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## REVIEW

# A Note on Multiplication Modules and Pure Submodules

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## Abstract

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with non zero identity and  $M$  be  $R$ -module. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a multiplication module if for any submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , there exists an ideal  $I$  such that  $N = IM$ . Ideal  $\{r \in R : rM \subseteq N\}$  is denoted as  $(N : M)$  and ideal  $(0 : M)$  be annihilator of  $M$ . We will study the relation between multiplication  $R$ -module  $M$  and pure  $R$ -submodule in  $M$ . In this note, will be seen what characteristics can be brought to the multiplication modules and its relation with pure submodules.

**Keywords:** Modules, Multiplication modules, Pure submodules

## 1. Introduction

In this note all rings are commutative rings with identity and all modules are unital. Multiplication modules have been investigated in Ref. [2]. The aim of this paper is to study multiplication modules and pure submodules. Now we define the concepts that we will use. If  $R$  is a ring and  $N$  is a submodule of an  $R$ -module, the ideal  $\{r \in R : rM \subseteq N\}$  will be denoted by  $(N : M)$ . Then  $(0 : M)$  is the annihilator of  $M$ . An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a multiplication module if for each submodule  $N$  of  $M$  then  $N = IM$  for some ideal  $I$  of  $R$ . In this case we can take  $I = (N : M)$  and we say ideal  $I$  is presentation ideal or presentation of  $N$ . In this paper, we approach some concepts of pure submodule in different way, for example, we do not use tensor product for defining pure submodule. Let  $N$  be an  $R$ -submodule of  $M$ ,  $N$  is said pure if  $v \in M \setminus N$  then  $rv \notin N$  for all  $r \neq 0 \in R$ .

## 2. Research method

The study in this article is a literature review where all references used are included in the bibliography.

## 3. Result and discussion

Before we jump into pure submodules, consider this example:

Suppose  $M$  is  $R$ -Module with  $N < M$  ( $N$  is submodule of  $M$ ), is there any submodule with property  $v \in M \setminus N$  then  $rv \notin N$  for all  $r \neq 0$  in scalar of  $M$ ?

1. Suppose  $Z$  – Module  $Z$  with  $3Z$  as submodule, choose  $3 \in Z \setminus 2Z$ , for  $r = 2 \in Z$  we have  $6 = 3.2 = 2.3 \in 2Z$ , that is even though  $3 \notin 2Z$  ( $3 \in Z \setminus 2Z$ ) but there is scalar  $r$  such that  $r.3 \in 2Z$
2. Choose  $R^2$  as  $R$  – module, it is clear that  $R^2 = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \oplus \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$ , take  $v \in R^2 \setminus \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$ , for arbitrary  $r$  in  $R$  it is clear that  $rv \in R^2 \setminus \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$  and  $rv \notin \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$ .

From the above points we can see that not all modules will satisfy the condition that if  $v \in M \setminus N$  then  $rv \notin N$  for all  $r \neq 0 \in R$ . So we formalize the condition with definition below:

**Definition 1.** [1].

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module, a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is said to be pure in  $M$ , if  $v \in M \setminus N$  then  $rv \notin N$  for all  $r \neq 0 \in R$ .

**Theorem 1.** [1]. From the definition we have these properties:

- (1) Submodule  $N$  is pure if and only if  $v \in N$  and  $v = rw$  for all  $r \in R$  then  $w \in N$ .
- (2) Submodule  $N$  is pure if and only if  $M/N$  is torsion-free.
- (3) Let  $L$  and  $N$  are pure submodules in  $M$ , then so is  $L \cap N$  in  $M$ .
- (4) Let  $N$  pure submodule in  $M$ , then so  $L \cap N$  pure submodule in  $L$  for any submodules  $L$  of  $M$ .

**Proof.**

1. Proof for part one is contrapositive of the definition of pure submodule. For the other parts are straightforward.

Before we characterize the pure submodule, we have a counterexample about this statement:

“For right  $R$ -modules  $N \subseteq M$ , if  $N \cap Mr = Nr$  for every  $r \in R$  then  $N \cap MI = NI$  for every left ideal  $I \subseteq R$ ”

This notion comes from Ref. [3]. Let  $R = k[x, y]$ , where  $k$  is a field. Let  $M = R^2$ , and  $N = (x, y)$ .  $R \subseteq M$ . Then  $N \cap Mr = Nr$  for all  $r \in R$ . For, if  $(f, g)r = (x, y)s$  where  $s \in R$ , then, assuming  $r \neq 0$ , we can show by unique factorization that  $f = xf_0$ ,  $g = yg_0$  for suitable  $f_0, g_0 \in R$ . Now  $f_0r = s = g_0r$  implies that  $f_0 = g_0$ , so we have

$(f, g) = (x, y)(f_0, g_0) \in Nr$ . On the other hand, for the ideal  $I = Rx + Ry$ , we have  $MI = (R \oplus R)I = I \oplus I \supset N$ , so  $N \cap MI \neq NI$ , as desired.

As the example above, we come to the fact that the condition will be true if the submodule  $N$  is pure.

**Theorem 2.** [2]. An  $R$ -submodule  $N$  is said to be pure if and only if  $I N = N \cap I M$  for all ideal  $I$  of  $R$ .

**Proof.**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Clearly  $IN \neq \emptyset$ . Take  $v \in IN$  arbitrarily, write  $v = rw$ , for  $r \in I \subseteq R$ , and  $w \in N \subseteq M$ . Since  $N$  is pure then clearly  $w \in N$ . By remembering  $N$  is a submodule, then we have  $rw \in N$ . So,  $rw \in N \cap IM$ , in other words we have  $IN \subseteq N \cap IM$ . On the other side, let  $rw \in N \cap IM$ , which means  $rw \in N$  and  $rw \in IM$  with  $r \in I \subseteq R$  and  $w \in M$ . Since  $N$  is pure, so  $w \in N$ . Then we have  $rw \in IN$  and  $N \cap IM \subseteq IN$ . Finally, we obtain  $IN = N \cap IM$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Straight forward.

**Theorem 3.** [2]. Let  $M$  be a multiplication  $R$ -module. If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$  such that  $N \cap IM = I$

$N$ , for all ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , then  $N$  is multiplication modules.

**Proof.**

Take any submodules  $S$  of  $N$ . Since  $M$  is multiplication then there exists an ideal  $U$  such that  $S = UM$ . From hypothesis, we have  $N \cap UM = UN$ . We also have  $S = UM = S \cap UM \subseteq N \cap UM = UN \subseteq UM = S$ , i.e  $S = UN$ . Which means  $N$  is also a multiplication module.

Theorem 3 states that for any pure submodules of multiplication modules they also multiplication modules.

**Theorem 4.** [2]. Let  $M$  be a divisible module over principal ideal domain. Then  $M$  is multiplication if and only if  $M$  is simple (so cyclic).

**Proof.**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $M$  be a divisible module and multiplication. Take any submodule  $N$  of  $M$ .

Consider these cases:

1. If  $N = \langle 0 \rangle$ , choose  $I = \langle 0 \rangle$  such that  $N = I M = \langle 0 \rangle M$ .
2. If  $N \neq \langle 0 \rangle$ . Since  $M$  is divisible module, choose  $m \notin 0$  such that  $N = \langle m \rangle$ . Since  $M$  is multiplication, choose ideal  $I$  which is generated by  $r \neq 0 \in R$  such that  $N = I M$ . So we have  $N = \langle m \rangle = I M = M$ .

So we arrive that  $N$  only has submodules  $\langle 0 \rangle$  and itself, i.e  $M$  is simple and cyclic.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $M$  is simple (so cyclic). Take any submodule  $N \neq 0$  of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is divisible, simple, and cyclic, write  $N = rM = M$ , choose ideal  $I$  which is finitely generated by  $r \neq 0$  i.e  $I = \langle r \rangle$ , such that  $N = \langle r \rangle M = M$ . So we have  $N = I M$ , i.e  $M$  is multiplication.

We also have the property that a pure submodule is equivalent to a strongly pure submodule on a free module.

**Theorem 6.** [2]. Suppose  $R$  commutative ring,  $M$  a free  $R$ -module, and  $N$  an  $R$ -submodule of  $N$  Then  $N$  is strongly pure submodule if and only if  $N$  is pure submodule.

**Proof.**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Since  $N$  is a strongly pure submodule, then there is a map  $f: M \rightarrow N$  such that  $f(x_i) = x_i$ , for finite tuples  $x_i \in N$ . Let  $rw \in N$ , which clearly  $f(rw) = rw$ , with  $0 \neq r \in R$ . Choose  $r = 1$ , so we have  $w = 1w = f(1w) \in N$ . So we can conclude that  $N$  is pure submodule.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Straight forward.

**Theorem 7.** [2]. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring,  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $N \neq 0$  is a strongly pure submodule in  $M$ . Then ideal  $(N : M)$  is idempotent.

*Proof.*

Since  $M$  is multiplication, write  $(N : M)^2 = (N : M)(N : M) = (N : M) \cap (N : M) = (N : M)$ . So,  $(N : M)^2 = (N : M)$ , i.e  $(N : M)$  is idempotent.

**Theorem 8.** [2]. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring, and let  $N$  be a representable multiplication module. Then  $M$  is finitely generated.

*Proof.*

See [3, theorem 2.2].

**Theorem 9.** [2]. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $M$  be a prime multiplication module. Then  $M$  be an  $R$ -module which is finitely generated.

*Proof.*

Take element  $0 \neq a \in M$ . Then  $Ra = \theta(M)Ra$ , so there is  $r \in \theta(M)$  with  $ra = a$ . We obtain  $(1 - r)a = 0$  and  $(1 - r)^m M = 0$ , for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $M$  is prime, we have  $(1 - r)^m \in \text{Ann}(M) \subseteq \theta(M)$ , with  $(1 - r)^m = 1 - s$ , for some  $s \in \theta(M)$ . So, clearly  $1 = (1 - s) + s \in \theta(M)$ , i.e  $\theta(M) = R$ . So,  $M$  is finitely generated.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $M$  be a free multiplication module which is a weakly prime submodule. Then  $M$  is finitely generated.

Based on the discussion above, we have the following properties with the condition that the ring is principal ideal domain (PID).

**Theorem 10.** Let  $R$  be principal ideal domain, let  $M$  be a free  $R$ -module, and  $S$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Consider the following statements:

- (1)  $S$  is complemented.
- (2)  $M/S$  is free.
- (3) If  $x \in S$  and  $x = ay$  for some  $y \in M$ ,  $a \notin 0 \in R$  then  $y \in S$ .

(4)  $S$  cyclic and pure.

(5)  $S$  multiplication and pure.

then (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Furthermore, if  $M$  is a finitely generated module then (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1).

*Proof.*

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Since  $S$  is complemented, then there exists a submodule  $T \subset M$  such that.

$S \oplus T = M$ , so  $M/S \cong T$ . Since  $T$  is a submodule of a free module over principal ideal domain, so  $T$  is free. So we can conclude  $M/S$  is also free.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Let  $M/S$  be free. Suppose  $x \in S$  with  $x = ay$ , for some  $y \in M$ ,  $a \notin 0 \in R$ . Then we have  $a(y + S) = S \in M/S$ . Since free module is torsion-free, we have  $y + S = S$ , i.e  $y \in S$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4). Clearly from definition  $S$  is pure. Since  $R$  is principal ideal domain, we can construct  $S$  as  $Ry$  i.e  $S = \langle y \rangle$ . So  $S$  is cyclic.

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (5). Clearly the statement for pure is clear.

From Theorem 4,  $S$  is multiplication.

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Clear.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let  $M$  be a module that is finitely generated over principal ideal domain, and let.

$S \subset M$  satisfies condition (3). From the proof of (2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) it can be concluded that  $M/S$  is torsion-free, and also we have  $M/S$  is free. Furthermore, we have the following split exact sequence,

$$0 \rightarrow S \rightarrow M \rightarrow M/S \rightarrow 0,$$

So,  $M \cong S \oplus M/S$ , i.e  $S$  complemented.

From the statement we can also conclude that  $S$  is also a projective  $R$ -module of  $M$ .

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