

Applications of exact structures in abelian categories

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Abstract. In an abelian category $\mathcal{A}$ with small Ext groups, we show that there exists a one-to-one correspondence between any two of the following: balanced pairs, subfunctors $\mathcal{F}$ of $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(-, -)$ such that $\mathcal{A}$ has enough $\mathcal{F}$ -projectives and enough $\mathcal{F}$ -injectives and Quillen exact structures $\mathcal{E}$ with enough $\mathcal{E}$ -projectives and enough $\mathcal{E}$ -injectives. In this case, we get a strengthened version of the translation of the Wakamatsu lemma to the exact context, and also prove that subcategories which are $\mathcal{E}$ -resolving and epimorphic precovering with kernels in their right $\mathcal{E}$ -orthogonal class and subcategories which are $\mathcal{E}$ -coresolving and monomorphic preenveloping with cokernels in their left $\mathcal{E}$ -orthogonal class are determined by each other. Then we apply these results to construct some (pre)enveloping and (pre)covering classes and complete hereditary $\mathcal{E}$ -cotorsion pairs in the module category.

1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, $\mathcal{A}$ is an abelian category and a subcategory of $\mathcal{A}$ means a full and additive subcategory closed under isomorphisms and direct summands.

The notion of exact categories was originally due to QUILLEN [17]. The theory of exact categories was developed by BÜHLER, FU, GILLESPIE, HOVEY, KELLER, KRAUSE, NEEMAN, ŠTŮVÍČEK and possibly others, see [4], [8], [10], [13], [14], [15], [16], [20], [21], and so on. In addition, AUSLANDER and SOLBERG

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developed in [1], [2] the theory of relative homological algebra with respect to a subfunctor $\mathcal{F}$ of $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(-, -) : \mathcal{A}^{op} \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$, where Ab is the category of abelian groups and $\mathcal{A} = \text{mod } \Lambda$ is the category of finitely generated modules over an artin algebra Λ . Then, as a special case, CHEN introduced and studied in [5] relative homology with respect to balanced pairs in an abelian category. On the other hand, the notion of cotorsion pairs was introduced by SALCE in [19], which is based on the functor $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(-, -)$. The theory of cotorsion pairs, studied by many authors, has played an important role in homological algebra and representation theory of algebras, see [7], [8], [9], [11], [13], [15], [20], [21] and references therein. Motivated by these, in this paper, for an abelian category $\mathcal{A}$ with small Ext groups, we first investigate the relations among exact structures, subfunctors of $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(-, -)$ and balanced pairs in $\mathcal{A}$, then we study cotorsion pairs with respect to exact structures in $\mathcal{A}$. The paper is organized as follows.

In Section 2, we recall the definitions of exact categories, balanced pairs and some notions in relative homological algebra. We prove that there exists a one-to-one correspondence between any two of the following: (1) Balanced pairs $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$ in $\mathcal{A}$; (2) Subfunctors $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(-, -)$ such that $\mathcal{A}$ has enough $\mathcal{F}$ -projectives and enough $\mathcal{F}$ -injectives; (3) Quillen exact structures $\mathcal{E}$ in $\mathcal{A}$ with enough $\mathcal{E}$ -projectives and enough $\mathcal{E}$ -injectives.

Let $\mathcal{E}$ be an exact structure on $\mathcal{A}$ such that $\mathcal{A}$ has enough $\mathcal{E}$ -projectives and enough $\mathcal{E}$ -injectives. In Section 3, we get a strengthened version of the Wakamatsu lemma in the exact context, and also prove that subcategories which are $\mathcal{E}$ -resolving and epimorphic precovering with kernels in their right $\mathcal{E}$ -orthogonal class and subcategories which are $\mathcal{E}$ -coresolving and monomorphic preenveloping with cokernels in their left $\mathcal{E}$ -orthogonal class are determined by each other. As applications, we get some complete hereditary $\mathcal{E}$ -cotorsion pairs.

Let R be an associative ring with identity, and let $\mathcal{A} = \text{Mod } R$ be the category of right R -modules and $\mathcal{E}$ contain all pure short exact sequences. As applications of results obtained in Section 3, we prove in Section 4 that for any subcategory $\mathcal{X}$ of $\text{Mod } R$ in which all modules are pure projective (resp. pure injective), the right (resp. left) orthogonal class with respect to the exact structure $\mathcal{E}$ of $\mathcal{X}$ is preenveloping (resp. covering). Moreover, we construct some complete hereditary $\mathcal{E}$ -cotorsion pairs induced by the category of pure injective modules. Some results of GÖBEL and TRLIFAJ in [11] are obtained as corollaries.

2. Exact categories, balanced pairs and relative homology

The following two definitions are cited from [4], see also [17] and [14].

Definition 2.1. Let $\mathcal{B}$ be an additive category. A *kernel-cokernel pair* (i, p) in $\mathcal{B}$ is a pair of composable morphisms

$$L \xrightarrow{i} M \xrightarrow{p} N$$

such that i is a kernel of p and p is a cokernel of i . If a class $\mathcal{E}$ of kernel-cokernel pairs on $\mathcal{B}$ is fixed, an *admissible monic* (sometimes called *inflation*) is a morphism i for which there exists a morphism p such that $(i, p) \in \mathcal{E}$. *Admissible epics* (sometimes called *deflations*) are defined dually.

An *exact structure* on $\mathcal{B}$ is a class $\mathcal{E}$ of kernel-cokernel pairs which is closed under isomorphisms and satisfies the following axioms:

- [E0] For any object B in $\mathcal{B}$, the identity morphism id_B is both an admissible monic and an admissible epic.
- [E1] The class of admissible monics is closed under compositions.
- [E1^{op}] The class of admissible epics is closed under compositions.
- [E2] The push-out of an admissible monic along an arbitrary morphism exists and yields an admissible monic, that is, for any admissible monic $i : L \rightarrow M$ and any morphism $f : L \rightarrow M'$, there is a push-out diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L & \xrightarrow{i} & M \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f' \\ M' & \xrightarrow{i'} & \end{array}$$

with i' an admissible monic.

- [E2^{op}] The pull-back of an admissible epic along an arbitrary morphism exists and yields an admissible epic, that is, for any admissible epic $p : M \rightarrow N$ and any morphism $g : M' \rightarrow N$, there is a pull-back diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{p'} & M' \\ G' \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ M & \xrightarrow{p} & N \end{array}$$

with p' an admissible epic.

An *exact category* is a pair $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{E})$ consisting of an additive category $\mathcal{B}$ and an exact structure $\mathcal{E}$ on $\mathcal{B}$. Elements of $\mathcal{E}$ are called *admissible short exact sequences* (or *conflations*).

Definition 2.2. Let $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{E})$ be an exact category.

- (1) An object $P \in \mathcal{B}$ is an $(\mathcal{E})$ -*projective object* if for any admissible epic $p : M \rightarrow N$ and any morphism $f : P \rightarrow N$ there exists $f' : P \rightarrow M$ such that $f = pf'$; an object $I \in \mathcal{B}$ is an $(\mathcal{E})$ -*injective object* if for any admissible monic $i : L \rightarrow M$ and any morphism $g : L \rightarrow I$ there exists $g' : M \rightarrow I$ such that $g = g'i$.
- (2) $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{E})$ is said to *have enough projective objects* if for any object $M \in \mathcal{B}$ there exists an admissible epic $p : P \rightarrow M$ with P a projective object of $\mathcal{B}$; $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{E})$ is said to *have enough injective objects* if for any object $M \in \mathcal{B}$ there exists an admissible monic $i : M \rightarrow I$ with I an injective object of $\mathcal{B}$.

We have the following standard observation.

Lemma 2.1. *Let $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{E})$ be an exact category with enough projective objects and enough injective objects, and let*

$$0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0 \quad (2.1)$$

be a sequence of morphisms in $\mathcal{B}$. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (1) (2.1) *is a conflation.*
- (2) *For any projective object P of $\mathcal{B}$, the induced sequence of abelian groups*

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(P, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(P, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(P, Z) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact.

- (3) *For any injective object I of $\mathcal{B}$, the induced sequence of abelian groups*

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(Z, I) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(Y, I) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(X, I) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact.

PROOF. The implications (1) $\implies$ (2) and (1) $\implies$ (3) are trivial. We just need to prove the implication (2) $\implies$ (1) since the implication (3) $\implies$ (1) is its dual.

Let

$$0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f_2} Y \xrightarrow{f_1} Z \rightarrow 0$$

be a sequence in $\mathcal{B}$. One easily proves that f_2 is a monomorphism and that $f_1 f_2 = 0$. We claim that f_2 is a kernel of f_1 . In fact, for any $K \in \mathcal{B}$, there exists an exact sequence

$$P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0$$

with P_0, P_1 projective in $\mathcal{B}$. By (2) and the snake lemma, we obtain the following commutative diagram with exact columns and rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \dashrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(K, X) & \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(K, f_2)} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(K, Y) & \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(K, f_1)} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(K, Z) \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(P_0, X) & \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(P_0, f_2)} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(P_0, Y) & \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(P_0, f_1)} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(P_0, Z) \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(P_1, X) & \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(P_1, f_2)} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(P_1, Y) & \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(P_1, f_1)} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(P_1, Z) \longrightarrow 0.
 \end{array}$$

For any $u : K \rightarrow Y$, if $f_1 u = 0$, then

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(K, f_1)(u) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(K, f_1 u) = 0$$

and $u \in \text{Ker Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(K, f_1) = \text{Im Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(K, f_2)$. So there exists a unique morphism $v : K \rightarrow X$ such that $u = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(K, f_2)(v) = f_2 v$. Thus f_2 is a kernel of f_1 .

Again by (2), there exists a deflation $\varphi : P_2 \rightarrow Z$ with P_2 projective in $\mathcal{B}$ such that $\varphi = f_1 s$ for some $s : P_2 \rightarrow Y$. Then f_1 is a deflation by [4, Proposition 2.16]. So

$$0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$$

is a conflation, as required. $\square$

Definition 2.3 ([1]). Let $\mathcal{A}$ be an abelian category with small Ext groups (that is, $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(X, Y)$ is a set for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}$). For a subfunctor $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(-, -)$, an object C (resp. D) in $\mathcal{A}$ is called $\mathcal{F}$ -projective (resp. $\mathcal{F}$ -injective) if $\mathcal{F}(C, -) = 0$ (resp. $\mathcal{F}(-, D) = 0$). An exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A' \rightarrow A \rightarrow A'' \rightarrow 0$$

in $\mathcal{A}$ is called an $\mathcal{F}$ -sequence if it is an element of $\mathcal{F}(A'', A')$. The category $\mathcal{A}$ is said to *have enough $\mathcal{F}$ -projective objects* if for any $A \in \mathcal{A}$, there exists an $\mathcal{F}$ -sequence

$$0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow C \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

such that C is $\mathcal{F}$ -projective; and $\mathcal{A}$ is said to *have enough $\mathcal{F}$ -injective objects* if for any $A \in \mathcal{A}$, there exists an $\mathcal{F}$ -sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow D \rightarrow Y \rightarrow 0$$

such that D is $\mathcal{F}$ -injective.

Definition 2.4 ([6]). Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a subcategory of $\mathcal{A}$. A morphism $f : C \rightarrow D$ in $\mathcal{A}$ with $C \in \mathcal{C}$ is called a $\mathcal{C}$ -precover of D if for any morphism $g : C' \rightarrow D$ in $\mathcal{A}$ with $C' \in \mathcal{C}$, there exists a morphism $h : C' \rightarrow C$ such that $g = fh$. The morphism $f : C \rightarrow D$ is called *right minimal* if an endomorphism $h : C \rightarrow C$ is an automorphism whenever $f = fh$. A $\mathcal{C}$ -precover is called a $\mathcal{C}$ -cover if it is right minimal; $\mathcal{C}$ is called a *(pre)covering subcategory* of $\mathcal{A}$ if every object in $\mathcal{A}$ has a $\mathcal{C}$ -(pre)cover; $\mathcal{C}$ is called an *epimorphic (pre)covering subcategory* of $\mathcal{A}$ if every object in $\mathcal{A}$ has an epimorphic $\mathcal{C}$ -(pre)cover. Dually, the notions of a $\mathcal{C}$ -(pre)envelope, a *(pre)enveloping subcategory* and a *monomorphic (pre)enveloping subcategory* are defined.

Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a subcategory of $\mathcal{A}$. Recall that a sequence in $\mathcal{A}$ is called $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)$ -exact if it is exact after applying the functor $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(C, -)$ for any object $C \in \mathcal{C}$. Let $M \in \mathcal{A}$. An exact sequence (of finite or infinite length)

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{f_{n+1}} C_n \xrightarrow{f_n} \cdots \xrightarrow{f_2} C_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} C_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} M \rightarrow 0$$

in $\mathcal{A}$ with all $C_i \in \mathcal{C}$ is called a $\mathcal{C}$ -resolution of M if it is $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)$ -exact, that is, each f_i is an epimorphic $\mathcal{C}$ -precover of $\text{Im } f_i$. We denote sometimes the $\mathcal{C}$ -resolution of M by $\mathcal{C}^\bullet \rightarrow M$, where

$$\mathcal{C}^\bullet := \cdots \rightarrow C_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} C_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} C_0 \rightarrow 0$$

is the *deleted $\mathcal{C}$ -resolution* of M . Note that by a version of the comparison theorem, the $\mathcal{C}$ -resolution is unique up to homotopy ([7, p. 169]). Dually, the notions of a $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, \mathcal{C})$ -exact sequence and a $\mathcal{C}$ -coresolution are defined.

Definition 2.5 ([5]). A pair $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$ of additive subcategories in $\mathcal{A}$ is called a *balanced pair* if the following conditions are satisfied.

- (1) $\mathcal{C}$ is epimorphic precovering and $\mathcal{D}$ is monomorphic preenveloping.
- (2) For any $M \in \mathcal{A}$, there is a $\mathcal{C}$ -resolution $\mathcal{C}^\bullet \rightarrow M$ such that it is $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, \mathcal{D})$ -exact.
- (3) For any $N \in \mathcal{A}$, there is a $\mathcal{D}$ -coresolution $N \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^\bullet$ such that it is $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)$ -exact.

Remark 2.1. By [5, Proposition 2.2], in Definition 2.5, keeping condition (1) unaltered, the conditions (2) and (3) can be replaced by a common condition (2' + 3'): A short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$$

in $\mathcal{A}$ is $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}, -)$ -exact if and only if it is $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, \mathcal{D})$ -exact.

Some examples of balanced pairs are as follows.

Example 2.1. Let R be an associative ring with identity and $\text{Mod } R$ the category of right R -modules.

- (1) $(\mathcal{P}_0, \mathcal{I}_0)$ is the standard balanced pair in $\text{Mod } R$, where $\mathcal{P}_0$ and $\mathcal{I}_0$ are the subcategories of $\text{Mod } R$ consisting of projective modules and injective modules respectively.
- (2) $(\mathcal{PP}, \mathcal{PI})$ is a balanced pair in $\text{Mod } R$ ([7, Example 8.3.2]), where $\mathcal{PP}$ and $\mathcal{PI}$ are the subcategories of $\text{Mod } R$ consisting of pure projective modules and pure injective modules respectively.
- (3) If R is a Gorenstein ring, then $(\mathcal{GP}, \mathcal{GI})$ is a balanced pair in $\text{Mod } R$ ([7, Theorem 12.1.4]), where $\mathcal{GP}$ and $\mathcal{GI}$ are the subcategories of $\text{Mod } R$ consisting of Gorenstein projective modules and Gorenstein injective modules respectively.
- (4) Let $\mathcal{A}$ be an abelian category with enough projective and injective objects. If both $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})$ and $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$ are complete hereditary classical cotorsion pairs in $\mathcal{A}$, then $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{D})$ is a balanced pair in $\mathcal{A}$ ([5, Proposition 2.6]).

The main result in this section is the following

Theorem 2.2. *Let $\mathcal{A}$ be an abelian category with small Ext groups. Then there exists a one-to-one correspondence between any two of the following.*

- (1) *Balanced pairs $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$ in $\mathcal{A}$.*
- (2) *Subfunctors $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(-, -)$ such that $\mathcal{A}$ has enough $\mathcal{F}$ -projectives and enough $\mathcal{F}$ -injectives.*
- (3) *Quillen exact structures $\mathcal{E}$ in $\mathcal{A}$ with enough $\mathcal{E}$ -projectives and enough $\mathcal{E}$ -injectives (that is, such that the resulting exact category $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ has enough projective and enough injective objects).*

PROOF. We first show that there exists a one-to-one correspondence between (1) and (2). Let $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$ be a balanced pair in $\mathcal{A}$. If we define $\mathcal{F}(X, Y)$ as the subset of $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(X, Y)$ consisting of the equivalence classes of short exact sequences of condition $(2' + 3')$ in Remark 2.1, then the assignment $(X, Y) \mapsto \mathcal{F}(X, Y)$ is the definition on objects of a subfunctor of $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(-, -)$, and $\{\mathcal{F}\text{-projectives}\} = \mathcal{C}$, $\{\mathcal{F}\text{-injectives}\} = \mathcal{D}$. The converse is easy if we put $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}) = (\{\mathcal{F}\text{-projectives}\}, \{\mathcal{F}\text{-injectives}\})$.

Next we show that there exists a one-to-one correspondence between (2) and (3). Let $\mathcal{F}$ be a subfunctor of $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(-, -)$ such that $\mathcal{A}$ has enough $\mathcal{F}$ -projectives and enough $\mathcal{F}$ -injectives. Put $\mathcal{E} = \{\mathcal{F}\text{-sequences}\}$, and

$\{\mathcal{E}\text{-projectives}\} = \{\mathcal{F}\text{-projectives}\}$, $\{\mathcal{E}\text{-injectives}\} = \{\mathcal{F}\text{-injectives}\}$. We claim that $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ is an exact category with enough projective and enough injective objects.

Clearly, $\mathcal{E}$ contains $\{0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{1_A} A \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0\}$ and $\{0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{1_A} A \rightarrow 0\}$ for any $A \in \mathcal{A}$.

For [E1], let

$$0 \rightarrow A_1 \xrightarrow{f} A_2 \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \rightarrow A_2 \xrightarrow{g} A_3 \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0$$

be $\mathcal{F}$ -sequences in $\mathcal{A}$. We will prove

$$0 \rightarrow A_1 \xrightarrow{gf} A_3 \rightarrow \text{Coker } gf \rightarrow 0$$

is an $\mathcal{F}$ -sequence. In fact, for any $\mathcal{F}$ -injective object I of $\mathcal{A}$ and $\alpha : A_1 \rightarrow I$, by [1, Proposition 1.5] there exists $\beta : A_2 \rightarrow I$ such that $\alpha = \beta f$. Consider the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & 0 & & & \\
 & & & \downarrow & & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & A_2 & \longrightarrow & L \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \parallel & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A_1 & \xrightarrow{gf} & A_3 & \longrightarrow & \text{Coker } gf \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \alpha & \nearrow \theta & \downarrow & & \\
 & & I & & K & & \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & & & 0 & &
 \end{array}$$

Then there exists $\theta : A_3 \rightarrow I$ such that $\beta = \theta g$, that is, $\alpha = \beta f = \theta(gf)$. So

$$0 \rightarrow A_1 \xrightarrow{gf} A_3 \rightarrow \text{Coker } gf \rightarrow 0$$

is an $\mathcal{F}$ -sequence by [1, Proposition 1.5].

For [E2], take an $\mathcal{F}$ -sequence

$$0 \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{i} M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0.$$

For any morphism $f : L \rightarrow M'$, consider the following pushout diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & L & \xrightarrow{i} & M & \longrightarrow & N \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & M' & \xrightarrow{i'} & X & \longrightarrow & N \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

By [1, Proposition 1.5], for any $\mathcal{F}$ -injective object I of $\mathcal{A}$ and $s : M' \rightarrow I$, there exists $t : M \rightarrow I$ such that $sf = ti$. It follows from the universal property of pushouts, there exists $h : X \rightarrow I$ such that $s = hi'$. So

$$0 \rightarrow M' \xrightarrow{i'} X \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$$

is an $\mathcal{F}$ -sequence by [1, Proposition 1.5]. Dually $[\text{E1}^{op}]$ and $[\text{E2}^{op}]$ follow.

Conversely, for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}$, we define $\mathcal{F}(X, Y)$ as the subset of $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(X, Y)$ consisting of the equivalence classes of admissible short exact sequences. Let $X', Y' \in \mathcal{A}$, $f : Y \rightarrow Y'$ and $g : X' \rightarrow X$. Then by [E2] and $[\text{E2}^{op}]$, we get the following two commutative diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}(X, Y) & \xrightarrow{\text{inc.}} & \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(X, Y) \\ \downarrow \mathcal{F}(X, f) & & \downarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(X, f) \\ \mathcal{F}(X, Y') & \xrightarrow{\text{inc.}} & \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(X, Y') \end{array} \quad , \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}(X, Y) & \xrightarrow{\text{inc.}} & \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(X, Y) \\ \downarrow \mathcal{F}(g, Y) & & \downarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(g, Y) \\ \mathcal{F}(X', Y) & \xrightarrow{\text{inc.}} & \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(X', Y). \end{array}$$

So $\mathcal{F}$ is a subfunctor of $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(-, -)$ such that $\mathcal{A}$ has enough $\mathcal{F}$ -projectives and enough $\mathcal{F}$ -injectives. $\square$

3. $\mathcal{E}$ -cotorsion pairs

In this section, a pair $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ means that $\mathcal{A}$ is an abelian category with small Ext groups and $\mathcal{E}$ is an exact structure on $\mathcal{A}$ such that $\mathcal{A}$ has enough $\mathcal{E}$ -projectives and enough $\mathcal{E}$ -injectives. We first give a strengthened version of the Wakamatsu lemma in the exact context, and then apply it to obtain complete hereditary $\mathcal{E}$ -cotorsion pairs in $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$. For any $M, N \in \mathcal{A}$ and $i \geq 1$, we use $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^i(M, N)$ to denote the i -th cohomology group by taking $\mathcal{E}$ -projective resolution of M or taking $\mathcal{E}$ -injective coresolution of N .

Inspired by [20], we give the following

Definition 3.1. Let $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ be a pair as above.

- (1) A pair $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ of full subcategories of $\mathcal{A}$ is called an $\mathcal{E}$ -cotorsion pair provided that $\mathcal{X} = {}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$ and $\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$, where

$$\mathcal{X}^{\perp*} = \{N \in \mathcal{A} \mid \mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(M, N) = 0 \text{ for any } M \in \mathcal{X}\}, \text{ and}$$

$${}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y} = \{M \in \mathcal{A} \mid \mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(M, N) = 0 \text{ for any } N \in \mathcal{Y}\}.$$

- (2) An $\mathcal{E}$ -cotorsion pair $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ is called *complete* if for any $M \in \mathcal{A}$, there exist two conflations of the form:

$$0 \rightarrow Y \rightarrow X \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow Y' \rightarrow X' \rightarrow 0$$

with $X, X' \in \mathcal{X}$ and $Y, Y' \in \mathcal{Y}$.

- (3) A subcategory $\mathcal{T}$ of $\mathcal{A}$ is called *closed under $\mathcal{E}$ -extensions* if the end terms in a conflation are in $\mathcal{T}$ implies that the middle term is also in $\mathcal{T}$. The subcategory $\mathcal{T}$ is called *$\mathcal{E}$ -resolving* if it contains all $\mathcal{E}$ -projectives of $\mathcal{A}$, closed under $\mathcal{E}$ -extensions, and for any conflation

$$0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$$

with $Y, Z \in \mathcal{T}$, we have $X \in \mathcal{T}$. Dually, the notion of *$\mathcal{E}$ -coresolving subcategories* is defined.

- (4) An $\mathcal{E}$ -cotorsion pair $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ is called *hereditary* if $\mathcal{X}$ is $\mathcal{E}$ -resolving.

Remark 3.1. (1) By [11, Lemma 2.2.10], an $\mathcal{E}$ -cotorsion pair $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ is hereditary if and only if $\mathcal{Y}$ is $\mathcal{E}$ -coresolving.

- (2) If $\mathcal{E}$ is the abelian structure, then all the notions in Definition 3.1 coincide with the classical ones in [5, p. 6].
- (3) $\{\mathcal{E}\text{-projectives}\} = {}^{\perp*}\mathcal{A}$ and $\{\mathcal{E}\text{-injectives}\} = \mathcal{A}^{\perp*}$.

The following result is a strengthened version of the translation of the Wakamatsu lemma to the exact context.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ be a pair as above, $\mathcal{X}$ a full subcategory of $\mathcal{A}$ closed under $\mathcal{E}$ -extensions and $A \in \mathcal{A}$.*

- (1) *If $f: X \rightarrow A$ is an epimorphic $\mathcal{X}$ -cover, then $\text{Ker } f \in \mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$.*
- (2) *If $f: A \rightarrow X$ is a monomorphic $\mathcal{X}$ -envelope, then $\text{Coker } f \in {}^{\perp*}\mathcal{X}$.*

PROOF. We only prove (2), and (1) is dual to (2).

By assumption, there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{g} \text{Coker } f \rightarrow 0$$

in $\mathcal{A}$ with $f : A \rightarrow X$ a monomorphic $\mathcal{X}$ -envelope. To prove $\text{Coker } f \in {}^{\perp_*} \mathcal{X}$, it suffices to prove that for any $X' \in \mathcal{X}$, any conflation

$$0 \rightarrow X' \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{h} \text{Coker } f \rightarrow 0$$

in $\mathcal{A}$ splits. Consider the pullback of g and h :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & X' & \xlongequal{\quad} & X' & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & Y & \longrightarrow & M \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow h \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{f} & X & \xrightarrow{g} & \text{Coker } f \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & 0 & & 0.
 \end{array}$$

Then the middle column is a conflation. Since $X', X \in \mathcal{X}$ and $\mathcal{X}$ is closed under $\mathcal{E}$ -extensions, we have $Y \in \mathcal{X}$. Because $f : A \rightarrow X$ is an $\mathcal{X}$ -envelope of A , we obtain the following commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{f} & X & \longrightarrow & \text{Coker } f \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & Y & \longrightarrow & M \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow h \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{f} & X & \longrightarrow & \text{Coker } f \longrightarrow 0.
 \end{array}$$

Since f is left minimal, we have that the composition

$$X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow X$$

is an isomorphism. This implies that the composition

$$\text{Coker } f \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{h} \text{Coker } f$$

is also an isomorphism. Therefore the conflation

$$0 \rightarrow X' \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{h} \text{Coker } f \rightarrow 0$$

splits and the assertion follows. $\square$

Theorem 3.2. *Let $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ be a pair as above and $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ a pair of full subcategories of $\mathcal{A}$. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) $\mathcal{X}$ is $\mathcal{E}$ -resolving, $\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$ and each $A \in \mathcal{A}$ admits an epimorphic $\mathcal{X}$ -precover $p: X \rightarrow A$ such that $\text{Ker } p \in \mathcal{Y}$.
- (2) $\mathcal{Y}$ is $\mathcal{E}$ -coresolving, $\mathcal{X} = {}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$ and each $A \in \mathcal{A}$ admits a monomorphic $\mathcal{Y}$ -preenvelope $j: A \rightarrow Y$ such that $\text{Coker } j \in \mathcal{X}$.
- (3) $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ is a complete hereditary $\mathcal{E}$ -cotorsion pair.

PROOF. (2) $\implies$ (1) First observe that $\mathcal{X} (= {}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y})$ is closed under direct summands, $\mathcal{E}$ -extensions and contains all $\mathcal{E}$ -projective objects of $\mathcal{A}$. For any conflation

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

in $\mathcal{A}$ with $B, C \in \mathcal{X}$, we have an exact sequence

$$0 = \mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(B, Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(A, Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^2(C, Y)$$

for any $Y \in \mathcal{Y}$. Take a conflation

$$0 \rightarrow Y \rightarrow E \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$$

in $\mathcal{A}$ with E $\mathcal{E}$ -injective. We have $L \in \mathcal{Y}$ since $\mathcal{Y}$ is $\mathcal{E}$ -coresolving. Then we have an exact sequence:

$$0 = \mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(C, E) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(C, L) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^2(C, Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^2(C, E) = 0.$$

Notice that $\mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(C, L) = 0$, so $\mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^2(C, Y) = 0$, and hence $\mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(A, Y) = 0$, that is, $A \in \mathcal{X}$. Consequently we conclude that $\mathcal{X}$ is $\mathcal{E}$ -resolving.

Next for each $A \in \mathcal{A}$, there exists a conflation

$$0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow P \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

in $\mathcal{A}$ with P $\mathcal{E}$ -projective. By (2) and Lemma 2.1, we have a conflation

$$0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{j} Y \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

with $Y \in \mathcal{Y}$ and $M \in \mathcal{X}$. Consider the following pushout diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & P & \longrightarrow & A \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow j & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & Y & \longrightarrow & X & \xrightarrow{p} & A \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & M & \xlongequal{\quad} & M & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & &
 \end{array}$$

Since $\mathcal{X}$ is $\mathcal{E}$ -resolving and $P \in \mathcal{X}$, it follows from the middle column in the above diagram that $X \in \mathcal{X}$. Obviously, the middle row

$$0 \rightarrow Y \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{p} A \rightarrow 0$$

is a conflation and $Y \in \mathcal{Y}$. Therefore we deduce that $p: X \rightarrow A$ is an epimorphic $\mathcal{X}$ -precover, as required.

It remains to prove that $\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$. Observe that $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq (\perp_* \mathcal{Y})^{\perp*} = \mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$. By (2) and Lemma 2.1, for any $A' \in \mathcal{X}^{\perp*} = (\perp_* \mathcal{Y})^{\perp*}$, there exists a conflation

$$0 \rightarrow A' \rightarrow Y' \rightarrow X' \rightarrow 0 \quad (3.1)$$

with $Y' \in \mathcal{Y}$ and $X' \in \mathcal{X} = \perp_* \mathcal{Y}$. So (3.1) splits. Thus $A' \in \mathcal{Y}$ since $\mathcal{Y}$ is closed under direct summands.

Dually, we get (1) $\implies$ (2).

The implications (1)+(2) $\implies$ (3) and (1) $\Leftarrow$ (3) $\implies$ (2) are clear. $\square$

As direct consequences of Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, we have the following

Corollary 3.1. (1) *If $\mathcal{X}$ is an epi-covering $\mathcal{E}$ -resolving subcategory of $\mathcal{A}$, then each $A \in \mathcal{A}$ admits a monomorphic $\mathcal{Y}$ -preenvelope $j: A \rightarrow Y$ with $\text{Coker } j \in \mathcal{X}$, where $\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$.*

- (2) *If $\mathcal{Y}$ is a mono-enveloping $\mathcal{E}$ -coresolving subcategory of $\mathcal{A}$, then each $A \in \mathcal{A}$ admits an epimorphic $\mathcal{X}$ -precover $p: X \rightarrow A$ with $\text{Ker } p \in \mathcal{Y}$, where $\mathcal{X} = \perp_* \mathcal{Y}$.*

Corollary 3.2. *Let $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ be a complete hereditary (classical) cotorsion pair in $\mathcal{A}$. Then we have*

- (1) *If $\mathcal{X}$ contains the $\mathcal{E}$ -projective objects of $\mathcal{A}$, then $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}^{\perp*})$ is a complete hereditary $\mathcal{E}$ -cotorsion pair and each $A \in \mathcal{A}$ admits a monomorphic $\mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$ -preenvelope $j: A \rightarrow Y$ such that $\text{Coker } j \in \mathcal{X}$.*
- (2) *If $\mathcal{Y}$ contains the $\mathcal{E}$ -injective objects of $\mathcal{A}$, then $({}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Y})$ is a complete hereditary $\mathcal{E}$ -cotorsion pair and each $A \in \mathcal{A}$ admits an epimorphic ${}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$ -precover $p: X \rightarrow A$ such that $\text{Ker } p \in \mathcal{Y}$.*

4. Applications

In this section, we will apply the results obtained in Section 3 to the module category.

Let R be an associative ring with identity and $\text{mod } R$ the category of finitely presented right R -modules. Recall that a short exact sequence

$$\xi: 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

in $\text{Mod } R$ is called *pure exact* if the induced sequence $\text{Hom}_R(F, \xi)$ is exact for any $F \in \text{mod } R$. In this case A is called a *pure submodule* of B and C is called a *pure quotient module* of B . In addition, modules that are projective (resp. injective) relative to pure exact sequences are called *pure projective* (resp. *pure injective*). The subcategory of $\text{Mod } R$ consisting of pure projective (resp. pure injective) modules is denoted by $\mathcal{PP}$ (resp. $\mathcal{PI}$).

Lemma 4.1 ([18, Corollary 3.5(c)]). *Let $\mathcal{F}$ be a subcategory of $\text{Mod } R$ closed under pure submodules. Then $\mathcal{F}$ is preenveloping if and only if $\mathcal{F}$ is closed under direct products.*

Lemma 4.2 ([12, Theorem 2.5]). *Let $\mathcal{F}$ be a subcategory of $\text{Mod } R$ closed under pure quotient modules. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) $\mathcal{F}$ is closed under direct sums.
- (2) $\mathcal{F}$ is precovering.
- (3) $\mathcal{F}$ is covering.

Lemma 4.3. *Let $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ be a pair as in Section 3 and $A \in \mathcal{A}$. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(-, A)$ vanishes on all $\mathcal{E}$ -projective objects of $\mathcal{A}$.

(2) Any short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow Z \rightarrow V \rightarrow 0$$

is a conflation.

PROOF. (2) $\implies$ (1) is trivial.

(1) $\implies$ (2) For any $\mathcal{E}$ -projective object P of $\mathcal{A}$ and $f : P \rightarrow V$, consider the pullback diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & N & \xrightarrow{i} & P & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow f & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & Z & \xrightarrow{g} & V & \longrightarrow & 0. \end{array}$$

By (1), there exists $j : P \rightarrow N$ such that $ij = 1_P$. Then we have $f = f i j = g \alpha j$. So by Lemma 2.1, the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow Z \rightarrow V \rightarrow 0$$

is a conflation. □

Recall from [3] that a subcategory of $\text{Mod } R$ is called *definable* if it is closed under arbitrary direct products, direct limits, and pure submodules.

Theorem 4.4. *Let $\mathcal{E}$ be an exact structure on $\text{Mod } R$ with enough $\mathcal{E}$ -projectives and enough $\mathcal{E}$ -injectives such that $\mathcal{E}$ contains all pure short exact sequences. If $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathcal{PP}$ and $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathcal{PI}$ are two subcategories, then we have the following*

(1) $\mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$ is preenveloping. If moreover, each $X \in \mathcal{X}$ admits an $\mathcal{E}$ -presentation

$$C_2 \rightarrow C_1 \rightarrow C_0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0,$$

where the C_i are $\mathcal{E}$ -projective in $\text{Mod } R$ and finitely presented, then $\mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$ is also covering.

(2) ${}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$ is covering and closed under pure quotients.

(3) If $\mathcal{Y}$ is closed under taking $\mathcal{E}$ -coszygies, then we have

(i) $({}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}, ({}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y})^{\perp*})$ is a complete hereditary $\mathcal{E}$ -cotorsion pair.

(ii) If $\text{Ext}_R^1(-, Y)$ vanishes on $\mathcal{E}$ -projective objects of $\text{Mod } R$ for any $Y \in \mathcal{Y}$, then $({}^{\perp_1}\mathcal{Y}, ({}^{\perp_1}\mathcal{Y})^{\perp*})$ is a complete hereditary $\mathcal{E}$ -cotorsion pair.

PROOF. (1) First observe that $\mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$ is closed under direct products. Let

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

be a pure exact sequence in $\text{Mod } R$ with $B \in \mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$. Then it is a conflation by assumption. For any $X \in \mathcal{X}$, we have the following exact sequence:

$$\text{Hom}_R(X, B) \xrightarrow{f} \text{Hom}_R(X, C) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(X, A) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(X, B) = 0.$$

Notice that f is epic, so $\mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(X, A) = 0$ and $A \in \mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$. Thus $\mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$ is closed under pure submodules. It follows from Lemma 4.1 that $\mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$ is preenveloping.

It is easy to see that $\mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$ is closed under direct limits by assumption; in particular $\mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$ is closed under direct sums. Then $\mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$ is definable. So $\mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$ is closed under pure quotient modules by [3, Proposition 4.3(3)], and hence $\mathcal{X}^{\perp*}$ is covering by Lemma 4.2.

(2) Obviously, ${}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$ is closed under direct sums. By Lemma 4.2, it suffices to show that ${}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$ is closed under pure quotient modules. Let

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$$

be a pure exact sequence in $\text{Mod } R$ with $B \in {}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$. Then it is a conflation by assumption. By using an argument similar to that in the proof of (1), we get $C \in {}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$.

(3) (i) Because ${}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$ contains all projective modules, we have that ${}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$ is epimorphic covering by (2). We claim that ${}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$ is $\mathcal{E}$ -resolving. This will complete the proof of (i) by Theorems 3.1 and 3.2.

Clearly, ${}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$ contains all $\mathcal{E}$ -projective objects of $\text{Mod } R$ and ${}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$ is closed under direct summands and $\mathcal{E}$ -extensions. Now take a conflation

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$$

in $\text{Mod } R$ with $N, L \in {}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$. By assumption, we have $\text{Ker } \mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(-, Y) \subseteq \text{Ker } \mathcal{E}\text{xt}_{\mathcal{A}}^2(-, Y)$ for any $Y \in \mathcal{Y}$. Now by the dimension shifting it yields that $M \in {}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$. So ${}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$ is $\mathcal{E}$ -resolving. The claim follows.

(ii) By Lemma 4.3, we have ${}^{\perp_1}\mathcal{Y} = {}^{\perp*}\mathcal{Y}$. So, as a particular case of (i), the assertion follows. $\square$

Recall that a classical cotorsion pair $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ in $\text{Mod } R$ is *perfect* if $\mathcal{X}$ is covering and $\mathcal{Y}$ is enveloping. As a consequence of Theorem 4.4, we have the following

Corollary 4.1. *If $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathcal{PP}$ and $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathcal{PI}$ are two subcategories in $\text{Mod } R$, then we have*

- (1) $\mathcal{X}^{\perp_1}$ is preenveloping. *If moreover, R is a right coherent ring and $\mathcal{X}$ is a subcategory of $\text{mod } R$, then $\mathcal{X}^{\perp_1}$ is also covering.*
- (2) ${}^{\perp_1}\mathcal{Y}$ is covering and closed under pure quotients.
- (3) ([11, Theorem 3.2.9]) $({}^{\perp_1}\mathcal{Y}, ({}^{\perp_1}\mathcal{Y})^{\perp_1})$ is a perfect hereditary cotorsion pair.

PROOF. The assertions (1) and (2) follow directly from Theorem 4.4, and the assertion (3) follows from Theorem 4.4 and [7, Theorem 7.2.6]. $\square$

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