(R)$ . Moreover, if  $x \in R$  is such that  $x(\text{soc}_r(R)) = 0$ , then  $x = 0$ ; thus,  $R$  is a right non-singular  $R$ -module. Hence  $R \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau_g}$ , which means that  $R$  is  $\tau_g$ -full. On the other hand,  $R$  is not absolutely  $\tau_g$ -pure since  $M = \begin{pmatrix} F^{\aleph_0} & A \\ 0 & F_0 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Mod-}R$  and  $R \leq_{\text{ess}} M$ .

Now, set  $H = \begin{pmatrix} P & A \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $H$  is a two-sided ideal of  $R$ , so it is a  $\tau_g$ -torsion-free fully invariant submodule of  $R$ ; furthermore,  $H$  is  $\tau_g$ -pure in  $R$  since  $R = H \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & F_0 \end{pmatrix}$  as a right  $R$ -module. Let  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e_1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in H$  with  $e_1 = (1, 0, 0, \dots)$ , and  $y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{1} \end{pmatrix} \in R - H$ . We can verify that  $(0 : x) = \{r \in R \mid xr = 0\} = H = \{r \in R \mid yr \in H\} = (H : y)$ ; hence,  $H \neq t_\sigma(R) \forall \sigma \in R\text{-tors}$  by [11, Corollary of Proposition 2.1], specially,  $H \neq t_\sigma(R)$  for every  $\sigma \in [\tau_g, \tau_g \vee \xi(R)] = [\tau_g, \chi]$ .  $\square$

Now for  $\tau, \sigma \in R\text{-tors}$ , we shall write  $\tau \ll \sigma$  if  $\tau \leq \sigma$  and for every  $\alpha \in R\text{-tors}$  such that  $\sigma \wedge \alpha \leq \tau$ , we have that  $\alpha \leq \tau$ .

Using this, we are going to prove that when we have a  $\tau$ -full  $R$ -module, the interval  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  is a Boolean lattice.

**Definition 27.** The Cantor-Bendixson derivative on  $R$ -tors is the function  $d_{cb}$  from  $R$ -tors to itself given by  $d_{cb}(\tau) = \bigwedge \{\sigma \mid \tau \ll \sigma\}$ .

The following result has been already stated in [9, Proposition 1.10]; here we give a different proof.

**Proposition 28.** *If  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  and  $M$  is  $\tau$ -full, then  $\tau \vee \xi(M) \leq d_{cb}(\tau)$ .*

**Proof** *Let  $M$  be a  $\tau$ -full module. We are going to prove that  $\tau \vee \xi(M) \leq \rho$ , for every  $\rho \in R\text{-tors}$  such that  $\tau \ll \rho$ .*

*Assume that there is a  $\rho \in R\text{-tors}$  such that  $\tau \ll \rho$  and  $\tau \vee \xi(M) \not\leq \rho$ . Since  $\tau \leq \rho$ , then  $M \notin \mathbb{T}_\rho$ . Let  $\overline{M} = M/t_\rho(M)$ , then  $\overline{M} \neq 0$  and  $\overline{M} \in \mathbb{F}_\rho \subseteq \mathbb{F}_\tau$ ; so  $\overline{M}$  is  $\tau$ -full and  $\rho$ -full, because  $M$  is  $\tau$ -full. As  $\overline{M} \in \mathbb{F}_\rho$ , then  $\tau \vee \xi(\overline{M}) \not\leq \rho$ .*

*Now, we claim that  $\rho \wedge \xi(\overline{M}) \leq \tau$ . Let  $L \in \mathbb{T}_{\rho \wedge \xi(\overline{M})}$ , then  $L \in \mathbb{T}_\rho$  and  $L \in \mathbb{T}_{\xi(\overline{M})}$ ; so  $\text{Hom}_R(\overline{M}, E(L)) \neq 0$ . Then there exists submodules  $H \subset T \subseteq \overline{M}$  and a monomorphism  $T/H \hookrightarrow L \in \mathbb{T}_\rho$ , which means that  $T/H \in \mathbb{T}_\rho$ . As  $T \in \mathbb{F}_\rho$ , we have that  $H \leq_{\text{ess}} T$ . Since  $\overline{M}$  is  $\tau$ -full,  $T$  is  $\tau$ -full, and then  $T/H \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ .*

*Hence  $t_\tau(L) \neq 0$ . So we have proved that any  $(\rho \wedge \xi(\overline{M}))$ -torsion module has non-zero  $\tau$ -torsion. So, if  $L \neq t_\tau(L)$ ,  $0 \neq L' = L/t_\tau(L) \in \mathbb{T}_{\rho \wedge \xi(\overline{M})}$ , then  $L'$  must have non-zero  $\tau$ -torsion, which is impossible. Therefore  $L \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ . It proves*

that  $\rho \wedge \xi(\overline{M}) \leq \tau$ , then  $\xi(\overline{M}) \leq \tau$  because  $\tau \ll \rho$ ; but this is a contradiction since  $\tau \leq \rho$  and  $\tau \vee \xi(\overline{M}) \not\leq \rho$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 29.** *Let  $\tau \in R$ -tors and  $M$  a  $\tau$ -full  $R$ -module. Then  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  is a Boolean lattice.*

**Proof** *It follows from the fact that the interval  $[\tau, d_{cb}(\tau)]$  is Boolean [9, Proposition 1.2] and from the above result.*  $\square$

**Corollary 30.** *Let  $\tau \in R$ -tors and  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$ . If  $M$  is  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure, then  $\text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$  is a Boolean lattice.*

Now, using the fact that  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  is a Boolean lattice and the bijective correspondence between  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  and  $\text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$  when  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -full and an absolutely  $\tau$ -pure module, we shall establish some equivalent conditions among the lattice  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ , the module  $M$  and the hereditary torsion theory  $\chi(M)$ . Also, considering that  $E_\tau(M)$  is  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure module, when  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -full, we shall give some properties of  $\text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(E_\tau(M))$ .

**Proposition 31.** *Let  $\tau \in R$ -tors, and let  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$  an absolutely  $\tau$ -pure and  $\tau$ -full module. If  $K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n$  are  $\tau$ -pure submodules of  $M$ , then  $\sum_{i=1}^n K_i$  is absolutely  $\tau$ -pure.*

**Proof** *It is enough to prove for  $n = 2$ . Let  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  be  $\tau$ -pure submodules of  $M$ , then there exists  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  submodules of  $M$  such that  $M = K_1 \oplus H_1$  and  $M = K_2 \oplus H_2$ , by [8, Proposition 15.6]. Therefore  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are absolutely  $\tau$ -pure and  $\tau$ -full modules and  $K_1 \cap K_2$  is a  $\tau$ -pure submodule of  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ . So, there exists  $L_1 \leq K_1$  and  $L_2 \leq K_2$  such that  $K_1 = (K_1 \cap K_2) \oplus L_1$  and  $K_2 = (K_1 \cap K_2) \oplus L_2$ . Then  $K_1 + K_2 = (K_1 \cap K_2) \oplus L_1 \oplus L_2$ . As  $K_1 \cap K_2, L_1$  and  $L_2$  are  $\tau$ -injective modules,  $K_1 + K_2$  is an absolutely  $\tau$ -pure module.  $\square$*

**Corollary 32.** *Let  $\tau \in R$ -tors, and let  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$  an absolutely  $\tau$ -pure and  $\tau$ -full module. If  $K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n$  are  $\tau$ -pure submodules of  $M$ , then  $\sum_{i=1}^n K_i$  is a  $\tau$ -pure submodule of  $M$ .*

**Proof** *Since  $K_1 + K_2$  is absolutely  $\tau$ -pure, by the above proposition, and  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ , then  $K_1 + K_2$  is a  $\tau$ -pure submodule of  $M$ , by [8, Proposition 10.1].*  $\square$

**Proposition 33.** *Let  $\tau \in R$ -tors, and let  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$  be an absolutely  $\tau$ -pure and  $\tau$ -full module. If  $N \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$ , then there exists  $N' \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$  such that  $N \oplus N' = M$ .*

**Proof** *Let  $N \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$  and  $\sigma = \tau \vee \xi(N) \in [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ . Since  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  is Boolean, there exists  $\sigma^c \in [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ , the complement of  $\sigma$  in this lattice. By Theorem 22, there is a  $\tau$ -pure fully invariant submodule  $N'$  of  $M$  such that  $\sigma^c = \tau \vee \xi(N')$ . Then  $\tau \vee \xi(M) = \sigma \vee \sigma^c = (\tau \vee \xi(N)) \vee (\tau \vee \xi(N')) = \tau \vee \xi(N \oplus N')$ .*

Now, we claim that  $N \oplus N' = M$ . As  $N$  is a  $\tau$ -pure submodule of  $M$ , there exists  $K \leq M$  such that  $M = N \oplus K$ , by [8, Proposition 15.6]. This implies that  $N' = t_{\sigma^c}(M) = t_{\sigma^c}(N) \oplus t_{\sigma^c}(K) = t_{\sigma^c}(K) \leq K$ . Similarly, as  $K$  is a  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure  $R$ -module, and  $N'$  is  $\tau$ -pure in  $K$ , then  $N'$  is a direct summand of  $K$ , that is,  $K = N' \oplus K'$  where  $K' \leq M$ . Therefore  $M = N \oplus N' \oplus K'$  and thus  $N \oplus N' \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$ . Since  $\tau \vee \xi(N \oplus N') = \tau \vee \xi(M)$ , it must happen that  $K' = 0$ ; so  $N \oplus N' = M$ .  $\square$

**Remark 34.** As we can see in the Example 26, the only complement of  $H$  in  $R$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & F_0 \end{pmatrix} \notin \text{Sub}_{P_{\tau_g} FI}(R)$ , so, we cannot avoid the hypothesis that  $M$  be absolutely  $\tau$ -pure in Proposition 33.

**Remark 35.** Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  and  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$  such that  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure module. Then the following conditions hold.

1. If  $K, N \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$ , then  $K \cap N \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(N)$ .
2. If  $N \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$ , then  $\text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(N) \subseteq \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$ .
  - If  $K \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(N)$ , then there is  $K' \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(N)$  such that  $K \oplus K' = N$ , by Proposition 33, since  $N$  is also a  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure module. By the same Proposition we know that there is  $N' \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$  such that  $N \oplus N' = M$ ; thus  $K \oplus K' \oplus N' = M$ . Therefore,  $K$  is  $\tau$ -pure in  $M$ . On the other hand, for any morphism  $f : M \rightarrow M$ ,  $f(N) \subseteq N$ , then if we take the restriction to  $N$ , we have that  $f(K) \subseteq K$ . Hence  $\text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(N) \subseteq \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$ .

Considering this, from Theorem 22 we get a decomposition of a  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure module  $M$  as a direct sum of absolutely  $\tau$ -pure fully invariant submodules.

**Proposition 36.** Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  and let  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$  be  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure. If  $N, K, K' \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$  are such that  $N \oplus K = N \oplus K' = M$ , then  $K = K'$ .

**Proof** Let  $\sigma = \tau \vee \xi(N)$ . By Theorem 22,  $K = t_\rho(M)$  and  $K' = t_{\rho'}(M)$  where  $\rho = \tau \vee \xi(K)$  and  $\rho' = \tau \vee \xi(K')$ . As  $M = N \oplus K = N \oplus K'$ , we have that  $\rho$  and  $\rho'$  are complements of  $\sigma$  in  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ . Since this interval is Boolean,  $\rho = \rho'$ , which means that  $K = K'$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 37.** Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  and let  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$  be  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure. If  $N, K, K' \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$  are such that  $N \oplus K = N \oplus K'$ , then  $K = K'$ .

**Proof** Let  $L = N \oplus K$ , then  $L \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$ , by Corollary 32. Since  $N \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$ , then  $N = N \cap L \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(L)$ . Analogously, it happens that  $K, K' \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(L)$ . So, we can conclude that  $K = K'$ .  $\square$

Now, we shall prove some results about the internal structure of a  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure module.

**Theorem 38.** *Let  $N$  be a  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure module such that  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N)]$  is atomic. Then there is a unique decomposition of  $N$  as  $N = K \oplus K'$ , where  $K, K' \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(N)$  and satisfy the following properties:*

- a)  $K$  contains an independent family of uniform submodules  $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  such that  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha \leq_{ess} K$ ,
- b)  $K'$  does not contain any uniform submodule.

**Proof** Let  $\{\sigma_i\}_{i \in I}$  be the set of atoms in  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N)]$ , then  $\sigma_i = \tau \vee \xi(N_i)$  with  $N_i \leq N$ . Now, let  $J = \{j \in I \mid \text{exists } U_j \text{ uniform such that } U_j \leq N_j\}$ .

If  $J = \emptyset$ , then  $N$  does not contain a uniform submodule; so the claim is satisfied. Let us suppose that  $J \neq \emptyset$  and let  $\sigma = \bigvee_{j \in J} \sigma_j$ , then  $N = K \oplus K'$  where

$K = t_\sigma(N)$ ,  $K' = t_{\sigma^c}(N)$  and  $\sigma^c = \bigvee_{i \in I - J} \sigma_i$ . Therefore,  $K'$  does not contain

uniform submodules and we claim that for each  $0 \neq H \leq K$  there is a uniform module  $U \leq H$ . As  $H \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma = \mathbb{T}_{\bigvee_{j \in J} \sigma_j}$ , there is  $j_0 \in J$  such that  $H \notin \mathbb{F}_{\sigma_{j_0}}$ , where

$\sigma_{j_0} = \tau \vee \xi(U_{j_0})$  with  $U_{j_0} \leq N_{j_0}$  a uniform submodule. But  $H \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$  implies that  $H \notin \mathbb{F}_{\xi(U_{j_0})}$  which means that  $\text{Hom}_R(U_{j_0}, E(H)) \neq 0$ . Since  $E(H) \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$  and  $U_{j_0}$  is  $\tau$ -cocritical, we have that there is a submodule  $0 \neq U'_{j_0} \leq U_{j_0}$  and a monomorphism  $U'_{j_0} \hookrightarrow H$ . Whence, each non-zero submodule of  $K$  contains a uniform submodule.

Now, let  $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  a maximal independent family of uniform submodules of  $K$ , then  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha \leq_{ess} K$  because, as before, if there were a non-zero pseudocomplement of  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha$  it should contain a uniform submodule, which is impossible.

To see uniqueness, suppose that  $N = L \oplus L'$  with  $L, L' \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(N)$  be such that they satisfy conditions a) and b), respectively. Then we have that  $K = t_\sigma(N) = t_\sigma(L) \oplus t_\sigma(L') = t_\sigma(L)$ , by definition of  $\sigma$ ; thus  $K \leq L$ .

Let  $\{U'_\beta\}_{\beta \in B}$  be an independent family of uniform submodules of  $L$ , such that  $\bigoplus_{\beta \in B} U'_\beta \leq_{ess} L$ ; again, by definition of  $\sigma$ , we have that  $U'_\beta \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma \forall \beta \in B$ . As  $L$  is  $\tau$ -full, we conclude that  $L \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ ; thus  $L \leq K$ . Therefore,  $L = K$ . Then, we get that  $L' = K'$ , by Proposition 36. This proves that the decomposition is unique.  $\square$

**Theorem 39.** *Let  $\tau \in R$ -tors and let  $M$  be a  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure  $R$ -module. Then there exist unique submodules  $N, N' \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$  such that  $M = N \oplus N'$  with  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N)]$  atomic and  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N')]$  atomless.*

**Proof** Let  $\{\sigma_i\}_{i \in I}$  be the set of atoms in  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ , then  $\sigma_i = \tau \vee \xi(N_i)$  where  $N_i = t_{\sigma_i}(M)$ . Let  $\sigma = \bigvee_{i \in I} \sigma_i = \bigvee_{i \in I} (\tau \vee \xi(N_i))$ , then  $\sigma \in [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ .

Thus  $\sigma = \tau \vee \xi(N)$  with  $N = t_\sigma(M)$ . Then there is  $N' \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$  such that  $N \oplus N' = M$ , by Proposition 33. Observe that  $\{\sigma_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N)]$  and that  $\bigvee_{i \in I} \sigma_i = \tau \vee \xi(N)$ , then  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N)]$  is atomic.

Now, we claim that  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N')]$  is atomless since any atom in this lattice would be an atom in  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ , that is a  $\sigma_i$  for some  $i \in I$ .

It can be proved uniqueness with a similar argument as the one used in Theorem 38.  $\square$

As a consequence of theorems 38 and 39 we have the following result.

**Corollary 40.** *Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  and let  $M$  be a  $\tau$ -full and absolutely  $\tau$ -pure  $R$ -module. Then there exists  $N, N', N'' \in \text{Sub}_{P_\tau FI}(M)$  unique submodules of  $M$  such that  $M = N \oplus N' \oplus N''$  where  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N'')]$  is atomless,  $N'$  contains no uniform submodules and  $N$  is an essential extension of a direct sum of uniform submodules.*

## 4 Structure of $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ and decompositions of the torsion theory $\chi(M)$

As we mentioned in the Introduction, a right  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module, with  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ , if it is  $\tau$ -torsion free and  $\tau \vee \xi(M)$  is an atom in  $[\tau, \chi]$ . The next proposition involves this concept.

**Proposition 41.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\tau$ -full  $R$ -module. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1.  $\tau \vee \xi(M)$  is an atom in  $\text{gen}(\tau)$ .
2.  $E_\tau(M)$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module.
3.  $\chi(M)$  is an irreducible element of  $R\text{-tors}$ .
4. The only  $\tau$ -pure fully invariant submodules of  $E_\tau(M)$  are 0 and  $E_\tau(M)$ .

**Proof** 1.  $\Leftrightarrow$  2. It follows from [6, Propositions 2.4, 2.9].

1.  $\Rightarrow$  3. It follows from [6, Corollary 2.17].

3.  $\Rightarrow$  4. Suppose that  $0 \leq N \leq E_\tau(M)$  is a  $\tau$ -pure fully invariant submodule of  $E_\tau(M)$ . Then there is  $\sigma \in [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(E_\tau(M))]$  such that  $t_\sigma(E_\tau(M)) = N$ , by Theorem 22. Now, by Corollary 29,  $\sigma$  has a complement in  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(E_\tau(M))]$

which we denote by  $\sigma^c$ . If  $N' = t_{\sigma^c}(E_\tau(M))$ , then  $E_\tau(M) = N \oplus N'$ , by Proposition 33. It means that  $\chi(M) = \chi(E_\tau(M)) = \chi(N \oplus N') = \chi(N) \wedge \chi(N')$ . Since  $\chi(M)$  is irreducible,  $\chi(M) = \chi(N)$  or  $\chi(M) = \chi(N')$ .

If  $\chi(M) = \chi(N)$ , then  $N' \in \mathbb{F}_{\chi(N)}$ ; so there exists a submodule  $0 \neq N'' \leq N'$  and a non-zero morphism  $f: N'' \rightarrow N$  such that  $0 \neq f(N'') \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma \cap \mathbb{T}_{\sigma^c} = \mathbb{T}_{\sigma \wedge \sigma^c} = \mathbb{T}_\tau$ . Then  $f(N'') \in \mathbb{T}_\tau \cap \mathbb{F}_\tau = 0$ , which is a contradiction unless  $N' = 0$ , and thus  $N = E_\tau(M)$ . Similarly, if  $\chi(M) = \chi(N')$ , we prove that  $N = 0$ .

4.  $\Rightarrow$  1. Let  $\rho \in [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)] = [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(E_\tau(M))]$ . If  $N = t_\rho(E_\tau(M))$ , then  $N$  is a  $\tau$ -pure fully invariant submodule of  $E_\tau(M)$ . Therefore,  $N = 0$  or  $N = E_\tau(M)$ . Hence  $\rho = \tau$  or  $\rho = \tau \vee \xi(M)$ , respectively, by Theorem 22.  $\square$

**Theorem 42.** Let  $M$  be a  $\tau$ -full  $R$ -module. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

1.  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  is an atomic lattice.
2. There is an independent family  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$  of submodules of  $M$  such that  $M_i$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module for every  $i \in I$ ,  $\tau \vee \xi(M_i) \neq \tau \vee \xi(M_j)$  if  $i \neq j$ , and  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i \leq M$ .
3.  $\chi(M)$  decomposes as the meet of an irredundant family of torsion theories  $\{\chi(E_i)\}_{i \in I}$ , where  $E_i \leq M$  and  $E_i$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $\forall i \in I$ .
4.  $\chi(M)$  uniquely decomposes as the meet of an irredundant family of irreducible torsion theories.
5. If  $0 \neq N \leq M$ , then  $\chi(N)$  uniquely decomposes as the meet of an irredundant family of irreducible torsion theories.

**Proof** 1.  $\Rightarrow$  2. Let  $\{\sigma_i\}_{i \in I}$  be the set of atoms in  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ . If  $M_i = t_{\sigma_i}(M)$ , then  $\sigma_i = \tau \vee \xi(M_i)$  and  $M_i$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module, since  $\sigma_i$  is an atom. We claim that  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$  is an independent family in  $M$ . Let  $j \in I$  and  $N = M_j \cap \left(\sum_{i \neq j} M_i\right)$ , then  $N \in \mathbb{T}_{\sigma_j \wedge \bigvee_{i \neq j} \sigma_i} = \mathbb{T}_{\bigvee_{i \neq j} (\sigma_j \wedge \sigma_i)} = \mathbb{T}_\tau$ , because  $\sigma_j \wedge \sigma_i = \tau$   $\forall i \neq j$ . As  $N \leq M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ , we have that  $N \in \mathbb{T}_\tau \cap \mathbb{F}_\tau = \{0\}$ , so  $N = 0$ . Therefore,  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$  is an independent family of submodules of  $M$  which are  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -modules. Also, by construction,  $\tau \vee \xi(M_i) \neq \tau \vee \xi(M_j)$  if  $i \neq j$ . Now, we just need to prove that  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i \leq M$ .

Suppose that  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$  is not an essential submodule of  $M$ . Let  $0 \neq K \leq M$  a pseudocomplement of  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ , then  $\tau \vee \xi(K) \in [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ . Since  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  is a locally atomic lattice, then  $\tau \vee \xi(K) = \bigvee_{j \in J} \sigma_j$  for some  $J \subseteq I$ . Thus,

$K \in \mathbb{T} \bigvee_{j \in J} \sigma_j$ , which means that there is  $j_0 \in J$  such that  $K \notin \mathbb{F}_{\sigma_{j_0}}$ . But  $t_{\sigma_{j_0}}((\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i) \oplus K) = t_{\sigma_{j_0}}(\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i) \oplus t_{\sigma_{j_0}}(K) \leq t_{\sigma_{j_0}}(M) = M_{j_0}$ , then  $t_{\sigma_{j_0}}(K) = 0$ . Hence  $K = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i \leq_{ess} M$ .

2.  $\Rightarrow$  3. Let  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$  be an independent family of submodules of  $M$  such that  $M_i$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module for every  $i \in I$ ,  $\tau \vee \xi(M_i) \neq \tau \vee \xi(M_j)$  if  $i \neq j$ , and  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i \leq_{ess} M$ . The last condition implies that  $\bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(M_i) = \chi(\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i) = \chi(M)$ . As  $\tau \vee \xi(M_i) \neq \tau \vee \xi(M_j)$  if  $i \neq j$ , then  $\chi(M_i) \neq \chi(M_j)$  if  $i \neq j$ , by [6, Corollary 2.16]. Now, suppose that there exists  $j \in I$  such that  $\bigwedge_{i \neq j} \chi(M_i) = \chi(M)$ . Then  $M_j \in \mathbb{F}_{\chi(M)} = \mathbb{F} \bigwedge_{i \neq j} \chi(M_i)$ ; so there is  $k \in I$  such that  $k \neq j$  and  $M_j \notin \mathbb{T}_{\chi(M_k)}$ . Therefore,  $\text{Hom}_R(M_j, E(M_k)) \neq 0$ , which means that there are submodules  $M'_j < M'_j \leq M_j$  and a monomorphism  $M'_j / M''_j \hookrightarrow M_k \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ . Hence, by [6, Proposition 2.4],  $\tau \vee \xi(M_j) = \tau \vee \xi(M'_j) = \tau \vee \xi(M'_j / M''_j) = \tau \vee \xi(M_k)$ , that is a contradiction.

3.  $\Rightarrow$  1. Let  $\chi(M) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(E_i)$  be an irredundant meet, with  $E_i$  a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module and  $E_i \leq M$  for every  $i \in I$ . We are going to prove that  $\tau \vee \xi(M)$  is a join of atoms.

Let  $\sigma_i = \tau \vee \xi(E_i)$  and  $M_i = t_{\sigma_i}(M)$ , by Theorem 22.1; furthermore, if  $N = M_j \cap \sum_{i \neq j} M_i$  for some  $j \in I$ , then  $N \in \mathbb{T}_{\sigma_j \wedge (\bigvee_{i \neq j} \sigma_i)} = \mathbb{T} \bigvee_{i \neq j} (\sigma_i \wedge \sigma_j) = \mathbb{T}_\tau$ , i.e.  $N \in \mathbb{T}_\tau \cap \mathbb{F}_\tau = \{0\}$ ; thus the sum  $\sum_{i \in I} M_i$  is direct.

Now we claim that  $\tau \vee \xi(\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i) = \tau \vee \xi(M)$ . Let  $\sigma = \tau \vee \xi(\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i)$  and suppose that  $\sigma < \tau \vee \xi(M)$ . As  $\sigma \in [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ , there exists  $\sigma^c \in [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ , and  $\sigma^c = \tau \vee \xi(K)$  where  $K = t_{\sigma^c}(M)$ , by Theorem 22. However,  $K \leq M$  implies that  $K \in \mathbb{F}_{\chi(M)} = \mathbb{F} \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(E_i) = \mathbb{F} \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(M_i)$ , by [6, Corollary 2.16]. Then there exists  $j \in I$  such that  $K \notin \mathbb{T}_{\chi(M_j)}$ ; so there are submodules  $K'' < K' \leq K$  and a monomorphism  $K' / K'' \hookrightarrow M_j \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ . But as  $K \in \mathbb{T}_{\sigma^c}$ ,  $K' / K'' \in \mathbb{T}_{\sigma^c} \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma = \mathbb{T}_\tau$ . Therefore,  $K' / K'' \in \mathbb{T}_\tau \cap \mathbb{F}_\tau = \{0\}$ , since  $M_j \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ ; thus  $K' = K''$  which is a contradiction; whence  $K = 0$  and  $\sigma = \tau \vee \xi(M)$ . Hence,  $\tau \vee \xi(M) = \tau \vee \xi(\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I} (\tau \vee \xi(M_i))$  is a join of atoms, which is equivalent to  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  be atomic.

3.  $\Rightarrow$  4. The decomposition of  $\chi(M)$  as a meet of an irredundant family of irreducible torsion theories is an immediate consequence of 3, since if  $\chi(M) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(E_i)$ , where  $E_i \leq M$  and  $E_i$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $\forall i \in I$ , which means that  $\chi(E_i)$  is an irreducible element of  $R$ -tors [6, Corollary 2.17].

Now, suppose that there is  $\{\alpha_j\}_{j \in J} \subseteq R\text{-tors}$  an irredundant family of irreducible torsion theories such that  $\chi(M) = \bigwedge_{j \in J} \alpha_j$ . For any  $i \in I$ ,  $E_i \in \mathbb{F}_{\chi(M)} = \mathbb{F}_{\bigwedge_{j \in J} \alpha_j}$ , which means that there is a  $j_i \in J$  such that  $E_i \notin \mathbb{T}_{\alpha_{j_i}}$ . Let  $\alpha_{j_i} = \chi(L_{j_i})$  with  $L_{j_i}$  an injective  $R$ -module. Then  $\text{Hom}_R(E_i, L_{j_i}) \neq 0$ ; thus there are submodules  $E_i'' < E_i' \leq E_i$  and a monomorphism  $E_i'/E_i'' \hookrightarrow L_{j_i}$ . Whence there is a  $\tau$ -full submodule  $N_i$  of  $L_{j_i}$ . Let us take  $N = \sum \{N_\gamma \leq L_{j_i} \mid N_\gamma \text{ is } \tau\text{-full}\}$  and  $K \leq L_{j_i}$  such that  $N \oplus K \stackrel{ess}{\leq} L_{j_i}$ . Then  $\chi(N) \wedge \chi(K) = \chi(L_{j_i}) = \alpha_{j_i}$ . Since  $\alpha_{j_i}$  is irreducible,  $\alpha_{j_i} = \chi(N)$  or  $\alpha_{j_i} = \chi(K)$ . If  $\alpha_{j_i} = \chi(K)$ , using a similar argument as above, we can prove that there is a  $\tau$ -full submodule of  $K$ . But this is not possible, by definition of  $N$ . Then  $\chi(N) = \chi(L_{j_i}) = \alpha_{j_i}$ ; thus  $E_\tau(N)$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module, by Proposition 41. Since every submodule of a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module cogenerates the same, we have that  $\chi(N_i) = \chi(E_\tau(N)) = \chi(N) = \chi(L_{j_i})$ ; but  $\chi(N_i) = \chi(E_i)$  implies that  $\chi(E_i) = \alpha_{j_i}$ . Therefore, since both meets are irredundant we have that for each  $\chi(E_i)$  there is an  $\alpha_{j_i}$  such that  $\chi(E_i) = \alpha_{j_i}$ .

4.  $\Rightarrow$  3. Let  $\chi(M) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(E_i)$  where  $\chi(E_i)$  is irreducible for every  $i \in I$ .

We can assume that each  $E_i$  is injective.

We claim that  $M \notin \mathbb{T}_{\chi(E_i)}$ ,  $\forall i \in I$ . Suppose that there is  $j \in I$  such that  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{\chi(E_j)}$ . Since  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\chi(M)} = \mathbb{F}_{\bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(E_i)} = \mathbb{F}_{\chi(E_j) \wedge (\bigwedge_{i \neq j} \chi(E_i))}$ , then  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\bigwedge_{i \neq j} \chi(E_i)}$ ; therefore,  $\bigwedge_{i \neq j} \chi(E_i) \leq \chi(M)$ . But, as  $\bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(E_i)$  is an irredundant meet,  $\chi(M) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(E_i) < \bigwedge_{i \neq j} \chi(E_i)$  which is a contradiction. Hence,  $M \notin \mathbb{T}_{\chi(E_i)}$ ,  $\forall i \in I$ . It means that  $\text{Hom}_R(M, E_i) \neq 0$ ; then there are submodules  $K_i < N_i \leq M$  and a monomorphism  $N_i/K_i \hookrightarrow E_i$ . Since  $M$  is  $\tau$ -full and  $N_i/K_i \in \mathbb{F}_{\chi(E_i)} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_\tau$ ,  $N_i/K_i$  is  $\tau$ -full; then each  $E_i$  contains a  $\tau$ -full submodule.

Let  $M_i = \sum \{L \leq E_i \mid L \text{ is } \tau\text{-full}\}$ , then  $M_i$  is the greatest  $\tau$ -full submodule of  $E_i$  [14, Proposition 1.7]. We claim that  $\chi(M_i) = \chi(E_i)$   $\forall i \in I$ . If  $M_i \stackrel{ess}{\leq} E_i$ , the assertion is satisfied. If  $M_i$  is not essential in  $E_i$ , then there is  $0 \neq K_i \leq E_i$  a pseudocomplement of  $M_i$  in  $E_i$ ; then  $M_i \oplus K_i \stackrel{ess}{\leq} E_i$ . Therefore,  $\chi(M_i) \wedge \chi(K_i) = \chi(M_i \oplus K_i) = \chi(E_i)$ . Since  $\chi(E_i)$  is irreducible, we have that  $\chi(E_i) = \chi(M_i)$  or  $\chi(E_i) = \chi(K_i)$ .

If  $\chi(E_i) = \chi(K_i)$ , then  $M \notin \mathbb{T}_{\chi(K_i)}$ , from what we proved above. Then, with a similar argument than the one used for  $E_i$ ,  $K_i$  contains a  $\tau$ -full module. But this is impossible, by the definition of  $M_i$ . Therefore,  $\chi(E_i) = \chi(M_i)$ .

Now, since  $M_i$  is  $\tau$ -full and  $\chi(E_i)$  is irreducible we have that  $E_\tau(M_i)$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module, by Proposition 41. Hence  $\chi(M) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(E_i) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(M_i)$  is an irredundant meet of torsion theories cogenerated by  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -modules. Aside,  $M_i \in \mathbb{F}_{\chi(M)}$  implies that  $\text{Hom}_R(M_i, E(M)) \neq 0$ , which means that there are



submodules  $K_i < K'_i \leq M_i$  and a monomorphism  $K'_i/K_i \hookrightarrow M$ . If  $N_i = K'_i/K_i$ , then  $N_i \leq M$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module with  $\chi(N_i) = \chi(M_i)$ . Therefore,  $\chi(M) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(N_i)$  is an irredundant meet of torsion theories cogenerated by  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -modules that are submodules of  $M$ .

1.  $\Rightarrow$  5. Let  $N \leq M$ , then  $N$  is  $\tau$ -full. Since  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N)] \subseteq [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ , then  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N)]$  is also an atomic lattice. Hence,  $\chi(N)$  uniquely decomposes as the meet of an irredundant family of irreducible torsion, by 1.  $\Rightarrow$  4.

5.  $\Rightarrow$  4. It is immediate considering  $N = M$ . □

Now, we fit the last theorem in case the decomposition of  $\chi(M)$  can be done with strongly irreducible torsion theories. In order to do this, we give some concepts.

- Definition 43.**
1. A non-zero right  $R$ -module  $M$  is decisive if  $M$  is  $\tau$ -torsion or  $\tau$ -torsion free for every  $\tau \in R$ -tors.
  2. Let  $\tau \in R$ -tors and  $M \in \text{Mod-}R$ .  $M$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{D}$ -module if  $M$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module and there exists a decisive module  $D$  such that  $\chi(M) = \chi(D)$ . See [7] for details about these modules.

The following technical result will be used to prove the next theorem.

**Lemma 44.** *If  $N$  is a right  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{D}$ -module, then  $N$  contains a decisive submodule.*

**Proof** As  $N$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{D}$ -module, there is a decisive module  $D$  such that  $\chi(N) = \chi(D)$ . Then  $D \notin \mathbb{T}_{\chi(N)}$ , which means that  $\text{Hom}_R(D, E(N)) \neq 0$ ; hence, there are submodules  $D'' < D' \leq D$  and a monomorphism  $D'/D'' \hookrightarrow N$ . We claim that  $D'/D''$  is decisive. Let  $\alpha \in R$ -tors; since  $D$  is decisive,  $D \in \mathbb{T}_\alpha$  or  $D \in \mathbb{F}_\alpha$ . In the first case,  $D' \in \mathbb{T}_\alpha$  and thus  $D'/D'' \in \mathbb{T}_\alpha$ . In the second one,  $\alpha \leq \chi(D) = \chi(N) = \chi(D'/D'')$  which implies that  $D'/D'' \in \mathbb{F}_\alpha$ . □

**Theorem 45.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\tau$ -full  $R$ -module. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1.  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  is an atomic lattice, and every atom in this lattice can be written as  $\tau \vee \xi(D)$  with  $D$  a decisive module.
2. There is an independent family  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$  of submodules of  $M$  such that  $M_i$  is  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{D}$ -module for every  $i \in I$ ,  $\tau \vee \xi(M_i) \neq \tau \vee \xi(M_j)$  if  $i \neq j$ , and  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i \leq M$ . ess
3.  $\chi(M)$  decomposes as the meet of an irredundant family of torsion theories  $\{\chi(D_i)\}_{i \in I}$ , where  $D_i \leq M$  and  $D_i$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{D}$ -module  $\forall i \in I$ .
4.  $\chi(M)$  uniquely decomposes as the meet of an irredundant family of strongly irreducible torsion theories.

5. If  $0 \neq N \leq M$ , then  $\chi(N)$  uniquely decomposes as the meet of an irredundant family of strongly irreducible torsion theories.

**Proof** 1.  $\Rightarrow$  2. Let  $\{\sigma_i\}_{i \in I}$  be the set of atoms in  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ . If  $M_i = t_{\sigma_i}(M)$ , then  $\sigma_i = \tau \vee \xi(M_i)$ . By 1,  $\sigma_i = \tau \vee \xi(D_i)$  with  $D_i$  a decisive module. As  $D_i$  is decisive,  $D_i \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ ; thus  $D_i$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{D}$ -module. Therefore,  $\chi(M_i) = \chi(D_i)$ , by [6, Corollary 2.16]. So,  $M_i$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{D}$ -module. Now, statement 2 follows with the same arguments of 1.  $\Rightarrow$  2. of Theorem 42.

2.  $\Rightarrow$  3. Let  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$  be an independent family of submodules of  $M$  such that  $M_i$  is  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{D}$ -module for every  $i \in I$ ,  $\tau \vee \xi(M_i) \neq \tau \vee \xi(M_j)$  if  $i \neq j$ , and  $\bigoplus_{i \in I}^{ess} M_i \leq M$ . Then  $\chi(M_i) = \chi(D_i)$  with  $D_i$  decisive  $\forall i \in I$ , and  $\chi(M) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(M_i) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(D_i)$ , where  $\chi(D_i) \neq \chi(D_j)$  if  $i \neq j$  by [6, Corollary 2.16]. Now, we can use the same argument as 2.  $\Rightarrow$  3. of Theorem 42 to deduce the irredundancy.

3.  $\Rightarrow$  4. Let  $\chi(M) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(D_i)$  be an irredundant meet with  $D_i \leq M$  and  $D_i$  a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{D}$ -module  $\forall i \in I$ . As  $\chi(D_i)$  is strongly irreducible  $\forall i \in I$ , by [8, Proposition 32.7], this is an irredundant meet of strongly irreducible torsion theories. The uniqueness of the decomposition can be proved with a similar argument as the one used in 3.  $\Rightarrow$  4. of the previous theorem.

4.  $\Rightarrow$  1. By 4, we know that  $\chi(M) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(D_i)$  with  $D_i$  a decisive module  $\forall i \in I$ . We can use the same argument as in the proof of 4.  $\Rightarrow$  3. of Theorem 42 to prove that  $M \notin \mathbb{T}_{\chi(D_i)}$ ,  $\forall i \in I$ . This means that  $\text{Hom}(M, E(D_i)) \neq 0$   $\forall i \in I$  which implies that there is a submodule  $N_i$  of  $D_i$  which is  $\tau$ -full and  $\chi(N_i) = \chi(D_i)$  is irreducible. Then  $E_\tau(N_i)$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module, by Proposition 41, in fact,  $E_\tau(N_i)$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{D}$ -module. Analogously, we can argue as at the end of the proof of 4.  $\Rightarrow$  3. of Theorem 42 to prove that there is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{D}$ -module,  $D'_i \leq M$ ,  $\forall i \in I$  such that  $\chi(D'_i) = \chi(N_i)$ . Therefore, we have that  $\chi(M) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(D'_i)$  with  $D'_i \leq M$  and  $D'_i$  a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{D}$ -module  $\forall i \in I$ ; hence, the lattice  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  is atomic, by Theorem 42.

Now, let  $\sigma \in [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  be an atom. If  $N = t_\sigma(M)$ , then  $\sigma = \tau \vee \xi(N)$  and  $N \in \mathbb{F}_{\chi(M)} = \mathbb{F}_{\bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(D'_i)}$ . Thus, considering that  $N \notin \mathbb{T}_{\chi(D'_j)}$  for some  $j \in I$ , one can prove that  $\chi(N) = \chi(D'_j)$ . Then,  $N$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{D}$ -module. Otherwise, by Lemma 44 there exists a decisive submodule  $D$  of  $N$  and we conclude that  $\sigma = \tau \vee \xi(N) = \tau \vee \xi(D)$ .

1.  $\Rightarrow$  5. Let  $0 \neq N \leq M$ . Then  $N$  is  $\tau$ -full, and  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N)] \subseteq [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  means that  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N)]$  is atomic, by 1. We also have, by 1, that each atom of  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N)]$  can be written as  $\tau \vee \xi(D)$  with  $D$  a decisive module. Thence,

$\chi(N)$  uniquely decomposes as the meet of an irredundant family of strongly irreducible torsion theories, by 1.  $\Rightarrow$  4.

5.  $\Rightarrow$  4. It immediately holds. □

Now we present the case where the atoms in  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  can be written as  $\tau \vee \xi(C)$  with  $C$  a  $\tau$ -cocritical module.

**Theorem 46.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\tau$ -full  $R$ -module. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

1.  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  is an atomic lattice, and every atom in this lattice can be written as  $\tau \vee \xi(C)$  with  $C$  a  $\tau$ -cocritical module.
2. Every non-zero submodule of  $M$  contains a uniform submodule.
3.  $\chi(M)$  decomposes as the meet of an irredundant family of torsion theories  $\{\chi(C_i)\}_{i \in I}$ , where  $C_i \leq M$  and  $C_i$  is  $\tau$ -cocritical  $\forall i \in I$ .
4.  $\chi(M)$  uniquely decomposes as the meet of an irredundant family of prime torsion theories.
5. If  $0 \neq N \leq M$ , then  $\chi(N)$  uniquely decomposes as the meet of an irredundant family of prime torsion theories.

**Proof** 1.  $\Rightarrow$  2. Let  $0 \neq N \leq M$ . Since  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N)] \subseteq [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ , then  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N)]$  satisfies the same conditions of 1. for  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$ .

Let  $\sigma \in [\tau, \tau \vee \xi(N)]$  be an atom, then  $\sigma = \tau \vee \xi(t_\sigma(N)) = \tau \vee \xi(C)$  with  $C$  a  $\tau$ -cocritical module, by 1. and [6, Proposition 2.4, 2.]. Therefore,  $t_\sigma(N) \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau \vee \xi(C)}$ , which means that  $t_\sigma(N) \notin \mathbb{F}_{\xi(C)}$ . Thus, there is a morphism  $0 \neq f : C \rightarrow E(t_\sigma(N))$ . So, as  $C$  is  $\tau$ -cocritical, there exists a submodule  $C'$  of  $C$  and a monomorphism  $C' \hookrightarrow t_\sigma(N)$ . Hence,  $N$  has a  $\tau$ -cocritical submodule and consequently it has a uniform submodule.

2.  $\Rightarrow$  3. As  $M$  has a uniform submodule, there must exist a maximal independent family  $\{U_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  of uniform submodules of  $M$ . We claim that  $\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda$  is essential in  $M$ , since if it was no essential there should be a pseudocomplement  $K \neq 0$  of  $\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda$  in  $M$ , which should contain a uniform submodule. This is not possible. So, by [6, Corollary 2.6] the family  $\{U_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  satisfies condition 2 of Theorem 42 which implies that  $\chi(M)$  can be expressed as an irredundant meet  $\chi(M) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(E_i)$  with  $E_i$  a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module and  $E_i \leq M$  for every  $i \in I$ . By 2., each  $E_i$  contains a uniform submodule  $C_i$ . Hence,  $C_i \leq M$  is  $\tau$ -cocritical  $\forall i \in I$  and  $\chi(M) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(E_i) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \chi(C_i)$  is an irredundant meet.

Now, we can use similar arguments as in Theorem 45 to obtain the proofs of 3.  $\Rightarrow$  4.  $\Rightarrow$  1.  $\Rightarrow$  5.  $\Rightarrow$  4. □

**Corollary 47.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\tau$ -full  $R$ -module. If  $[\tau, \tau \vee \xi(M)]$  is an atomic lattice, and every atom in this lattice can be written as  $\tau \vee \xi(C)$  with  $C$  a  $\tau$ -cocritical module, then  $\sum_{ess} \{U \leq M \mid U \text{ is uniform}\} \leq M$ .*

## References

- [1] Albu, T., “*F-semicocritical modules, F-primitive ideals and prime ideals*”, Rev. Roumaine Math. Pures Appl. 31, No. 6, 449-459, (1986).
- [2] Arroyo, M. J. and Ríos J., “*Some aspects of spectral torsion theories*”, Comm. Algebra 22(12), 4991-5003, (1994).
- [3] Arroyo, M. J., Ríos J. and Wisbauer, R., “*Spectral torsion theories in module categories*”, Comm. Algebra 25(7), 2249-2270, (1997).
- [4] Boyle, Ann K., “*The large condition for rings with Krull dimension*”, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 72, 27-32, (1978).
- [5] Călugăreanu, G., *Lattice Concepts of Module Theory*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, USA, (2000).
- [6] Castro, J., Raggi, F., Ríos J. and Van den Berg, J., “*On the atomic dimension in module categories*”, Comm. Algebra 33, 4679-4692, (2005).
- [7] Castro, J., Raggi, F. and Ríos J., “*Decisive dimension and other related torsion theoretic dimensions*”, to appear in Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra.
- [8] Golan, J., *Torsion Theories*, Longman Scientific & Technical, Harlow, (1986).
- [9] Golan, J. and Simmons, H., *Derivatives, nuclei and dimensions on the frame of torsion theories*, Longman Scientific & Technical, Harlow, (1988).
- [10] Grätzer, G., *General Lattice Theory*, Second edition, Birkhäuser Verlag, Berlin, (1998).
- [11] Lambek, J., *Torsion Theories, Additive Semantics, and Rings of Quotients*, Lecture Notes in Mathematics #177, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, (1971).
- [12] Lau, William G., *Torsion Theoretic Generalizations of Semisimple Modules*, PhD Thesis, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, (1980).
- [13] Stenström, B. *Rings of Quotients*, Die Grundlehren der Math. Wiss. in Einzeld, Vol. 217, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, (1975).
- [14] Teply, M. L., *Semicocritical modules*, Secretariado de publicaciones e intercambio científico, Universidad de Murcia, España, (1988).
- [15] Vachuska, P., *Applications of the  $\tau$ -full socle*, PhD Thesis, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, (1992).
- [16] Wisbauer, R., “*Localization of Modules and the Central Closure of Rings*”, Comm. in Algebra 9(14), 1455-1493, (1981).

- [17] Wisbauer, R., *Modules and Algebras: Bimodule Structure and Group Actions on Algebras*, Pitman Monographs and Surveys in Pure and Applied Mathematics 81, (1996).
- [18] Zelmanowitz, J. M., “*Representation of Rings with faithful polyform modules*”, *Comm. in Algebra* 14(6), 1141-1169, (1986).