# **Semi-Small Submodules**

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#### Abstract

Let R be a commutative ring with unity and let M be an unitary R-module. In this work we present semi-small sub-module concept as a generalization of small submodule. Also we generalize some properties of small submodules to semi-small. And we study the relation between small submodules and semi-small submodules.

## 1 Semi-Small submodules :

In this section, we introduce a generalization for small submodule concept namely semi-small submodule.

Recall that a proper submodule *B* of an *R*-module *M* is called primary if whenever  $rm \in B$  for  $r \in R$  and  $m \in M$ , either  $m \in B$  or  $r^n \in (B:M)$  for some positive integer n, where  $(B:M) = \{ r \in R : rM \subseteq B\}$ , [5]. And an ideal *E* in a ring *R* is called a primary ideal in *R* if  $xy \in E$ , where  $x, y \in R$ , then either  $x^n \in E$  or  $y^k \in E$  for some positive integers *n* and k [10].

#### **Definition 1.1:**

An *R*-submodule *A* of an *R*-module *M* is called a semi-small submodule of *M* if and only if  $A+B \neq M$ , for each primary *R*-submodule *B* of *M*. And an ideal *I* in a ring *R* is called a semi-small ideal in *R* if and only if  $I + E \neq R$ , for each primary ideal *E* of *R*.

#### **Remarks and Examples 1.2 :**

Recall that a non-zero *R*-submodule *A* of an *R*-module *M* is called a small submodule of *M* if only and only if  $A + C \neq M$ , for each proper submodule *C* of *M*. And a non-zero ideal *I* in a ring *R* is called a small ideal if and only if  $I + E \neq R$ , for each proper ideal *E* of *R*[4].

1. Each small submodule is semi-small submodule. We do not know the converse is true or not in general.

2. For each module M , we have (0) is a semi-small submodule of M.

3. If M is a semi-simple module , then (0) is the only semi-small submodule of M.

4. Each finitely generated submodule of  $Q_Z$  is semi-small submodule in  $Q_Z$ .

Recall that a module M, which satisfies the following conditions:

#### 1. M has a basis.

2.  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i$  and  $\forall i \in I [R_R \approx A_i]$ 

is called a free module, [4].

5. In a free Z-module , only the trivial submodule (0) is a semi-small submodule.

The following proposition shows that the two concepts semi-small and small submodule are equivalent in the class of finitely generated modules. **Proposition 1.3 :** 

#### Proposition 1.3:

Let M be a finitely generated R-module, and let A be an R-submodule of M. Then A is semi-small if and only if A is small.

# **Proof:**

Suppose that A is a semi-small submodule of M and B is a proper R-submodule of M such that A + B = M.

Since *M* is finitely generated *R*-module, so there exists a maximal ideal *L* such that  $B \subseteq L$  [6]. Thus A + L = M. But *L* is a primary *R*-submodule of *M* and *N* is semi-small so L = M, a contradiction. Thus  $A + B \neq M$  for each proper *R*-submodule *B* of *M*. Hence *A* is a small *R*-submodule of *M*. The converse is clear.

## **Proposition 1.4 :**

Let M be an R-module such that every proper R-submodule of M is primary, and let A be an R-submodule of M. Then A is semi-small if and only if A is small.

#### **Proposition 1.5 :**

Let M be an R-module and let N be a semi-small submodule of M. If A is an R-submodule of N, then A is a semi-small submodule of M.

# **Proof:**

Let A + B = M, for some primary *R*-submodule *B* of *M*. Since *A* is an *R*-submodule of *N*. Thus N + B = M, and because *N* is semi-small *R*-submodule of *M*, B = M a contradiction. Therefore *A* is semi-small submodule of *M*.

The converse of prop.1.5 is not true in general as the following example shows.

## Example 1.6

Consider  $Z_{12}$  as a Z-module , the only primary submodules of  $Z_{12}$  are  $(\overline{2})$ ,  $(\overline{3})$  and  $(\overline{4})$ . It's clear that  $(\overline{6})$  is submodule of  $Z_{12}$ , so  $(\overline{6})$  is a submodule

of  $(\overline{3})$ . And  $(\overline{6})$  is a semi-small submodule of  $Z_{12}$ ,

but  $(\overline{3})$  is not semi-small submodule of  $Z_{12}$ , since  $(\overline{3}) + (\overline{4}) = Z_{12}$ .

Now, we have the following result.

#### Corollary 1.7:

The intersection of any two semi-small submodules is also semi-small submodule.

In general, we have the following result

#### **Corollary 1.8 :**

Let *N* be an *R*-submodule of an *R*-module *M*. If *A* is a semi-small *R*-submodule of *M*, then  $A \cap N$  is a semi-small *R*-submodule of *M*.

## Corollary 1.9 :

Let  $A_i$  be a semi-small *R*-submodule of an *R*-module

*M* for each i = 1, 2, ..., n. Then  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} A_i$  is a semi-small

# submodule of *M*. Corollary 1.10 :

Let  $A_i$  be a submodule of an *R*-module *M* for each *i* 

= 1,2,..., n. If there exists j such that  $A_i$  is a semi-

small submodule of *M*, where  $1 \le j \le n$ , then  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} A_{i}$ 

is a semi-small submodule of M.

## **Proposition 1.11 :**

Suppose that A and N are R-submodules of an Rmodule M such that N is small. Then N + A is a semismall R-submodule of M if and only if A is a semismall *R*-submodule of *M*.

## **Proof**:

Suppose N + A is semi-small and B is a primary Rsubmodule of *M*. Thus  $(N + A) + B \neq M$ , and hence  $N + (A + B) \neq M$ . From this we get  $A + B \neq M$  and consequently, A is semi-small.

Conversely; Assume that A is semi-small and B is a primary R-submodule of M. Then  $A + B \neq M$ . Because N is small,  $N + (A + B) \neq M$ . Therefore  $(N + B) \neq M$ . A) +  $B \neq M$ , and hence N + A is semi-small.

Furthermore , we introduce in this section a generalization for small homomorphism concept namely semi-small homomor- phism.

Recall that an *R*-homomorphism  $f: M \to N$ , where M and N are R-modules is called a small homomorphism if f(M) is a small submodule of N , [4].

We introduced the following definition for the semismall homomorphism.

#### **Definition 1.12 :**

An *R*-homomorphism  $\theta: M \to N$ , where *M* and *N* are *R*-modules, is called a semi-small homomorphism, if  $\theta(M)$  is a semi-small submodule of N.

Before we give the following proposition we will need the following lemma, which appeared in [11].

# Lemma 1.13 :

Let *M* and *N* be *R*-modules with  $\theta: M \to N$  is an *R*epimorphism. If B is a primary submodule of M, ker  $\theta \subseteq B$ , then  $\theta$  (*B*) is a primary such that submodule of N.

# **Proposition 1.14 :**

Let *M* and *N* be R-modules with  $\theta: M \to N$  is an *R*epimorphism such that ker  $\theta \subset B$ , for each primary sub-module B of M, if A is a semi-small submodule of N, then  $\theta^{-1}(A)$  is a semi-small submodule of М.

#### **Proof**:

Suppose  $\theta^{-1}(A) + B = M$  for some primary submodule B of M, then  $A + \theta(B) = \theta(M)$ , and since  $\theta$  is an epimorphism, so  $\theta(M) = N$ . And since ker  $\theta \subset B$ , therefore  $\theta(B)$  is a primary submodule of N, (Lemma 1.15). Since A is a semi-small submodule of N, thus  $\theta(B) = N$ , this is a contradiction. Therefore  $\theta^{-1}(A) + B + \neq M$  for each primary submodule B of M. Thus  $\theta^{-1}$  (A) is a semismall submodule of *M*.

The converse of prop.1.14 is not true in general unless we put some conditions:

Next we need the following lemma, which appeared in [11].

## Lemma 1.15 :

Let *M* and *N* be *R*-modules with  $\theta: M \rightarrow N$  is an *R*homomorphism. If A is a primary submodule of N, such that  $A \subseteq Im \ \theta$ , then  $\theta^{-1}(A)$  is a primary submodule of *M*.

## **Proposition 1.16 :**

Let M and N be R-modules with  $\theta: M \to N$  is an Repiomorphism . If A is a semi-small submodule of Msuch that ker  $\theta \subseteq A$ , then  $\theta$  (A) is semi-small submodule of N.

## **Proof**:

Let  $\theta$  (A) + B = N for some primary submodule B of N. Since  $\theta$  is an epimorphism , then  $\theta^{-1}(N) = M$ . Thus  $\theta^{-1}\theta(A) + \theta^{-1}(B) = M$ . Then  $\theta^{-1}(B)$  is a primary submodule of M (lemma 1.17). But ker  $\theta \subseteq$ A, so  $\theta^{-1} \theta(A) = A + \ker \theta = A$ . Therefore  $A + \theta^{-1}$ (B) = M, a contradiction. Thus  $\theta(A) + B \neq M$ , for each primary submodule B of N. Hence  $\theta(A)$  is a semi-small submodule of M.

#### **Proposition 1.17:**

Let M be an R-module, and let be A is an Rsubmodule of *M*. Then *A* is a semi-small submodule of *M* if and only if the inclusion function  $i : A \rightarrow M$ is a semi-small monomorphism.

Finally, we give the following proposition.

## **Proposition 1.18 :**

Let A and N are submodules of an R-module M such  $A \subseteq N$  and  $A \subseteq B$  for each primary submodule that B of M, if A is semi-small in M, then N/A is semismall in M / A if and only if N is semi-small in M. **Proof**:

Suppose that N / A is semi-small in M / A and suppose that N + B = M for some primary submodule B of M. Then (N+B)/A = M/A and N/A + B/A = M/AA. This is a contradiction , since B / A is a primary submodule of M / A and N / A is semi-small in M / A. thus  $N + B \neq M$ . Therefore N is semi-small submodule of M.

Conversely; Let N be a semi-small R-submodule of M and  $\pi: M \to M / A$  is a natural projective function. Let N / A + B = M / A for some primary submodule B of M / A. Then there exists a primary Rsubmodule P in M such that  $P = \pi^{-1}$  (B). Thus  $\pi$  (P) = B = P / A is a primary submodule of M / A , hence N / A + P / A = M / A, so (N + P) / A =M / A and consequently, N + P = M a contradiction, since N is a semi-small R-submodule in M.So N/A + $B \neq M / A$ . Therefore N / A is a semi-small Rsubmodule of M / A.

## 2: Semi-Small Submodules and Multiplication **R-modules**

An *R*-module *M* is called a multiplication *R*-module if every submodule N of M is of the form BM, for some ideal B of R[2]. And an R-module M is called a faithful *R*-module if ann(M) = 0, [1].

In the following theorem , we give a condition under which a submodule of a faithful multiplication R-module is semi-small. First , we will need the following lemma , which appeared in [9].

## Lemma 2.1 :

If M is a multiplication R-module, and L is a proper submodule of M. Then the following statements are equivalent:

1 - *L* is a primary submodule of *M*.

2 - (L: M) is a primary ideal in the ring R.

3- L = PM for some primary ideal P in the ring R, such that  $ann(M) \subseteq P$ .

In the following theorem , we put a condition on finitely generated faithful multiplication R-modules to find a relation between semi-small submodule and semi-small ideal.

## **Theorem 2.2 :**

Let *M* be a finitely generated faithful multiplication *R*-module and let A = IM be a proper R-submodule of *M*. Then *I* is a semi-small ideal in *R* if and only if *A* is a semi-small submodule of *M*.

## **Proof**:

Assume *I* is a semi-small ideal in *R*, and let A + B = M for some primary submodule *B* of *M*, since *M* is a multiplication *R*-module, then there exists a primary ideal *E* in *R*, such that B = EM (Lemma 2.1). Thus A + B = IM + EM = M = RM, and so (I + E)M) = RM. But *M* is a multiplication *R*-module, so I + E = R. This is a contradiction. Therefore *A* is a semi-small submodule of *M*.

Conversely; assume A is a semi-small submodule of M, and let I + E = R for some primary ideal E in R. Since M is a multiplication R-module, then IM + EM = RM, and since  $ann(M) \subseteq E$  for each primary ideal E in R, then EM is a primary submodule of M (Lemma 2.1). Thus A + EM = RM = M. This is a contradiction, since A is a semi-small. Therefore I is a semi-small ideal in R.

The following corollary follows directly from the previous theorem.

#### Corollary 2.3 :

Let M be a finitely generated faithful multiplication R-module and let A be a proper submodule of M. Then A is a semi-small R-submodule of M if and only (A : M) is a semi-small ideal in R.

The following proposition shows that the semi-small concept and small concept are equivalent in the class of multiplication module.

## **Proposition 2.4 :**

Let M be a multiplication R-module and let A be an R-submodule of M. Then A is semi-small if and only if A is small.

## **Proof**:

The proof is similar to the proof of proposition 1.3 , hence is omitted.

Furthermore, we study in this section the ascending chain condition (Acc) M is said to be satisfy the ascending chain if each ascending chain of submodule of M terminate. Moreover, M is called Noetherian module if and only if M satisfies Acc.

And M is said to be satisfy the descending chain condition (Dcc) if each descending chain of submodules of *M* terminates [7].

We start by the following definition:

## **Definition 2.5** :

An *R*-module *M* is said to satisfy the ascending chain condition (Acc) on semi-small submodules if each ascending chain of semi-small submodules  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \ldots \subseteq A_n \subseteq \ldots$  is terminates.

We preface the section by the following proposition.

## **Proposition 2.6:**

Let M be a finitely generated faithful multiplication R-module, then R satisfies Acc on semi-small ideal if and only if M satisfies Acc on semi-small submodules.

#### **Proof** :

Let *R* satisfies *Acc* on semi-small ideal , and let  $A_1 \subseteq A_2$ ,  $\subseteq \ldots \subseteq A_k \subseteq \ldots$  be ascending chain of semi-small submodules of *M*. Since *M* is a multiplication *R*-module ,then  $A_i = B_i M$  for some semi-small ideal  $B_i$  of *R*, for each *i* (Th.2.2). Hence  $B_1 M \subseteq B_2 M \subseteq \ldots \subseteq B_k M \subseteq \ldots$ . But *M* is a finitely generated faithful module , then  $B_1 \subseteq B_2 \subseteq \ldots \subseteq B_k \subseteq \ldots$  is ascending chain of ideals in *R* [7]. Since *R* satisfies Acc on semi-small ideals , then there exists  $k \in N$  such that  $B_k = B_{k+j}$ ,  $\forall j \ge 1$ , and hence  $A_k = A_{k+j}$ ,  $\forall j \ge 1$ . Thus *M* satisfies Acc on semi-small submodules.

Conversely ; let *M* satisfies Acc on semi-small submodules and let  $B_1 \subseteq B_2 \subseteq ... \subseteq ...$  be ascending chain of semi-small ideals in *R*. Then  $B_1 M \subseteq B_2 M \subseteq ... \subseteq B_R M \subseteq ...$  is ascending chain of semi-small submodules of *M*, (Th.2.2). Since *M* satisfies Acc on semi-small submodules, there exists k such that  $B_k M = B_{k+j} M$ ,  $\forall j \ge 1$ . But *M* is a finitely generated faithful multiplication module , then  $B_k = B_{k+j}$ ,  $\forall j \ge 1$  [3]. Thus *R* satisfies Acc on semi-small ideals.

Now , we give the main theorem of this section. **Theorem 2.7 :** 

Let M be a finitely generated faithful multiplication R-module, then the following are equivalent:

1. *M* satisfies Acc on semi-small *R*-submodules of *M*. 2. *R* satisfies Acc on semi-small ideals.

3.  $S = End_R (M)$  satisfies Acc on semi-small ideals.

4.M satisfies Acc on semi-small submodules as an *S*-modules.

#### **Proof**:

 $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  by Prop.2.5

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  since *M* is a finitely generated faithful multiplication *R*-module, then  $R \approx S$  [8]. But *R* satisfies Acc on semi-small ideals, thus *S* satisfies Acc on semi-small ideals.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$  by Prop.2.5

 $(4) \Rightarrow (1)$  by Prop.2.5, *S* satisfies Acc on semi-small ideals , and  $R \approx S [8]$  , hence *R* satisfies Acc on semi-small submodules as on *R*-module.

#### **Definition 2.8 :**

An R-module M is said to satisfy the descending chain condition ( Dcc ) on semi-small submodules if

each descending chain of semi-small submodules  $A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \ldots \supseteq A_n \supseteq \ldots$  terminates.

#### **Proposition 2.9 :**

Let M be a finitely generated faithful multiplication R-module . Then M satisfies Dcc on semi-small submodules if and only if R satisfies Dcc on semi-small ideals.

Finally, we get the following result.

# Theorem 2.10 :

Let M be a finitely generated faithful multiplication R-modules . Then the following statements are equivalent :

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1. *M* satisfies Dcc on semi-small submodules as an *R*-modules.

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3.  $S = End_R(M)$  satisfies Dcc on semi-small ideals.

4. *M* satisfies Dcc on semi-small submodules as an *S*-modules.

## Proof :

The proof is similar to the proof of Th.2.6 , hence is omitted.

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#### الملخص

لتكن R حلقة تبادلية ذات عنصر محايد و M مقاس أحادي على R. قدمنا في هذا البحث مفهوم المقاس الجزئي شبه− الصغير بصفته أعماما إلى مفهوم المقاس الجزئي الصغير و عممنا بعض خصيصات المقاسات الجزئية الصغيرة إلى المقاسات الجزئية شبه− الصغيرة وكذلك درسنا العلاقة بينهما.