

ON PRIME ΓM -SUBMODULES OF ΓM -MODULES

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Abstract: Let G be a ΓM -module. A ΓM -submodule N of G is said to be prime if for any ideal I of M and for any ΓM -submodule V of G , $V\Gamma I \subseteq N$ implies $V \subseteq N$ or $I \subseteq (N : G)_M$. The purpose of this paper is to introduce interesting properties of prime ΓM -submodules of ΓM -modules.

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Let M and Γ be two Abelian groups. If for all $x, y, z \in M$ and all $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$, the conditions (1) $x\alpha y \in M$; (2) $(x + y)\alpha z = x\alpha z + y\alpha z$, $x(\alpha + \beta)z = x\alpha z + x\beta z$, $x\alpha(y + z) = x\alpha y + x\alpha z$; (3) $(x\alpha y)\beta z = x\alpha(y\beta z)$ are satisfied, then we call M a Γ -ring.

A right (left) ideal of a Γ -ring M is an additive subgroup I of M such that $I\Gamma M \subseteq I$ ($M\Gamma I \subseteq I$). If I is both a right ideal and a left ideal, then we say that I is an ideal of M . For each a of a Γ -ring M , the smallest ideal containing a is called the principal ideal generated by a and is denoted by (a) .

If A is a right ideal of M , B a left ideal of M , and S is any nonempty subset of M , then the set

$$S\Gamma A = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n s_i \alpha_i a_i : s_i \in S, \alpha_i \in \Gamma, a_i \in A, n \text{ any positive integer} \right\}$$

is a right ideal of M , $B\Gamma S$ is a left ideal of M , and $B\Gamma A$ is an ideal of M .

Let G be an additive group. If for all $g, g^* \in G$, $\gamma, \eta \in \Gamma$, $x, y \in M$ it holds that : (1) $g\gamma x \in G$; (2) $g\gamma(x\eta y) = (g\gamma x)\eta y$; (3) $(g + g^*)\gamma x = g\gamma x + g^*\gamma x$; (4) $g\gamma(x + y) = g\gamma x + g\gamma y$; then G is called a ΓM -module.

A subset N of G which is itself a ΓM -module, is called a ΓM -submodule of G . If $A \subseteq G$, $B \subseteq M$, we define $A\Gamma B = \{a\gamma b : a \in A, \gamma \in \Gamma, b \in B\}$. If V is a ΓM -submodule of G , I is a right ideal of M , then the set

$$V\Gamma I = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \alpha_i a_i : v_i \in V, \alpha_i \in \Gamma, a_i \in I, n \text{ any positive integer} \right\}$$

is a ΓM -submodule of G . For each $g \in G$, the smallest ΓM -submodule containing g is called cyclic ΓM -submodule of G generated by g and is denoted by (g) .

Let N be a submodule of G . Then we define $(N : G)_M = \{x \in M : G\Gamma x \subseteq N\}$. Note that $(N : G)_M$ is an ideal of M . The ΓM -submodule N of G is called prime if for any ideal I of M and for any ΓM -submodule V of G , $V\Gamma I \subseteq N$ implies $V \subseteq N$ or $I \subseteq (N : G)_M$. G is called prime ΓM -module if (0) is prime ΓM -submodule of G . For the properties of prime ΓM -modules, see [2].

The purpose of this paper is to introduce interesting and useful properties of prime ΓM -submodules of ΓM -modules.

Definition 1. Let G be a ΓM -module. A ΓM -submodule N of G is said to be prime if for any ideal I of M and for any ΓM -submodule V of G , $V\Gamma I \subseteq N$ implies $V \subseteq N$ or $I \subseteq (N : G)_M$.

Theorem 2. Let G be a ΓM -module. A ΓM -submodule N of G is prime if and only if $(g)\Gamma(m) \subseteq N$ implies $g \in N$ or $m \in (N : G)_M$.

Proof. Let N be a prime ΓM -submodule of G . Let $(g)\Gamma(m) \subseteq N$, where $g \in G$ and $m \in M$. Since N is a prime ΓM -submodule of G , $(g) \subseteq N$ or $(m) \subseteq (N : G)_M$. Therefore, $g \in N$ or $m \in (N : G)_M$. Conversely, suppose $(g)\Gamma(m) \subseteq N$ implies $g \in N$ or $m \in (N : G)_M$. Suppose that $V\Gamma I \subseteq N$ and $V \not\subseteq N$, where V is a ΓM -submodule of G and I is an ideal of M . Then there exists $v \in V$ such that $v \notin N$, and for any $a \in I$ we have $(v)\Gamma(a) \subseteq V\Gamma I \subseteq N$, whence $a \in (N : G)_M$. Thus $I \subseteq (N : G)_M$ and N is prime. \square

Recall that an ideal P of Γ -ring M is called prime if for any ideals I and J of M , $I\Gamma J \subseteq P$ implies $I \subseteq P$ or $J \subseteq P$.

Lemma 3. *Let G be a ΓM -module. Let N be a prime ΓM -submodule of G . Then $(N : G)_M$ is a prime ideal of M .*

Proof. Let I and J be ideals of M such that $I\Gamma J \subseteq (N : G)_M$. Then $G\Gamma I\Gamma J \subseteq N$. Since N is a prime ΓM -submodule of G , $G\Gamma I \subseteq N$ or $J \subseteq (N : G)_M$. Therefore, $I \subseteq (N : G)_M$, or $J \subseteq (N : G)_M$. \square

Definition 4. A ΓM -module G is called multiplication module if, for any ΓM -submodule N , there exists an ideal I of M such that $N = G\Gamma I$.

Theorem 5. *Let G be a multiplication ΓM -module. Then a ΓM -submodule N of G is prime if and only if $(N : G)_M$ is a prime ideal of M .*

Proof. Let N be a prime ΓM -submodule of G . Then $(N : G)_M$ is a prime ideal of M by Lemma 3. Conversely, suppose that $(N : G)_M$ is a prime ideal of M . Let $V \not\subseteq N$ and $I \not\subseteq (N : G)_M$ but $V\Gamma I \subseteq N$, where V is a ΓM -submodule of G and I is an ideal of M . Since G is a multiplication module, $V = G\Gamma J$, where J is an ideal of M . Then $V\Gamma I = G\Gamma J\Gamma I$ and so $J\Gamma I \subseteq (N : G)_M$. Since $(N : G)_M$ is a prime ideal of M and $I \not\subseteq (N : G)_M$, $J \subseteq (N : G)_M$. Therefore, $V = G\Gamma J \subseteq N$. This is a contradiction. \square

If S is any subset of the Γ -ring M , we call S an m -system if $S = \emptyset$ or if a and b in S implies that $(a)\Gamma(b) \cap S \neq \emptyset$ (see [1], for more details).

Definition 6. Let S be an m -system of a Γ -ring M and G be a ΓM -module. A subset S^* of G is said to be S -system if $S^* = \emptyset$ or $(g)\Gamma(m) \cap S^* \neq \emptyset$ for every $g \in S^*$ and $m \in S$.

Theorem 7. *Let $\emptyset \neq S$ be an m -system of Γ -ring M and $\emptyset \neq S^*$ be an S -system subset of G . Let N be a ΓM -submodule of G which is maximal in $G - S^*$. If the ideal $(N : G)_M$ is maximal in $M - S$, then N is a prime submodule of G .*

Proof. Let $g \notin N$ and $m \notin (N : G)_M$ but $(g)\Gamma(m) \subseteq N$. Then $(N + (g)) \cap S^* \neq \emptyset$ and $((N : G)_M + (m)) \cap S \neq \emptyset$. There exist $t^* \in (N + (g)) \cap S^*$ and $l \in ((N : G)_M + (m)) \cap S$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (t^*)\Gamma(l) &\subseteq (N + (g))\Gamma((N : G)_M + (m)) \\ &= N\Gamma(N : G)_M + N\Gamma(m) + (g)\Gamma(N : G)_M + (g)\Gamma(m) \subseteq N. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. N is a prime submodule of G . \square

Corollary 8. *Let p be a prime ideal of a Γ -ring M , $S = M - p$, and S^* an S -system subset of G . A ΓM -submodule N of G which is maximal in $M - S^*$ is prime if $(N : G)_M = p$.*

If A and B are ideals of a Γ -ring M , and p is a prime ideal of M such that $A \cap B \subseteq p$, then $A \subseteq p$ or $B \subseteq p$. This statement is not necessarily true if “ideals of M ” is replaced by “ ΓM -submodules of G ”.

Lemma 9. *Let G be a multiplication ΓM -module. Let N be a ΓM -submodule of G . Then $N = G\Gamma(N : G)_M$.*

Proof. Let N be a ΓM -submodule of G . Then $N = G\Gamma I$ for some ideal I of M . Therefore $I \subseteq (N : G)_M$. Then $N = G\Gamma I \subseteq G\Gamma(N : G)_M \subseteq N$. Consequently, $N = G\Gamma(N : G)_M$. \square

Theorem 10. *Let G be a multiplication ΓM -module. Let N be a prime ΓM -submodule of G such that $N_1 \cap N_2 \subseteq N$, where N_1 and N_2 are ΓM -submodules of G . Then $N_1 \subseteq N$ or $N_2 \subseteq N$.*

Proof. Let N be a prime ΓM -submodule of G and $N_1 \cap N_2 \subseteq N$, where N_1 and N_2 are ΓM -submodules of G . Then $(N_1 \cap N_2 : G)_M = (N_1 : G)_M \cap (N_2 : G)_M \subseteq (N : G)_M$. Since $(N : G)_M$ is a prime ideal of M , $(N_1 : G)_M \subseteq (N : G)_M$ or $(N_2 : G)_M \subseteq (N : G)_M$. Thus, $G\Gamma(N_1 : G)_M \subseteq G\Gamma(N : G)_M$ or $G\Gamma(N_2 : G)_M \subseteq G\Gamma(N : G)_M$. Since G is a multiplication ΓM -module, $N_1 \subseteq N$ or $N_2 \subseteq N$ by Lemma 9. \square

Let I be an ideal of M . The radical of I , denoted by $\text{rad}(I)$, is defined to be intersection of all prime ideals containing I . Let B be a ΓM -submodule of G . The radical of B , denoted by $\text{rad}^*(B)$, is defined to be the intersection of all prime ΓM -submodules containing B and $\text{rad}^*(B) = G$ if B is not contained in any prime ΓM -submodule of G .

A prime ΓM -submodule N of G is said to be p -prime if $(N : G)_M = p$.

Theorem 11. *Let G be a ΓM -modules. Let N and L be ΓM -submodules of G . Then*

- (1) $N \subseteq \text{rad}^*(N)$.
- (2) $\text{rad}^*(N \cap L) \subseteq \text{rad}^*(N) \cap \text{rad}^*(L)$.
- (3) $\text{rad}^*(G\Gamma I) = \text{rad}^*(G\Gamma \text{rad}(I))$ for some ideal I of M .

Proof. (1) and (2) are trivial. (3) is trivially true if $\text{rad}^*(G\Gamma I) = G$. If there exists a p -prime ΓM -submodule N which contains $G\Gamma I$, then $I \subseteq (G\Gamma I : G)_M \subseteq (N : G)_M = p$. Hence, $\text{rad}(I) \subseteq p$ so that $G\Gamma \text{rad}(I) \subseteq G\Gamma p \subseteq N$. It follows that $\text{rad}^*(G\Gamma \text{rad}(I)) \subseteq N$ for every prime ΓM -submodule N containing $G\Gamma I$. Then $\text{rad}^*(G\Gamma \text{rad}(I)) \subseteq \text{rad}^*(G\Gamma I)$. It is clear that $\text{rad}^*(G\Gamma I) \subseteq \text{rad}^*(G\Gamma \text{rad}(I))$. Consequently, $\text{rad}^*(G\Gamma I) = \text{rad}^*(G\Gamma \text{rad}(I))$. \square

Theorem 12. *Let G be a ΓM -module. Let N and L be ΓM -submodules of G such that whenever $N \cap L \subseteq P$ we have $N \subseteq P$ or $L \subseteq P$ for any prime*

ΓM -submodule P of G . Then $\text{rad}^*(N \cap L) = \text{rad}^*(N) \cap \text{rad}^*(L)$.

Proof. If $\text{rad}^*(N \cap L) = G$, then clearly $\text{rad}^*(N) = \text{rad}^*(L) = G$ and so $\text{rad}^*(N \cap L) = \text{rad}^*(N) = \text{rad}^*(L) = G$. If $\text{rad}^*(N \cap L) \neq G$, then there exists a prime ΓM -submodule P such that $N \cap L \subseteq P$. By hypothesis, $N \subseteq P$ or $L \subseteq P$ so that $\text{rad}^*(N) \subseteq P$ or $\text{rad}^*(L) \subseteq P$. Since this is true for all prime ΓM -submodules P containig $N \cap L$, $\text{rad}^*(N) \cap \text{rad}^*(L) \subseteq \text{rad}^*(N \cap L)$ and therefore $\text{rad}^*(N \cap L) = \text{rad}^*(N) \cap \text{rad}^*(L)$. \square

Corollary 13. *Let G be a multiplication ΓM -module. Let N and L be ΓM -submodules of G . Then $\text{rad}^*(N \cap L) = \text{rad}^*(N) \cap \text{rad}^*(L)$.*

Definition 14. Let G be a ΓM -module. A ΓM -submodule N of G is said to be primary if for any ΓM -submodule V of G and for any ideal I of M , $V\Gamma I \subseteq N$ and $V \not\subseteq N$ implies $I \subseteq \text{rad}((N : G)_M)$.

Theorem 15. *Let G be a ΓM -module. A ΓM -submodule N of G is primary if and only if $(g)\Gamma(m) \subseteq N$ and $g \notin N$, where $g \in G$ and $m \in M$ implies $m \in \text{rad}((N : G)_M)$.*

Proof. The “only if” part follows trivially from the definition of a primary ΓM -submodule. So suppose that $(g)\Gamma(m) \subseteq N$ and $g \notin N$ implies $m \in \text{rad}((N : G)_M)$. Let $V\Gamma I \subseteq N$ and $V \not\subseteq N$. Then there exists $v \in V$ such that $v \notin N$ and for any $a \in I$ we have $(v)\Gamma(a) \subseteq V\Gamma I \subseteq N$, hence $a \in \text{rad}((N : G)_M)$, $I \subseteq \text{rad}((N : G)_M)$ and N is primary. \square

Proposition 16. *Let G be a ΓM -module. If N is a prime ΓM -submodule of G , then N is a primary ΓM -submodule of G .*

Proof. Let N be a prime ΓM -submodule of G . Let $V\Gamma I \subseteq N$ and $V \not\subseteq N$, where V is a ΓM -submodule of G and I is an ideal of M . Since N is a prime ΓM -submodule of G , $I \subseteq (N : G)_M$. Therefore, $I \subseteq \text{rad}((N : G)_M)$. \square

The ideal I of M is called a radical if $\text{rad}(I) = I$.

Theorem 17. *Let G be a ΓM -module. If Q is a primary ΓM -submodule of G such that $(Q : G)_M$ is a radical ideal, then Q is a prime ΓM -submodule of G .*

Proof. Suppose that Q be a primary ΓM -submodule of G such that $(Q : G)_M$ is a radical ideal. Suppose $(m)\Gamma(r) \subseteq Q$ with $m \notin Q$, where $m \in G$ and $r \in M$. Since Q is primary, $r \in \text{rad}((Q : G)_M)$. Since $(Q : G)_M$ is a radical ideal of M , $(Q : G)_M = \text{rad}((Q : G)_M)$. Therefore, $r \in (Q : G)_M$. Consequently, Q is a prime ΓM -submodule of G . \square

Theorem 18. *Let G be a ΓM -module. Let Q_1 and Q_2 be primary ΓM -*

submodules of G . Let $\text{rad}((Q_1 : G)_M) = \text{rad}((Q_2 : G)_M) = p$. Then $Q_1 \cap Q_2$ is primary.

Proof. Let $V\Gamma I \subseteq Q_1 \cap Q_2$ and $V \not\subseteq Q_1 \cap Q_2$, where V is a ΓM -submodule of G and I is an ideal of M . We may assume that $V \not\subseteq Q_1$, and $V\Gamma I \subseteq Q_1$, then implies $I \subseteq \text{rad}((Q_1 : G)_M) = p$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rad}((Q_1 \cap Q_2 : G)_M) &= \text{rad}((Q_1 : G)_M \cap (Q_2 : G)_M) \\ &= \text{rad}((Q_1 : G)_M) \cap \text{rad}((Q_2 : G)_M) = p, \end{aligned}$$

$I \subseteq \text{rad}((Q_1 \cap Q_2 : G)_M)$. □

Definition 19. Let P be an ideal of M . P is called primary ideal of M if for any ideals I and J of M , $J\Gamma I \subseteq P$ and $J \not\subseteq P$ implies $I \subseteq \text{rad}(P)$.

Lemma 20. Let G be a ΓM -module. If N is a primary ΓM -submodule of G , the $(N : G)_M$ is a primary ideal of M .

Proof. Let $I\Gamma J \subseteq (N : G)_M$ and $I \not\subseteq (N : G)_M$, where I and J are ideals of M . Then $G\Gamma I\Gamma J \subseteq N$ and $G\Gamma I \not\subseteq N$. Since N is a primary ΓM -submodule of G , $J \subseteq \text{rad}((N : G)_M)$. □

Theorem 21. Let G be a ΓM -module. If Q is a primary ΓM -submodule of G , then $\text{rad}((Q : G)_M) = p$ is prime ideal of M .

Proof. Let Q be a primary ΓM -submodule of G . Then $(Q : G)_M$ is a primary ideal of M by Lemma 20. Thus $\text{rad}((Q : G)_M) = p$ is a prime ideal of M (see [1], Theorem 12). □

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