

## ON 2-ABSORBING MULTIPLICATION MODULES OVER PULLBACK RINGS

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In this article, we classify all those indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication modules with finite-dimensional top over pullback of two Dedekind domains. We extend the definition and results given in [10] to a more general 2-absorbing multiplication modules case.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

One of the aims of the modern representation theory is to solve classification problems for subcategories of modules over a unitary ring  $R$ . The reader is referred to [1, 33, 34] for a detailed discussion problems, their representation types (finite, tame, or wild), and useful computational reduction procedures.

Let  $v_1 : R_1 \longrightarrow \bar{R}$  and  $v_2 : R_2 \longrightarrow \bar{R}$  be homomorphisms of two local Dedekind domains  $R_i$  onto a common field  $\bar{R}$ . Denote the pullback  $R = \{(r_1, r_2) \in R_1 \oplus R_2 : v_1(r_1) = v_2(r_2)\}$  by  $(R_1 \xrightarrow{v_1} \bar{R} \xleftarrow{v_2} R_2)$ , where  $\bar{R} = R_1/J(R_1) = R_2/J(R_2)$ . Then  $R$  is a ring under coordinate-wise multiplication. Denote the kernel of  $v_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , by  $P_i$ . Then  $\text{Ker}(R \longrightarrow \bar{R}) = P = P_1 \times P_2$ ,  $R/P \cong \bar{R} \cong R_2/P_2$ , and  $P_1P_2 = P_2P_1 = 0$  (so  $R$  is not a domain). Furthermore, for  $i \neq j$ ,  $0 \longrightarrow P_i \longrightarrow R \longrightarrow R_j \longrightarrow 0$  is a exact sequence of  $R$ -modules (see [22]).

We know that every module is an elementary substructure of a pure-injective module. In fact, there is a minimal pure-injective elementary extension of each module  $M$ , denoted by  $h(M)$ , called the pure-injective hull of  $M$  and it is unique up to isomorphism fixing  $M$ . The class of pure-injectives

is closed under direct summands and finite direct sums, but an infinite direct sum of pure-injectives need not be pure-injective. Observe that any finite module is pure-injective. In a sense, then, pure-injective modules are model theoretically typical: for example, classification of the complete theories of  $R$ -modules reduces to classifying the (complete theories of) pure-injectives. Also, for some rings, “small” (finite-dimensional, finitely generated, ...) modules are classified and in many cases this classification can be extended to give a classification of (indecomposable) pure-injective modules. Indeed, there is sometimes a strong connection between infinitely generated pure-injective modules and families of finitely generated modules. Therefore, pure-injective modules are very important (see [20, 30, 37]). One point of this paper is to introduce a subclass of pure-injective modules.

Modules over pullback rings have been studied by several authors (see for example, [4, 15, 18, 19, 27, 38]). The important work of Levy [23] provides a classification of all finitely generated indecomposable modules over Dedekind-like rings. Klingler [19] extended this classification to lattices over certain non-commutative Dedekind-like rings, and Klingler and Haefner [16, 17] classified lattices over certain non-commutative pullback rings, which they called special quasi triads. Common to all these classifications is the reduction to a “matrix problem” over a division ring (see [29, 33, 35] for background on matrix problems and their applications).

In the present article, we introduce a new class of  $R$ -modules, called 2-absorbing multiplication modules (see Definition 2.1), and we study it in details from the classification problem point of view. We are mainly interested in case either  $R$  is a Dedekind domain or  $R$  is a pullback of two local Dedekind domains. First, we give a complete description of the 2-absorbing multiplication modules over a local Dedekind domain. Let  $R$  be a pullback of two local Dedekind domains over a common factor field. Next, the main purpose of this paper is to give a complete description of the indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -modules with finite-dimensional top over  $R/\text{Rad}(R)$  (for any module  $M$  we define its top as  $M/\text{Rad}(R)M$ ). In fact, we extend the definition and results given in [10] to a more general 2-absorbing multiplication modules case, and the class of 2-absorbing multiplication modules contains the class of weak multiplication modules defined in [10].

The classification is divided into two stages: the description of all indecomposable separated 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -modules and then, using this list of separated 2-absorbing multiplication modules, we show that non-separated indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -modules with finite-dimensional top are factor modules of finite direct sums of separated indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -modules. Then we use the classification of separated indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication modules from Section 3, together with results of Levy [24] on the possibilities for amalgamating finitely generated separated modules, to classify the non-separated indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication modules  $M$  with finite-dimensional top (see Theorem

4.8). We will see that the non-separated modules may be represented by certain amalgamation chains of separated indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication modules (where infinite length 2-absorbing multiplication modules can occur only at the ends) and where adjacency corresponds to amalgamation in the socles of these separated 2-absorbing multiplication modules.

For the sake of completeness, we state some definitions and notations used throughout. In this article all rings are commutative with identity and all modules unitary. Let  $R$  be the pullback ring as mentioned in the beginning of introduction. An  $R$ -module  $S$  is defined to be separated if there exist  $R_i$ -modules  $S_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , such that  $S$  is a submodule of  $S_1 \oplus S_2$  (the latter is made into an  $R$ -module by setting  $(r_1, r_2)(s_1, s_2) = (r_1s_1, r_2s_2)$ ). Equivalently,  $S$  is separated if it is a pullback of an  $R_1$ -module and an  $R_2$ -module and then, using the same notation for pullbacks of modules as for rings,  $S = (S/P_2S \rightarrow S/PS \leftarrow S/P_1S)$  [22, Corollary 3.3] and  $S \subseteq (S/P_2S) \oplus (S/P_1S)$ . Also,  $S$  is separated if and only if  $P_1S \cap P_2S = 0$  [22, Lemma 2.9].

If  $R$  is a pullback ring, then every  $R$ -module is a epimorphic image of a separated  $R$ -module, indeed every  $R$ -module has a “minimal” such representation: a separated representation of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is an epimorphism  $\varphi = (S \xrightarrow{f} S' \rightarrow M)$  of  $R$ -modules where  $S$  is separated and, if  $\varphi$  admits a factorization  $\varphi : S \xrightarrow{f} S' \rightarrow M$  with  $S'$  separated, then  $f$  is one-to-one. The module  $K = \text{Ker}(\varphi)$  is then an  $\bar{R}$ -module, since  $\bar{R} = R/P$  and  $PK = 0$  [22, Proposition 2.3]. An exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow S \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  of  $R$ -modules with  $S$  separated and  $K$  an  $\bar{R}$ -module is a separated representation of  $M$  if and only if  $P_iS \cap K = 0$  for each  $i$  and  $K \subseteq PS$  [22, Proposition 2.8]. Every module  $M$  has a separated representation, which is unique up to isomorphism [22, Theorem 2.8]. Moreover,  $R$ -homomorphisms lift to a separated representation, preserving epimorphisms and monomorphisms [22, Theorem 2.6].

*Definition 1.1* —

- (a) If  $R$  is a ring and  $N$  is a submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ , the ideal  $\{r \in R : rM \subseteq N\}$  is denoted by  $(N : M)$ . Then  $(0 : M)$  is the annihilator of  $M$ .
- (b) A proper submodule  $N$  of a module  $M$  over a ring  $R$  is said to primary submodule (resp., prime submodule) if whenever  $rm \in N$ , for some  $r \in R$ ,  $m \in M$ , then  $m \in N$  or  $r^n \in (N : M)$  for some  $n$  (resp.,  $m \in N$  or  $r \in (N : M)$ ), so  $\text{Rad}(N : M) = P$  (resp.,  $(N : M) = P'$ ) is a prime ideal of  $R$ , and  $N$  is said to be  $P$ -primary (resp.,  $P'$ -prime) submodule. The set of all primary submodules (resp., prime submodules) in an  $R$ -module  $M$  is denoted  $p\text{Spec}(M)$  (resp.,  $\text{Spec}(M)$ ).
- (c) A proper ideal  $I$  of a commutative ring  $R$  is said to be 2-absorbing, if  $abc \in I$  where  $a, b, c \in R$ ,

then  $ab \in I$  or  $ac \in I$  or  $bc \in I$  [3].

- (d) A proper submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called to be 2-absorbing, if for  $a, b \in R$  and  $m \in M$ ,  $abm \in N$  implies that  $ab \in (N : M)$  or  $am \in N$  or  $bm \in N$ . So  $(N : M)$  is a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$ . The set of all 2-absorbing submodules in an  $R$ -module  $M$  is denoted by  $2 - abSpec(M)$  (see [39]).
- (e) An  $R$ -module  $M$  is defined to be a multiplication module if for each submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $N = IM$ , for some ideal  $I$  of  $R$ . In this case, we can take  $I = (N : M)$ .
- (f) An  $R$ -module  $M$  is defined to be a weak multiplication module if  $Spec(M) = \emptyset$  or for every prime submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $N = IM$ , for some ideal  $I$  of  $R$  (see [10]).
- (g) An  $R$ -module  $M$  is defined to be a primary multiplication module if  $pSpec(M) = \emptyset$  or for every primary submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $N = IM$ , for some ideal  $I$  of  $R$  [13].
- (h) An  $R$ -module  $M$  is defined to be a semiprime multiplication module if for every semiprime submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $N = IM$ , for some ideal  $I$  of  $R$  (see [14]).
- (i) A submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called pure submodule, if any finite system of equations over  $N$  which is solvable in  $M$  is also solvable in  $N$ . A submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called relatively divisible (or an  $RD$ -submodule) in  $M$  if  $rN = N \cap rM$  for all  $r \in R$  (see [30, 37]).
- (j) A module  $M$  is pure-injective if it has the injective property relative to all pure exact sequences (see [30, 37]).
- (k) An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called to be 2-absorbing, if its zero submodule is a 2-absorbing submodule.

*Remark 1.2 :*

- (i) An  $R$ -module is pure-injective if and only if it is algebraically compact (see [38]).
- (ii) Let  $R$  be a Dedekind domain,  $M$  an  $R$ -module and  $N$  a submodule of  $M$ . Then  $N$  is pure in  $M$  if and only if  $IN = N \cap IM$  for each ideal  $I$  of  $R$ . Moreover,  $N$  is pure in  $M$  if and only if  $N$  is an  $RD$ -submodule of  $M$  [37].
- (iii) Let  $N$  be an  $R$ -submodule of  $M$ . It is clear that  $N$  is an  $RD$ -submodule of  $M$  if and only if for all  $m \in M$  and  $r \in R$ ,  $rm \in N$  implies that  $rm = rn$  for some  $n \in N$ . Furthermore, if  $M$  is torsion-free, then  $N$  is an  $RD$ -submodule if and only if for all  $m \in M$  and for all non-zero

$r \in R, rm \in N$  implies that  $m \in N$ . In this case,  $N$  is an  $RD$ -submodule if and only if  $N$  is a prime submodule.

- (iv) It is easy to see that if  $N$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ , then  $M/N$  is a 2-absorbing  $R$ -module.

## 2. BASIC PROPERTIES OF 2-ABSORBING MULTIPLICATION MODULES

The aim of this section is to classify 2-absorbing multiplication modules over a local Dedekind domain. First, we collect basic properties concerning 2-absorbing multiplication modules.

*Definition 2.1* — Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a 2-absorbing multiplication module, if  $2 - abSpec(M) = \emptyset$  or for every 2-absorbing submodule  $N$  of  $M$ ,  $N = IM$ , for ideal  $I$  of  $R$ .

One can easily show that if  $M$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication module, then  $N = (N : M)M$  for every 2-absorbing submodule  $N$  of  $M$ . Since every prime submodule is 2-absorbing submodule, we obtain that the class of 2-absorbing multiplication modules contains the class of weak multiplication modules. We need the following Lemma proved in [28, Theorem 2.3] and [39, Lemma 2.4].

*Lemma 2.2* — (i) let  $N$  be a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  and suppose that  $I, J$  be ideals of  $R$  and  $K$  a submodule of  $M$ . If  $IJK \subseteq N$ , then  $IK \subseteq N$  or  $JK \subseteq N$  or  $IJ \subseteq (N : M)$ .

(ii) Let  $K \subseteq N$  be submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . Then  $N$  is a 2-absorbing submodule if and only if  $N/K$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M/K$ .

*Lemma 2.3* — Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module,  $N$  a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  and  $I$  an ideal of  $R$  with  $I \subset (0 : M)$ . Then  $N$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  as an  $R/I$ -module.

PROOF : By Remark 1.2,  $M/N$  is a 2-absorbing  $R$ -module. Let  $(a + I)(b + I)m \in N$  for some  $m \in M$  and  $a + I, b + I \in R/I$ , so  $ab(m + N) = 0$ , hence  $am \in N$  or  $bm \in N$  or  $ab \in (0 : M/N) = (N : M)$ , as needed.  $\square$

*Lemma 2.4* — Let  $M$  be a 2-absorbing multiplication module over a commutative ring  $R$ . Then the following hold:

- (i) If  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $N$  a non-zero  $R$ -submodule of  $M$  with  $I \subseteq (N : M)$ , then  $M/N$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication  $R/I$ -module.
- (ii) If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ , then  $M/N$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -module.
- (iii) Every direct summand of  $M$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication module.

PROOF : (i) Let  $K/N$  be a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M/N$ , Then by Lemma 2.2,  $K$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ , then  $K = (K : M)M$ . An inspection will show that  $K/N = (K/N :_{R/I} M/N)M/N$ .

(ii) Take  $I = 0$  in (i).

(iii) Following from (ii). □

*Lemma 2.5* — Let  $R$  and  $R'$  be any commutative rings,  $f : R \rightarrow R'$  a surjective homomorphism and  $M$  an  $R'$ -module. Then the following hold:

- (i) If  $M$  is a 2-absorbing as an  $R$ -module, then  $M$  is 2-absorbing as an  $R'$ -module.
- (ii) If  $N$  is a 2-absorbing  $R$ -submodule of  $M$ , then  $N$  is a 2-absorbing  $R'$ -submodule of  $M$ .
- (iii) If  $M$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -module, then  $M$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication  $R'$ -module.

PROOF : (i) is obvious.

(ii) Clearly,  $M/N$  is a 2-absorbing  $R$ -module, so  $M/N$  is a 2-absorbing  $R'$ -module by (i), hence  $N$  is a 2-absorbing  $R'$ -submodule of  $M$ .

(iii) Let  $N$  be a 2-absorbing  $R$ -submodule of  $M$ . Then  $N$  is a 2-absorbing  $R'$ -submodule of  $M$  by (i), so  $N = I'M$  for some ideal  $I'$  of  $R'$ . Set  $I = f^{-1}(I')$ . Then  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $f(I) = f(f^{-1}(I')) = I' \cap f(R) = I'$ ; hence  $IM = f(I)M = N$ . □

*Proposition 2.6* — Let  $R$  be a local Dedekind domain with unique maximal ideal  $P = Rp$ . Then  $E = E(R/P)$ , the injective hull of  $R/P$ , and  $Q(R)$ , the field of fractions of  $R$ , are 2-absorbing multiplication modules.

PROOF : By [7, Lemma 2.6], every non-zero proper submodule  $L$  of  $E$  is of the form  $L = A_n = (0 :_E P^n)$  ( $n \geq 1$ ),  $L = A_n = Ra_n$  and  $PA_{n+1} = A_n$ . However, no  $A_n$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $E$ , for if  $n$  is a positive integer, then  $P^3A_{n+3} = A_n$ , but  $P^2A_{n+3} = A_{n+1} \not\subseteq A_n$  and  $PA_{n+3} = A_{n+2} \not\subseteq A_n$  and  $P^3 \subseteq (A_n : E) = 0$ . Now we conclude that  $2 - abSpec(E) = \emptyset$ . Thus  $E$  is 2-absorbing multiplication module.

Clearly,  $0$  is a 2-absorbing (prime) submodule of  $Q(R)$ . To show that  $0$  is the only 2-absorbing submodule of  $Q(R)$ , we assume the contrary and let  $N$  is a non-zero 2-absorbing submodule of  $Q(R)$ . Since  $N$  is a non-zero submodule, there exists  $0/1 \neq a/b$ , where  $a, b \in R$ , so that  $a/b \in N$ . Clearly,  $1/b \notin N$  (otherwise,  $b/b = 1/1 \in N$ , which is a contradiction). Now we have  $a^2(1/ab) \in N$ , but

$a(1/ab) = 1/b \notin N$  and  $a^2 \notin (N :_R Q(R)) = 0$ . Thus  $2 - abSpec(Q(R)) = \{0\}$ , and hence  $Q(R)$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication module.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.7** — Let  $M$  be a 2-absorbing multiplication module over an integral domain  $R$  (which is not a field). Then  $M$  is either torsion or torsion-free.

**PROOF** : Assume that  $T(M)$  is the torsion submodule of  $M$ , and let  $T(M) \neq M$ . Then  $T(M)$  is a prime submodule (so a 2-absorbing submodule) of  $M$  with  $(T(M) : M) = 0$  by [26, Lemma 3.8]. It follows that  $T(M) = (T(M) : M)M = 0$ . Thus  $M$  is a torsion-free module and this complete the proof.  $\square$

**Example 2.8** : Let  $R$  be a domain and let  $Q(R)$  be the field of quotient of  $R$ . By Proposition 2.6, the only 2-absorbing submodule of  $Q(R)$  is 0; hence  $Q(R)$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication does not need to be multiplication module, but we have the following result:

**Theorem 2.9** — Let  $R$  be a local Dedekind domain with a unique maximal ideal  $P = Rp$ . Then the following is a complete list, up to isomorphism, of the indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication modules:

- (i)  $R$ ;
- (ii)  $R/P^n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) the indecomposable torsion module;
- (iii)  $E(R/P)$ , the injective hull of  $R/P$ ;
- (iv)  $Q(R)$ , the field of fractions of  $R$ .

**PROOF** : First, we note that each of the preceding modules is indecomposable (by [6, Proposition 1.3]) and 2-absorbing multiplication module. In the cases of  $R$  and  $R/P^n$  these follows, because modules  $R$  and  $R/P^n$  are multiplication. Moreover,  $Q(R)$  and  $E(R/P)$  are 2-absorbing multiplication by Proposition 2.6.

Now let  $M$  be an indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication, and choose any non-zero element  $a \in M$ . Let  $h(a) = \sup\{n \mid a \in P^n M\}$  (so  $h(a)$  is a non-negative integer or  $\infty$ ). Also,  $(0 : a) = \{r \in R \mid ra = 0\}$ , thus  $(0 : a)$  is an ideal of the form  $P^n$  or 0. Because  $(0 : a) = P^{m+1}$  implies that  $P^m a \neq 0$  and  $P(P^m a) = 0$ , we can choose  $a$  so that  $(0 : a) = P$  or 0. Now we consider the various possibilities for  $h(a)$  and  $(0 : a)$ .

**Case 1** :  $2 - abSpec(M) = \emptyset$ . Since  $Spec(M) \subseteq 2 - abSpec(M)$ , it follows from [28, Lemma 1.3, Proposition 1.4] that  $M$  is a torsion divisible  $R$ -module with  $PM = M$  and  $M$  is not finitely

generated. We may assume that  $(0 : a) = P$ . By an argument like that in [7, Proposition 2.7],  $M \cong E(R/P)$ . So we may assume that  $2 - \text{abSpec}(M) \neq \emptyset$ .

*Case 2 :*  $h(a) = n$ ,  $(0 : a) = 0$ . say  $a = p^n b$ . Then  $rb = 0$  implies  $ra = 0$  and so  $r = 0$ . Thus  $Rb \cong R$ . We also have that  $Rb$  is pure in  $M$  (see [9, Theorem 2.12]) (otherwise, we would have  $h(a) > n$ ). As  $M$  is a torsion-free  $R$ -module by Proposition 2.7, we must have  $Rb$  is a prime submodule of  $M$  (see Remark 1.2) (so 2-absorbing submodule), and so by the hypothesis  $R \cong Rb = P^t M$  for some  $t$ . Then there is an element  $m \in M$  such that  $b = p^t m$ , whence  $a = p^{n+t} m$ . Therefore,  $t = 0$ , and  $R \cong Rb = P^0 M = RM = M$ .

*Case 3 :*  $h(a) = n$ ,  $(0 : a) = P$ . Say  $a = p^n b$ . Then we have  $Rb \cong R/P^{n+1}$ . Furthermore,  $Rb$  is pure in  $M$ . Now since  $Rb$  is a pure submodule of bonded order of  $M$ , we obtain  $Rb$  is a direct summand of  $M$  by [20, Theorem 5]; hence  $M = Rb \cong R/P^{n+1}$ .

*Case 4 :*  $h(a) = \infty$ ,  $(0 : a) = P$ . By argument like that in [12, Theorem 2.5], we get  $M \cong E(R/P)$ , hence  $2 - \text{abSpec}(M) = \emptyset$  by Proposition 2.6, which is a contradiction.

*Case 5 :*  $h(a) = \infty$ ,  $(0 : a) = 0$ . By an argument like in [9, Theorem 2.12], we obtain  $M \cong Q(R)$ . □

**Corollary 2.10** — Let  $R \neq M$  be a 2-absorbing multiplication module over a local Dedekind domain with maximal ideal  $P = Rp$ . Then  $M$  is of the form  $M = N \oplus K$ , where  $N$  is a direct sum of copies of  $R/P^n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) and  $K$  is a direct sum of copies of  $E(R/P)$  and  $Q(R)$ . In particular, every 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -module which is not isomorphic with  $R$  is pure-injective.

**PROOF :** Let  $M_i$  denote the indecomposable summand of  $M$ . Then by Lemma 2.4(iii),  $M_i$  is an indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication module. Now the assertion follows from Theorem 2.9 and [6, Proposition 1.3] □

### 3. THE SEPARATED CASE

Throughout this section, we shall assume unless otherwise stated, that

$$R = (R_1 \xrightarrow{v_1} \bar{R} \xleftarrow{v_2} R_2) \quad (1)$$

is the pullback of two local Dedekind domains  $R_1, R_2$  with maximal ideals  $P_1, P_2$  generated, respectively, by  $p_1, p_2$ ,  $P$  denotes  $P_1 \oplus P_2$  and  $R_1/P_1 \cong R_2/P_2 \cong R/P \cong \bar{R}$  is a field. In particular,  $R$  is a commutative Noetherian local ring with unique maximal ideal  $P$ . The other prime ideals of  $R$  are easily seen to be  $P_1$  (that is  $P_1 \oplus 0$ ) and  $P_2$  (that is  $0 \oplus P_2$ ).

*Remark 3.1 :* ([11, Remark 3.1]) Let  $R$  be the pullback ring as in (1), and let  $T$  be an  $R$ -module of a separated module  $S = (S_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} \bar{S} \xleftarrow{f_2} S_2)$ , with projection maps  $\pi_i : S \rightarrow S_i$ . Set  $T_1 = \{t_1 \in S_1 : (t_1, t_2) \in T \text{ for some } t_2 \in S_2\}$  and  $T_2 = \{t_2 \in S_2 : (t_1, t_2) \in T \text{ for some } t_1 \in S_1\}$ .

Then for each  $i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $T_i$  is an  $R_i$ -submodule of  $S_i$  and  $T \leq T_1 \oplus T_2$ . Moreover, we can define a mapping  $\pi'_1 = \pi_1|_T : T \rightarrow T_1$  by sending  $(t_1, t_2)$  to  $t_1$ ; hence  $T_1 \cong T/(0 \oplus \text{Ker}(f_2) \cap T) \cong T/(T \cap P_2S) \cong (T + P_2S)/P_2S \subseteq S/P_2S$ . So we may assume that  $T_1$  is a submodule of  $S_1$ . Similarly, we may assume that  $T_2$  is a submodule of  $S_2$  (note that  $\text{Ker}(f_1) = P_1S_1$  and  $\text{Ker}(f_2) = P_2S_2$ ).

*Proposition 3.2* — Let  $T = (T_1 \longrightarrow \bar{T} \longleftarrow T_2)$  be a proper submodule of a separated module  $S = (S_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} \bar{S} \xleftarrow{f_2} S_2)$  over the pullback ring as in (1). Then the following hold:

- (i)  $\text{Rad}(T : S) = I \oplus J$  if and only if  $\text{Rad}(T_1 : S_1) = I$  and  $\text{Rad}(T_2 : S_2) = J$ , where  $I \neq 0$  and  $J \neq 0$ .
- (ii)  $\text{Rad}(T : S) = P_1 \oplus 0$  if and only if  $\text{Rad}(T_1 : S_1) = P_1$  and  $\text{Rad}(T_2 : S_2) = 0$ .
- (iii)  $\text{Rad}(T : S) = 0 \oplus P_2$  if and only if  $\text{Rad}(T_1 : S_1) = 0$  and  $\text{Rad}(T_2 : S_2) = P_2$ .

**PROOF :** (i) Let  $(T : S) = I \oplus J$  and let  $a \in I$ . Let  $s_1 \in S_1$ . Then there exists  $s_2 \in S_2$  such that  $(s_1, s_2) \in S$ . Since  $(a, 0) \in I \oplus J$ , so  $(a, 0)^n(s_1, s_2) \in T$  for some  $n$ . Therefore,  $a^n s_1 \in T_1$ , and  $a^n \in (T_1 : S_1)$ , so  $a \in \text{Rad}(T_1 : S_1)$ . For the other containment, assume that  $a \in \text{Rad}(T_1 : S_1) \subseteq P_1$ . Then  $a^m S_1 \subseteq T_1$  for some  $m$ . Let  $(s_1, s_2) \in S$ , hence  $(a, 0)^m(s_1, s_2) \in T$ . Thus  $(a, 0) \in \text{Rad}(T : S) = I \oplus J$ , so  $a \in I$ , and we have equality. Similarly,  $\text{Rad}(T_2 : S_2) = J$ . Conversely, let  $(r_1, r_2) \in I \oplus J \subseteq P_1 \oplus P_2$  and let  $(s_1, s_2) \in S$ . Then  $r_1 \in \text{Rad}(T_1 : S_1)$  and  $r_2 \in \text{Rad}(T_2 : S_2)$ . So  $r_1^n \in (T_1 : S_1)$  and  $r_2^m \in (T_2 : S_2)$ . Set  $k = \max\{m, n\}$ . So  $r_1^k s_1 \in T_1 \cap P_1 S_1$  and  $r_2^k s_2 \in T_2 \cap P_2 S_2$  and  $f_1(r_1^k s_1) = 0 = f_2(r_2^k s_2)$  since  $\text{Ker}(f_1) = P_1 S_1$  and  $\text{Ker}(f_2) = P_2 S_2$ , hence  $(r_1, r_2)^k(s_1, s_2) \in T$ . Therefore,  $(r_1, r_2) \in \text{Rad}(T : S)$ , hence  $I \oplus J \subseteq \text{Rad}(T : S)$ . For the reverse inclusion, suppose that  $(r_1, r_2) \in \text{Rad}(T : S)$ . Then  $(r_1, r_2)^m S \subseteq T$ . Let  $s_1 \in S_1$ . So there exists  $s_2 \in S_2$  such that  $(s_1, s_2) \in S$ , and hence  $(r_1, r_2)^m(s_1, s_2) \in T$ . Thus  $r_1 \in \text{Rad}(T_1 : S_1) = I$ , and similarly,  $r_2 \in J$ , and this completes the proof.

(ii) By (i), it suffices to show that  $\text{Rad}(T_2 : S_2) = 0$ . Suppose not. Let  $0 \neq r_2 \in \text{Rad}(T_2 : S_2)$ , so  $0 \neq r_2^n \in (T_2 : S_2)$  for some  $n$ . Then there exists  $a_2 \in R_2$  and positive integer  $t$  such that  $0 \neq r_2^n = a_2 p_2^t$ . Let  $(s_1, s_2) \in S$ . Since  $R$  is Noetherian ring, so there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $(P_1 \oplus 0)^m \subseteq (T : M)$ . Then  $(P_1^m \oplus a_2 P_2^t)(s_1, s_2) \subseteq T$ , since  $p_1^m s_1 \in T_1$  ( $(P_1^m \oplus 0)S \subseteq T$ ) and  $r_2^n s_2 = a_2 p_2^t s_2 \in T_2$  ( $r_2^n S_2 \subseteq T_2$ ) and  $f_1(p_1^m s_1) = 0 = f_2(r_2^n s_2)$ . So  $(P_1^m \oplus a_2 P_2^t)S \subseteq T$ .

Therefore,  $(P_1^m \oplus a_2 P_2^t) \subseteq (T : S) \subseteq \text{Rad}(T : S) = P_1 \oplus 0$ , which is a contradiction. The proof of (iii) is similar.  $\square$

We need the following Lemma proved in [3, Theorem 2.4].

*Lemma 3.3* — Let  $I$  be a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$ . Then one of the following statement must hold:

- (i)  $\text{Rad}(I) = P$  is a prime ideal of  $R$  such that  $P^2 \in I$ .
- (ii)  $\text{Rad}(I) = P_1 \cap P_2$ ,  $P_1 P_2 \subseteq I$ , and  $(\text{Rad}(I))^2 \subseteq I$  where  $P_1, P_2$  are the only distinct prime ideals of  $R$  that are minimal over  $I$ .

*Proposition 3.4* — Let  $R$  be the pullback ring as in (1) and let  $S = (S_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} \bar{S} \xleftarrow{f_2} S_2)$  be any separated  $R$ -module. Then the following hold:

- (i) If  $S$  has a 2-absorbing submodule  $T = (T_1 \longrightarrow \bar{T} \longleftarrow T_2)$  with  $\text{Rad}(T : S) = P = P_1 \oplus P_2$  and  $P^2 \subseteq (T : S)$ , then  $T_1$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S_1$  with  $\text{Rad}(T_1 : S_1) = P_1$  and  $T_2$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S_2$  with  $\text{Rad}(T_2 : S_2) = P_2$ .
- (ii) If  $S$  has a 2-absorbing submodule  $T$  with  $\text{Rad}(T : S) = P_1 \oplus 0$  and  $(P_1 \oplus 0)^2 \subseteq (T : S)$ , then  $T_1$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S_1$  with  $\text{Rad}(T_1 : S_1) = P_1$  and  $T_2$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S_2$  with  $\text{Rad}(T_2 : S_2) = 0$ .
- (iii) If  $S$  has a 2-absorbing submodule  $T$  with  $\text{Rad}(T : S) = 0 \oplus P_2$  and  $(0 \oplus P_2)^2 \subseteq (T : S)$ , then  $T_1$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S_1$  with  $\text{Rad}(T_1 : S_1) = 0$  and  $T_2$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S_2$  with  $\text{Rad}(T_2 : S_2) = P_2$ .

PROOF : (i) Let  $a_1 b_1 s_1 \in T_1$  where  $a_1, b_1 \in R_1$  and  $s_1 \in S_1$ . Then  $v_1(a_1) = v_2(a_2)$ ,  $v_1(b_1) = v_2(b_2)$  and  $f_1(s_1) = f_2(s_2)$  for some  $a_2, b_2 \in R_2$  and  $s_2 \in S_2$ . Hence  $(a_1, a_2)(b_1, b_2)(s_1, s_2) \in P^2 S \subseteq T$ . Therefore, since  $T$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S$ , we have  $(a_1, a_2)(s_1, s_2) \in T$  or  $(b_1, b_2)(s_1, s_2) \in T$  or  $(a_1, a_2)(b_1, b_2) \in (T :_R S)$ . So  $a_1 s_1 \in T_1$  or  $b_1 s_1 \in T_1$  or  $a_1 b_1 \in (T_1 :_{R_1} S_1)$ . Similarly,  $T_2$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S_2$ .

(ii) Let  $a_1 b_1 s_1 \in T_1$  where  $a_1, b_1 \in R_1$  and  $s_1 \in S_1$ . Then  $(a_1, 0), (b_1, 0) \in R$ , and there exist  $s_2 \in S_2$  such that  $f_1(s_1) = f_2(s_2)$ . So  $(a_1, 0)(b_1, 0)(s_1, s_2) \in (P_1 \oplus 0)^2 S \subseteq T$  by hypothesis. Hence  $(a_1, 0)(b_1, 0)(s_1, s_2) \in P^2 S \subseteq T$ . Therefore,  $T$  2-absorbing gives  $(a_1, 0)(s_1, s_2) \in T$  or  $(b_1, 0)(s_1, s_2) \in T$  or  $(a_1, 0)(b_1, 0) \in (T :_R S)$ . So  $a_1 s_1 \in T_1$  or  $b_1 s_1 \in T_1$  or  $a_1 b_1 \in (T_1 :_{R_1} S_1)$ . Now we show that  $T_2$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S_2$ . Suppose that  $a_2 b_2 s_2 \in T_2$  and  $a_2 b_2 \notin (T_2 : S_2) = 0$  where  $a_2, b_2 \in R_2$ . There exists  $s_2 \in S_2$  such that  $(s_1, s_2) \in S$ . Therefore,

$a_2b_2 \neq 0$ , and so  $a_2 \neq 0$  and  $b_2 \neq 0$ . Hence  $(p_1, a_2)(p_2, b_2)(s_1, s_2) \in T$ , because  $p_1^2s_1 \in T_1 \cap P_1S_1$ ,  $a_2b_2s_2 \in T_2 \cap P_2S_2$  and  $f_1(p_1^2s_1) = 0 = f_2(a_2b_2s_2)$ . Since  $T$  is a 2-absorbing submodule, then  $(p_1, a_2)(s_1, s_2) \in T$  or  $(p_1, b_2) \in T$ . Thus  $a_2s_2 \in T_2$  or  $b_2s_2 \in T_2$ , as required.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.5** — Let  $S = (S/P_2S = S_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} \bar{S} = S/PS \xleftarrow{f_2} S_2 = S/P_1S)$  be any separated module over the pullback ring as (1). Then  $2 - abSpec(S) = \emptyset$  if only if  $2 - abSpec(S_i) = \emptyset$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

*Proof* : For the necessity, assume that  $2 - abSpec(S) = \emptyset$  and let  $\pi$  be the projection map of  $R$  onto  $R_i$ . Suppose that  $2 - abSpec(S_1) \neq \emptyset$  and let  $T_1$  be a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S_1$ , so  $T_1$  is a 2-absorbing  $R$ -submodule of  $S/(0 \oplus P_2)S \cong S_1$ , by Lemma 2.2; hence  $2 - abSpec(S) \neq \emptyset$ , which is a contradiction. Similarly,  $2 - abSpec(S_2) = \emptyset$ . The sufficiency by Proposition 3.4.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6** — Let  $S = (S/P_2S = S_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} \bar{S} = S/PS \xleftarrow{f_2} S_2 = S/P_1S)$  be any separated module over the pullback ring as (1). Then  $S$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -module if and only if  $S_i$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication  $R_i$ -module,  $i = 1, 2$ .

**PROOF** : Note that by Proposition 3.5,  $2 - abSpec(S) = \emptyset$  if only if  $2 - abSpec(S_i) = \emptyset$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . So we may assume that  $2 - abSpec(S) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $S$  is a separated 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -module. If  $\bar{S} = 0$ , then by [6, Lemma 2.7],  $S = S_1 \oplus S_2$ ; hence for each  $i$ ,  $S_i$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication by Lemma 2.4. So we may assume that  $\bar{S} \neq 0$ . Since  $(0 \oplus P_2) \subseteq ((0 \oplus P_2)S : S)$ , Lemma 2.4, show  $S_1 \cong S/(0 \oplus P_2)S$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication  $R/(0 \oplus P_2) \cong R_1$ -module. Similarly,  $S_2$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication  $R_2$ -module. Conversely, assume that each  $S_i$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication  $R_i$ -module, and let  $T = (T_1 \rightarrow \bar{T} \leftarrow T_2)$  be a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S$ . We may assume that  $(T : S) \neq 0$ . Now we split the proof into two cases for  $Rad(T : S)$ .

**Case 1** :  $Rad(T : S) = P$ . Then  $S_i \neq 0$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . By Proposition 3.4, we have  $T_1$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S_1$  and  $T_2$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S_2$ . Hence  $T_1 = P_1^m S_1 \subseteq P_1 S_1$  and  $T_2 = P_2^n S_2 \subseteq P_2 S_2$  since  $S_1, S_2$  are 2-absorbing multiplication modules. Let  $k = \min\{m, n\}$ . Therefore,  $T \subseteq T_1 \oplus T_2 \subseteq P^{k-1}(P_1 S_1 \oplus P_2 S_2) \subseteq P^k S$ . For the containment, assume that  $s = (p_1^k, p_2^k)(s_1, s_2) = (p_1^k s_1, p_2^k s_2) \in P^k S$ . Then  $s \in T$  since  $p_1^k s_1 \in T_1$ ,  $p_2^k s_2 \in T_2$  and  $f_1(p_1^k s_1) = 0 = f_2(p_2^k s_2)$  (note that  $Ker(f_1) = P_1 S_1$  and  $Ker(f_2) = P_2 S_2$ ).

**Case 2** :  $Rad(T : S) = P_1 \oplus 0$ . So by Proposition 3.4,  $T_1$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S_1$  with  $Rad(T_1 : S_1) = P_1$  and  $T_2$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S_2$  with  $(T_2 : S_2) = 0$  ( $Rad(T_2 : S_2) = 0$ ). So  $T_2 = 0$  since  $S_2$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication  $R_2$ -module and also,  $T_1 = P_1^m S_1$ . Therefore,  $T \subseteq T_1 \oplus T_2 \subseteq (P_1 \oplus 0)^m (P_1 S_1 + P_2 S_2) = (P_1 \oplus 0)^m S$ . Now let  $s = (p_1^m, 0)(s_1, s_2) \in (P_1 \oplus 0)^m S$ , then  $s \in T$  since  $p_1^m s_1 \in T_1$  and  $f_1(p_1^m s_1) = 0 = f_2(0)$ . Hence  $T = (P_1 \oplus 0)^m S$ , so  $S$  is a 2-

absorbing multiplication module. Similarly, if  $\text{Rad}(T : S) = 0 \oplus P_2$ , then we get  $S$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication module.  $\square$

We need the following Lemma proved in [13, Lemma 4.3].

*Lemma 3.7* — Let  $R \neq S = (S_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} \bar{S} \xleftarrow{f_2} S_2)$  be a separated module over the pullback ring as (1). If  $S_1$  or  $S_2$  is torsion-free, then  $\bar{S} = 0$ .

*Lemma 3.8* — Let  $R$  be the pullback ring as in (1). The following separated  $R$ -modules are indecomposable and 2-absorbing multiplication:

- (1)  $R = (R_1 \longrightarrow \bar{R} \longleftarrow R_2)$ ;
- (2)  $S = (E(R_1/P_1) \longrightarrow 0 \longleftarrow 0), (0 \longrightarrow 0 \longleftarrow E(R_2/P_2))$ , where  $E(R_i/P_i)$  is the  $R_i$ -injective hull of  $R_i/P_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ ;
- (3)  $S = (Q(R_1) \longrightarrow 0 \longleftarrow 0), (0 \longrightarrow 0 \longleftarrow Q(R_2))$ , where  $Q(R_i)$  is the field of fractions of  $R_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ ; and for all positive integers  $m, n$ ,
- (4)  $R = (R_1/P_1^n \longrightarrow \bar{R} \longleftarrow R_2/P_2^m)$ .

PROOF : By [6, Lemma 2.8], these modules are indecomposable. 2-Absorbing multiplicativity follows from Theorem 2.9 and Theorem 3.6.  $\square$

We refer to modules of type (2) in Lemma 3.8 as  $P_1$ -prüfer and  $P_2$ -prüfer, respectively.

*Theorem 3.9* — Let  $S = (S_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} \bar{S} \xleftarrow{f_2} S_2)$  be an indecomposable separated 2-absorbing module over the pullback ring as (1). Then  $S$  is isomorphic to one of the modules listed in Lemma 3.8. In particular, every indecomposable separated 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -module which is not isomorphic with  $R$  is pure-injective.

PROOF : We may assume that  $S \neq R$ . If  $2 - \text{abSpec}(S) = \emptyset$ . Then  $2 - \text{abSpec}(S_i) = \emptyset$  by Proposition 3.5, so  $S_i = P_i S_i$  for each  $i = 1, 2$  by Theorem 2.9; hence  $S = PS = P_1 S_1 \oplus P_2 S_2 = S_1 \oplus S_2$ . Therefore,  $S = S_1$  or  $S_2$  and so  $S$  is of type (2) in the list of Lemma 3.8 by Theorem 2.9. Now we may assume that  $2 - \text{abSpec}(S) \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose that  $PS = S$ . Then by [6, Lemma 2.7],  $S = S_1$  or  $S_2$  and so  $S$  is an indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication  $R_i$ -modules for some  $i$ , and, since  $PS = S$ , is type (3) in the list Lemma 3.8, by Theorem 2.9. So we may assume that  $S/PS \neq 0$ .

By Theorem 3.6,  $S_i$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication  $R_i$ -module, for each  $i = 1, 2$ . Now by Theorem 2.9, for each  $i$ ,  $S_i$  is torsion and it is not divisible  $R_i$ -module. Hence by the structure of 2-absorbing multiplication modules over a local Dedekind domain (see Corollary 2.10),  $S_i = M_i \oplus N_i$

where  $N_i$  is a direct sum of copies of  $R_i/P_i^i$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) and  $M_i$  is a direct sum of copies  $E(R_i/P_i)$  and  $Q(R_i)$ . Then we have  $S = (N_1 \longrightarrow \bar{S} \longleftarrow N_2) \oplus (M_1 \longrightarrow 0 \longleftarrow 0) \oplus (0 \longrightarrow 0 \longleftarrow M_2)$ . Since  $S$  is indecomposable and  $S/PS \neq 0$  it follows that  $S = (N_1 \longrightarrow \bar{S} \longleftarrow N_2)$ . We will see that each  $S_i (= N_i)$  is indecomposable. There exist positive integers  $m, n$  and  $k$  such that  $P_1^m S_1 = 0$ ,  $P_2^k S_2 = 0$  and  $P^n S = 0$ . Now choose  $t \in S_1 \cup S_2$  with  $\bar{t} \neq 0$  and such that  $o(t)$  is maximal. There is a  $t = (t_1, t_2)$  such that  $o(t) = n$ ,  $o(t_1) = m$  and  $o(t_2) = k$ . Then  $R_i t_i$  is pure in  $S_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$  (see [6, Theorem 2.9]). Therefore,  $R_1 t_1 \cong R_1/P_1^m$  (resp.  $R_2 t_2 \cong R_2/P_2^k$ ) is a direct summand of  $S_1$  (resp.  $S_2$ ) since for each  $i$ ,  $R_i t_i$  is pure-injective [6]. Let  $\bar{M}$  be the  $\bar{R}$ -subspace of  $\bar{S}$  generated by  $\bar{t}$ . Then  $\bar{M} \cong \bar{R}$ . Let  $M = (R_1 t_1 = M_1 \longrightarrow \bar{M} \longleftarrow M_2 = R_2 t_2)$ . Then  $M$  is an  $R$ -submodule of  $S$  which is 2-absorbing multiplication by Lemma 3.8, and is a direct summand of  $S$ ; this implies that  $S = M$ , and  $S$  is as in (4) (see [6, Theorem 2.9]).  $\square$

*Corollary 3.10* — Let  $R$  be the pullback ring as in (1), and let  $S \neq R$  be a separated 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -module. Then  $S$  is of the form  $S = M \oplus N$ , where  $M$  is a direct sum of copies of the modules as in (3),  $N$  is a direct sum of copies of the modules as in (1)-(2) of the Lemma 3.8. In particular, every separated 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -module which is not isomorphic with  $R$  is pure-injective.

PROOF : Apply Theorem 3.9 and [6, Lemma 2.9].  $\square$

#### 4. THE NON-SEPARATED CASE

We continue to use the notation already established, so  $R$  is the pullback ring as in (1). In this section, we find the indecomposable non-separated 2-absorbing multiplication modules with finite-dimensional top. It turns out that each can be obtained by amalgamating finitely many separated indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication modules.

*Proposition 4.1* — Let  $R$  be the pullback ring as in (1). Then  $E(R/P)$  is a non-separated 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -module.

PROOF : It suffices to show that  $2 - abSpec(E(R/P)) = \emptyset$ . Assume that  $L$  is any submodule of  $E(R/P)$  described in [10, Proposition 3.1]. However, no  $L$ , say  $E_1 + A_n$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $E(R/P)$ , for if  $n$  is any positive integer, then  $P^3(E_1 + A_{n+3}) = E_1 + A_n$ , but  $P^2(E_1 + A_{n+1}) = E_1 + A_{n+1} \not\subseteq E_1 + A_n$ ,  $P(E_1 + A_{n+3}) = E_1 + A_{n+2} \not\subseteq E_1 + A_n$  and  $P^3 \not\subseteq (E_1 + A_n : E(R/P)) = 0$ . Therefore,  $E(R/P)$  is a non-separated 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -module (see [6, p. 4053]).  $\square$

*Proposition 4.2* — Let  $R$  be the pullback ring as in (1), and let  $M$  be any  $R$ -module. Let  $0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$  be a separated representation of  $M$ . Then  $2 - abSpec(S) = \emptyset$  if and only if

$$2 - abSpec(M) = \emptyset.$$

PROOF : First suppose that  $2 - abSpec(S) = \emptyset$  and let  $2 - abSpec(M) \neq \emptyset$ . So  $M \cong S/K$  has a 2-absorbing submodule, say  $T/K$ , where  $T$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S$  by Lemma 2.2, which is a contradiction. Next suppose that  $2 - abSpec(M) = \emptyset$  and let  $2 - abSpec(S) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $T$  be a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S$ . Then by [11, Proposition 4.3],  $K \subseteq T$ ; hence  $T/K$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3** — Let  $R$  be the pullback ring as in (1), and let  $M$  be any non-separated  $R$ -module. Let  $0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$  be a separated representation of  $M$ . Then  $S$  is 2-absorbing multiplication if and only if  $M$  is 2-absorbing multiplication.

PROOF : By Proposition 4.2, we may assume that  $2 - abSpec(S) \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose that  $M$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -module and let  $T$  be a non-zero 2-absorbing submodule of  $S$ . Then by [11, Proposition 4.3],  $K \subseteq T$  and so  $T/K$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $S/K$ . Since  $M \cong S/K$  is 2-absorbing multiplication, we must have  $T/K = P^n(S/K) = (P^n S + K)/K = (P^n S)/K$  (note that  $K \subseteq P^n S$  by [11, Proposition 4.3]; hence  $T = P^n S$ . Thus  $S$  is 2-absorbing multiplication. Conversely, if  $S$  is 2-absorbing multiplication, then  $M \cong S/K$  is 2-absorbing multiplication by Lemma 2.4, and this complete the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.4** — Let  $R$  be the pullback ring as in (1), and let  $M$  be an indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication non-separated  $R$ -module with finite dimensional top over  $\bar{R}$ . Let  $0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$  be a separated representation of  $M$ . Then  $S$  is pure-injective.

PROOF : By [6, Proposition 2.6(i)],  $S/PS \cong M/PM$ , so  $S$  has finite-dimensional top. Now the assertion follows from Theorem 4.3 and Corollary 3.10.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.5** : Let  $R$  be the pullback ring as in (1), and let  $M$  be an indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication non-separated  $R$ -module with finite dimensional top over  $\bar{R}$ , and let  $0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$  be a separated representation of  $M$ . Then  $R$  do not occur among the direct summand of  $S$ .

PROOF : Let  $S = R \oplus T$  for some submodule  $T$  of  $S$ . Then since  $Soc(R) = 0$ , we must have  $K \subseteq T$ . Therefore,  $M \cong T/K \oplus R$ , a contradiction since  $M$  is indecomposable and non-separated.  $\square$

Let  $R$  be the pullback ring as in (1), and let  $M$  be an indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication non-separated  $R$ -module with finite-dimensional top over  $\bar{R}$ . Consider the separated representation  $0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$ . By Proposition 4.4,  $S$  is pure-injective. So in the proofs of [6, Lemma 3.1, Proposition 3.2 and Proposition 3.4] (here the pure-injectivity of  $M$  implies the pure-injectivity

of  $S$  by [6, Proposition 2.6(ii)], we can replace the statement “ $M$  is an indecomposable 2-absorbing pure-injective non-separated  $R$ -module” by “ $M$  is an indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication non-separated  $R$ -module”, because the main key in those results are the pure-injectivity of  $S$ , the indecomposability and the non-separability of  $M$ . So we have the following result.

*Corollary 4.6* — Let  $R$  be the pullback ring as in (1), and let  $M$  be an indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication non-separated  $R$ -module with  $M/PM$  finite-dimensional over  $\bar{R}$ , and let  $0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$  be a separated representation of  $M$ . Then the following hold:

- (i) The quotient fields  $Q(R_1)$  and  $Q(R_2)$  of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  do not occur among the direct summand of  $S$ ;
- (ii)  $S$  is a direct sum of finitely many indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication modules;
- (iii) At most two copies of modules of finite length can occur among the indecomposable summands of  $S$ .

Recall that every indecomposable  $R$ -module of finite length is 2-absorbing multiplication since it is a quotient of a multiplication  $R$ -module. So by Corollary 4.6(iii), the infinite length non-separated indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication modules are obtained in just the same way as the deleted cycle type indecomposable ones are, except that at least one of the two “end” modules must be a separated indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication of infinite length (that is,  $P_1$ -Prüfer and  $P_2$ -Prüfer). Note that one can not have, for instance, a  $P_1$ -Prüfer module at each end (consider the alternation of primes  $P_1, P_2$  along the amalgamation chain). So, apart from any finite length modules: we have amalgamations involving two Prüfer modules as well as modules of finite length (the injective hull  $E(R/P)$  is the simplest module of this type), a  $P_1$ -Prüfer and a  $P_2$ -Prüfer module. If the  $P_2$ -Prüfer are direct summands of  $S$  then we will describe these modules as **doubly infinite**. Those where  $S$  has just one infinite length summand we will call **singly infinite** (the reader is referred to [6, 8, 10] for more details). It remains to show that the modules obtained by these amalgamations are, indeed, indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication modules.

*Theorem 4.7* — Let  $R = (R_1 \longrightarrow \bar{R} \longleftarrow R_2)$  be the pullback ring of two discrete valuation domains  $R_1, R_2$  with common factor field  $\bar{R}$ . Then the class of indecomposable non-separated 2-absorbing multiplication modules with finite-dimensional top consists of the following:

- (i) The indecomposable modules of finite length (apart from  $R/P$  which is separated);
- (ii) The doubly infinite 2-absorbing multiplication modules as described above;

(iii) *The singly infinite 2-absorbing multiplication modules as described above, except the two Prüfer modules (2) in Lemma 3.8.*

PROOF : Let  $M$  be an indecomposable non-separated 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -module with finite-dimensional top, and let  $0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$  be a separated representation of  $M$ .

(i) Clearly,  $M$  is a 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -module. The indecomposability follows from [22].  $\square$

(ii) and (iii) (involving one or two Prüfer modules)  $M$  is 2-absorbing multiplication since they are a quotient of a 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -module. Finally, the indecomposability follows from [6, Theorem 3.5].  $\square$

*Corollary 4.8* — Let  $R$  be the pullback ring as described in Theorem 4.7. Then every indecomposable 2-absorbing multiplication  $R$ -module with finite-dimensional top is pure-injective.

PROOF : Apply [6, Theorem 3.5] and Theorem 4.7.  $\square$

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