

## Graded prime spectrum of a graded module

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### Abstract

Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. We define a topology on graded prime spectrum  $G-Spec(M)$  of the graded  $R$ -module  $M$  which is analogous to that for  $G-Spec(R)$ , and investigate several properties of the topology.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $G$  be a multiplicative group. A commutative ring  $R$  with identity is called a  $G$ -graded ring if there exist additive subgroups  $R_g$  of  $R$  indexed by the elements  $g \in G$  such that  $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$  and  $R_g R_h \subseteq R_{gh}$  for all  $g, h \in G$ . The elements of  $R_g$  are called *homogeneous elements* of  $R$  of degree  $g$ . The homogeneous elements of the ring  $R$  are denoted by  $h(R)$ , i.e.  $h(R) = \bigcup_{g \in G} R_g$ . If

$a \in R$ , then the element  $a$  can be written uniquely as  $\sum_{g \in G} a_g$ , where  $a_g$  is called the  $g$ -component of  $a$  in  $R_g$ . Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ .  $I$  is called graded prime ideal of  $R$  if  $I \neq R$  and whenever  $ab \in I$ , then either  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ , where  $a, b \in h(R)$ . The *graded radical* of  $I$  is the set of all  $x \in R$  such that for each  $g \in G$  there exists  $n_g > 0$  with  $x_g^{n_g} \in I$ . Note that if  $r \in h(R)$ , then  $r$  is an element of graded radical of  $I$  if and only if  $r^n \in I$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The graded radical of  $I$  is denoted by  $\sqrt{I}$ .

Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring and  $M$  an  $R$ -module. We recall that  $M$  is a  $G$ -graded  $R$ -module (or *graded  $R$ -module*) if there exists a family of subgroups  $\{M_g\}_{g \in G}$  of  $M$  such that  $M = \bigoplus_{g \in G} M_g$  and  $R_g M_h \subseteq M_{gh}$  for all  $g, h \in G$ . Here  $R_g M_h$  denotes the additive subgroup of  $M$  consisting of all finite sums of elements  $r_g s_h$  where  $r_g \in R_g$  and  $s_h \in M_h$ . Also, we write  $h(M) = \bigcup_{g \in G} M_g$  and the elements of  $h(M)$  are called *homogeneous*. Let  $M = \bigoplus_{g \in G} M_g$  be a graded  $R$ -module and  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Then recall that  $N$  is a *graded submodule* of  $M$  if  $N = \bigoplus_{g \in G} (N \cap M_g)$ . In this case,  $N_g = N \cap M_g$  is called the  $g$ -component of  $N$ .

Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module and  $N$  be a graded  $R$ -submodule of  $M$ . Then recall that  $N$  is a *graded prime submodule* of  $M$  if  $N \neq M$  and whenever  $a \in h(R)$  and  $m \in h(M)$  with  $am \in N$ , then either  $m \in N$  or  $a \in (N :_R M)$  where  $(N :_R M) = \{r \in R \mid rM \subseteq N\}$ . Graded prime submodules of graded modules have been studied by various authors, see, for example, [1-3].

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A graded  $R$ -module  $M$  is called to be a *multiplication graded module* if for every graded submodule  $N$  of  $M$  has the form  $IM$  for some graded ideal  $I$  of  $R$ . Multiplication graded modules were characterized in [4].  $N$  is a *graded maximal submodule* of  $M$  if  $N \neq M$  and there is no graded submodule  $N'$  of  $M$  such that  $N \subset N' \subset M$ . A graded  $R$ -module  $M$  is called *graded finitely generated* if there are  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  in  $h(M)$  such that  $M = \sum_{i=1}^k Rx_i$ .

An element  $m \in M$  is called *nilpotent* if  $(Rm)^k = 0$  for some positive integer  $k$  [5]. It is clear that, if  $M$  is graded multiplication then  $Nil(M) = \bigcap P$  where the intersection runs over all graded prime submodules of  $M$ . Moreover, a faithful graded  $R$ -module  $M$  is multiplication if and only if  $\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (I_\lambda M) = \left( \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} I_\lambda \right) M$  where  $I_\lambda$

is a graded ideal of  $R$  [6, Theorem 8].

The graded prime spectrum  $G-Spec(R)$  of a graded ring  $R$  consists of all graded prime ideals of  $R$  and similarly the graded prime spectrum  $G-Spec(M)$  of a graded module  $M$  consists of all graded prime submodules of  $M$ . For each graded ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , if we introduce the  $G$ -variety  $V_G^R(I) = \{p \in G-Spec(R) \mid p \supseteq I\}$  then the collection  $\zeta(R) = \{V_G^R(I) \mid I \triangleleft_G R\}$  satisfies the topology axioms for closed sets. This topology is called a *Zariski topology* on  $G-Spec(R)$ . In this study, we generalize this prime spectrum to graded  $R$ -modules. For a graded submodule  $N$  of  $M$  we define the variety  $V_G^*(N) = \{P \in G-Spec(M) \mid P \supseteq N\}$  where the collection  $\zeta^*(M) = \{V_G^*(N) \mid N \text{ is a submodule of } M\}$  does not satisfy all of the topology axioms for closed sets. Whenever  $\zeta^*(M)$  is closed under finite union, then this topology is called a *quasi-Zariski topology* and the module  $M$  is called a *G-top module*. After this, we define another variety  $V_G(N) = \{P \in G-Spec(M) \mid (P : M) \supseteq (N : M)\}$  of the graded module  $M$ , the collection

$\zeta(M) = \{V_G(N) \mid N \text{ is a submodule of } M\}$  satisfies all of the topology axioms for the closed sets. Hence we obtain a topology on  $G-Spec(M)$  called a *Zariski topology*. Some properties of these topologies are given and we obtain some relations between properties of the graded prime spectrum  $G-Spec(R)$  and  $G-Spec(M)$  by using the map  $\phi: G-Spec(M) \rightarrow G-Spec(R/Ann(M))$  defined by  $P \mapsto (P : M)$  for  $P \in G-Spec(M)$ . Finally, we give some results that determine under what conditions the graded prime spectrum  $G-Spec(M)$  is  $T_0$ ,  $T_1$  or  $T_2$ -space.

Throughout this paper, we deal with  $G$ -graded rings and graded  $R$ -modules. If  $I$  is a graded ideal of  $R$  and  $N$  is a graded submodule of  $M$  we write respectively,  $I \triangleleft_G R$  and  $N \triangleleft_G M$ . Throughout this paper we assume that  $G-Spec(M)$  is nonempty.

## 2. The Zariski topology on $G-Spec(R)$

In this section we will give some properties of the  $G$ -variety  $V_G^R(S) = \{p \in G-Spec(R) \mid p \supseteq S\}$  for a homogeneous subset  $S$  of  $R$ . Note that, if the graded ideal  $I$  is generated by  $S$ , then it is clear that  $V_G^R(S) = V_G^R(I)$ . Also,  $V_G^R(I) = V_G^R(\sqrt{I})$  for any graded ideal  $I$  of  $R$ . Therefore, we can easily see that  $V_G^R(rR) = V_G^R(r)$  for any  $r \in h(R)$ . We show that the set  $G-Spec(R)$  is a topology for the closed sets  $V_G^R(I)$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $I, J$  and  $\{I_i\}_{i \in \Lambda}$  be graded ideals of the graded ring  $R$ . Then the following hold for  $G$ -variety of ideals:

- (1)  $V_G^R(0) = G-Spec(R)$  and  $V_G^R(R) = \emptyset$ ,
- (2)  $\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G^R(I_i) = V_G^R\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} I_i\right) = V_G^R\left(\bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} I_i\right)$ ,
- (3)  $V_G^R(I) \cup V_G^R(J) = V_G^R(I \cap J) = V_G^R(IJ)$ .

**Proof:** (1) For any  $p \in G-Spec(R)$ ,  $0 \subseteq p$ , so  $p \in V_G^R(0)$ . Hence  $G-Spec(R) = V_G^R(0)$ .

Suppose that  $V_G^R(R) \neq \emptyset$ . Then there is  $p \in V_G^R(R)$ . Hence  $1 \in R \subseteq p$ , a contradiction.

(2) Let  $p \in \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G^R(I_i)$ . Then  $p \in V_G^R(I_i)$  and

we obtain that  $I_i \subseteq p$  for all  $i \in \Lambda$ . Hence

$\sum_{i \in \Lambda} I_i \subseteq p$ , so that  $p \in V_G^R\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} I_i\right)$ . Conversely,

let  $p \in V_G^R\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} I_i\right)$ . Then  $\sum_{i \in \Lambda} I_i \subseteq p$  and so

$I_i \subseteq p$  for all  $i \in \Lambda$ . This shows that

$p \in V_G^R(I_i)$  for all  $i \in \Lambda$  and hence

$p \in \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G^R(I_i)$ .

(3) Since  $V_G^R(I) \subseteq V_G^R(I \cap J)$  and

$V_G^R(J) \subseteq V_G^R(I \cap J)$ ,

$V_G^R(I) \cup V_G^R(J) \subseteq V_G^R(I \cap J)$ . For the reverse

inclusion, let  $p \in V_G^R(I \cap J)$ . Then  $I \cap J \subseteq p$ .

Since  $p$  is a graded prime ideal, then  $I \subseteq p$  or

$J \subseteq p$ . So that  $p \in V_G^R(I)$  or  $p \in V_G^R(J)$ . We

obtain  $V_G^R(I \cap J) \subseteq V_G^R(I) \cup V_G^R(J)$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $R$  be a graded ring. The collection  $\zeta(R) = \{V_G^R(I) \mid I \triangleleft_G R\}$  of all varieties of graded ideals of  $R$  satisfies the axioms of topological space for closed sets. We call this topology the *Zariski topology* on  $G - \text{Spec}(R)$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $R$  be a graded ring. For any homogeneous elements  $r$  and  $s$  of  $R$ , we have the following properties:

(1) The set  $D_r = G - \text{Spec}(R) \setminus V_G^R(rR)$  is open in  $G - \text{Spec}(R)$  and the family  $\{D_r \mid r \in h(R)\}$  is the basis for the Zariski topology on  $G - \text{Spec}(R)$ .

(2) For the open sets  $D_r$  and  $D_s$ , we have

$D_r \cap D_s = D_{rs}$ .

(3) For the open sets  $D_r$  and  $D_s$ , we have

$D_r = D_s$  if and only if  $\sqrt{rR} = \sqrt{sR}$ .

(4) The open set  $D_r$  is quasi compact for all  $r \in h(R)$ .

(5) The space  $G - \text{Spec}(R)$  is a  $T_0$ -space for the Zariski topology.

**Proof:** (1) Assume that  $U$  is an open set in  $G - \text{Spec}(R)$ . Thus  $U = G - \text{Spec}(R) \setminus V_G^R(I)$

for some graded ideal  $I$  of  $R$ . Notice that  $I = \bigcup_{g \in G} I_g = \langle h(I) \rangle$ . Then  $V_G^R(I) = V_G^R(h(I)) = \bigcap_{r \in h(I)} V_G^R(r)$ .

Hence  $U = \bigcup_{r \in h(I)} (G - \text{Spec}(R) \setminus V_G^R(r)) = \bigcup_{r \in h(I)} D_r$ .

This implies that  $\{D_r \mid r \in h(R)\}$  is a basis for the Zariski topology on  $G - \text{Spec}(R)$ .

(2) Let  $p \in D_r \cap D_s$  for the open sets  $D_r$  and  $D_s$ . Then  $r \notin p$  and  $s \notin p$ , so that  $rs \notin p$ . It

follows that  $p \in D_{rs}$  and hence  $D_r \cap D_s \subseteq D_{rs}$ .

For reverse inclusion, assume that  $p \in D_{rs}$ . Then

$rs \notin p$ , namely  $r \notin p$  and  $s \notin p$ . Hence

$p \in D_r$  and  $p \in D_s$ , so that  $D_{rs} \subseteq D_r \cap D_s$ .

(3) Suppose that  $D_r = D_s$ . Then

$V_G^R(rR) = V_G^R(sR)$ , so that  $r \in p$  if and only if

$s \in p$ . This implies  $\sqrt{rR} = \sqrt{sR}$ . Conversely,

assume that  $\sqrt{rR} = \sqrt{sR}$ . It follows that  $r \in p$  if

and only if  $s \in p$ . Then  $V_G^R(rR) = V_G^R(sR)$  and

hence  $D_r = D_s$ .

(4) Let  $r \in h(R)$  and suppose that  $\{D_{s_i} \mid i \in \Lambda\}$

is an open cover of  $D_r$ , where for each  $i \in \Lambda$ ,

$s_i \in h(R)$ . Then,

$G - \text{Spec}(R) \setminus V_G^R(rR) = D_r \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} D_{s_i} = \bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} (G - \text{Spec}(R) \setminus V_G^R(s_i R))$

$= G - \text{Spec}(R) \setminus V_G^R\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} s_i R\right)$  and hence

$V_G^R\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} s_i R\right) \subseteq V_G^R(rR)$ . It follows from (3) that

$\sqrt{rR} \subseteq \sqrt{\sum_{i \in \Lambda} s_i R}$ , then there exists a positive

integer  $n$  such that  $r^n \in \sum_{i \in \Lambda} s_i R$ . Then there

exists  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m \in \Lambda$ ,  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m \in h(R)$

such that  $r^n = s_{i_1} t_{i_1} + s_{i_2} t_{i_2} + \dots + s_{i_m} t_{i_m}$ . Let

$\Delta = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m\} \subseteq \Lambda$ . Notice that  $p \in V_G^R(r)$  iff  $p \in V_G^R(r^n)$ .  $(rR)^n \subseteq \sum_{j \in \Delta} s_j R$  implies

$$V_G^R\left(\sum_{j \in \Delta} s_j R\right) \subseteq V_G^R(r^n) = V_G^R(r). \quad \text{Therefore}$$

$$\bigcap_{j \in \Delta} V_G^R(s_j) \subseteq V_G^R(r), \quad \text{so} \quad \bigcup_{i \in \Delta} (G - \text{Spec}(R) \setminus V_G^R(s_i)) \\ \supseteq G - \text{Spec}(R) \setminus V_G^R(r) \quad \text{and hence} \quad D_r \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in \Delta} D_{s_i}.$$

Since  $\Delta$  is finite set,  $D_r$  is quasi compact.

(5) Let  $p, q \in G - \text{Spec}(R)$  and  $p \neq q$ . Then  $p \not\subseteq q$  or  $q \not\subseteq p$ . Suppose that  $p \not\subseteq q$ . Then there exists an element  $r \in p \setminus q$  for  $r \in h(R)$ . Then  $p \notin D_r$  and since  $rR \not\subseteq q$ , we get  $q \notin V_G^R(rR)$ . So  $q \in D_r$  and since  $D_r$  is an open set,  $G - \text{Spec}(R)$  is a  $T_0$ -space for the Zariski topology.

### 3. The Zariski topology on $G - \text{Spec}(M)$

In this section we will give different varieties for any graded submodule of a graded module. Also, we investigate under what conditions these varieties give a topology on  $G - \text{Spec}(M)$ . Now we give some relations between graded ideals of  $R$  and graded submodules of graded  $R$ -modules  $M$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module, and  $N$  be a graded  $R$ -submodule of  $M$ . Then the following hold:

- (i)  $(N :_R M) = \{r \in R \mid rM \subseteq N\}$  is a graded ideal of  $R$ ,
- (ii) If  $I$  is a graded ideal of  $R$ ,  $r \in h(R)$  and  $x \in h(M)$ , then  $IN$ ,  $rN$ , and  $Rx$  are graded submodules of  $M$ .

**Proof:** One can look for the proof of (i) and (ii) to [1, Lemma 2.1], [7, Lemma 2.2], and [6, Lemma 1]. Also, for the proof of (i), see [5, Lemma 1.2 (iii)].

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. If  $N$  is a graded prime submodule of  $M$  then  $(N :_R M)$  is a graded prime ideal of  $R$ . The converse part is true when  $M$  is a multiplication graded  $R$ -module.

**Proof:** One can look for the proof to [6, Theorem 3].

**Proposition 3.3.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. For any graded submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , we define the variety of  $N$  to be  $V_G^*(N) = \{P \in G - \text{Spec}(M) \mid P \supseteq N\}$ . Then the following hold:

- (1)  $V_G^*(0) = G - \text{Spec}(M)$  and  $V_G^*(M) = \emptyset$ .
- (2)  $\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G^*(N_i) = V_G^*\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} N_i\right)$ , for any family  $\{N_i\}_{i \in \Lambda}$  of graded submodules.
- (3)  $V_G^*(N) \cup V_G^*(L) \subseteq V_G^*(N \cap L)$  for any graded submodules  $N, L$  of  $M$ .

**Proof:** (1) Trivial.

(2) Let  $P \in \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G^*(N_i)$ . Then,  $P \in V_G^*(N_i)$  gives us  $N_i \subseteq P$  for all  $i \in \Lambda$ . It follows that

$$\sum_{i \in \Lambda} N_i \subseteq P \quad \text{and hence} \quad P \in V_G^*\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} N_i\right).$$

Conversely, assume that  $P \in V_G^*\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} N_i\right)$ . Then

$$\sum_{i \in \Lambda} N_i \subseteq P \quad \text{and so,} \quad N_i \subseteq P \quad \text{for all } i \in \Lambda. \quad \text{Thus}$$

$$P \in \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G^*(N_i) \quad \text{and equality holds.}$$

(3) Since  $N \cap L \subseteq N$  and  $N \cap L \subseteq L$ , then  $V_G^*(N) \subseteq V_G^*(N \cap L)$  and  $V_G^*(L) \subseteq V_G^*(N \cap L)$ . Hence  $V_G^*(N) \cup V_G^*(L) \subseteq V_G^*(N \cap L)$ .

Remark that, the reverse inclusion in Proposition 3.3 (3) is not true in general. For this, if we take the  $Z_2$ -graded  $Z$ -module  $M = Z \times Z$  and  $N = 4Z \times \{0\}$ ,  $L = \{0\} \times 4Z$  as graded submodules of  $M$ , then  $P = \{0\} \times \{0\} \in V^*(N \cap L)$  but  $P \notin V_G^*(N) \cup V_G^*(L)$  since  $N \not\subseteq P$  and  $L \not\subseteq P$ , where  $P \in G - \text{Spec}(M)$ .

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module and  $\zeta^*(M)$  be the set of all varieties  $V_G^*(N)$  of  $M$ , i.e.,  $\zeta^*(M) = \{V_G^*(N) \mid N \leq_G M\}$ .

$M$  is called a  $G$ -top module if the set  $\zeta^*(M)$  is closed under finite union. Then  $\zeta^*(M)$  is a topology on  $G - \text{Spec}(M)$  and this topology is called a quasi Zariski topology on  $G - \text{Spec}(M)$ , denoted by  $\tau^*$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** If  $M$  is a multiplication graded  $R$ -module, then  $M$  is a  $G$ -top module.

**Proof:** It is enough to prove that the inclusion  $V_G^*(N \cap L) \subseteq V_G^*(N) \cup V_G^*(L)$  is satisfied. Let  $P \in V_G^*(N \cap L)$ . Then  $N \cap L \subseteq P$  and we get  $(N \cap L : M) \subseteq (P : M)$ . Since  $(P : M)$  is a graded prime ideal and  $(N \cap L : M) = (N : M) \cap (L : M)$ , we get  $(N : M) \subseteq (P : M)$  or  $(L : M) \subseteq (P : M)$ . Then  $(N : M)M \subseteq (P : M)M$  or  $(L : M)M \subseteq (P : M)M$ . Since  $M$  is graded multiplication module, then  $N \subseteq P$  or  $L \subseteq P$ . Hence  $P \in V_G^*(N) \cup V_G^*(L)$ .

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. Then the family  $\zeta'(M) = \{V_G^*(IM) \mid I \triangleleft_G R\}$  is closed under finite union. Further,  $\zeta'(M)$  is a topology on  $G - \text{Spec}(M)$  denoted by  $\tau'$ .

**Proposition 3.7.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. If  $M$  is a  $G$ -top module then the quasi Zariski topology  $\tau^*$  on  $G - \text{Spec}(M)$  is finer than  $\tau'$ .

Now we define another variety for a graded submodule  $N$  of a graded module  $M$ . We define the variety of  $N$  to be  $V_G(N) = \{P \in G - \text{Spec}(M) \mid (P : M) \supseteq (N : M)\}$

The following proposition shows that this variety satisfies the topology axioms for closed sets.

**Proposition 3.8.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. Then the following hold:

- (1)  $V_G(0) = G - \text{Spec}(M)$  and  $V_G(M) = \emptyset$ .
- (2)  $\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G(N_i) = V_G\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} (N_i : M)M\right)$ , for any family  $\{N_i\}_{i \in \Lambda}$  of graded submodules.

- (3)  $V_G(N) \cup V_G(L) = V_G(N \cap L)$  for any graded submodules  $N, L$  of  $M$ .

**Proof:** (1) It is clear.

- (2) Let  $P \in \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G(N_i)$ . For all  $i \in \Lambda$ ,

$$P \in V_G(N_i) \text{ implies } (N_i : M) \subseteq (P : M).$$

Then  $(N_i : M)M \subseteq (P : M)M$ . It follows that

$$\sum_{i \in \Lambda} (N_i : M)M \subseteq (P : M)M \subseteq P \text{ for all } i \in \Lambda.$$

Therefore  $P \in V_G\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} (N_i : M)M\right)$ , so

$$\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G(N_i) \subseteq V_G\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} (N_i : M)M\right).$$

Conversely, let  $P \in V_G\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} (N_i : M)M\right)$ . Then

$$\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} (N_i : M)M : M\right) \subseteq (P : M). \text{ Since}$$

$$(N_i : M) \subseteq \left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} (N_i : M)M : M\right), \text{ we get}$$

$(N_i : M) \subseteq (P : M)$  for all  $i \in \Lambda$ . Thus

$P \in V_G(N_i)$ , for all  $i \in \Lambda$ . Hence

$$P \in \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G(N_i).$$

- (3) Let  $P \in V_G(N \cap L)$ . Then  $(N \cap L : M) \subseteq (P : M)$ , so that  $(N : M) \cap (L : M) \subseteq (P : M)$ . Since  $(P : M)$  is graded prime ideal, then  $(N : M) \subseteq (P : M)$  or  $(L : M) \subseteq (P : M)$ . It follows that  $P \in V_G(N)$  or  $P \in V_G(L)$ . Hence  $P \in V_G(N) \cup V_G(L)$ . Reverse inclusion is clear.

**Definition 3.9.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. Since  $\zeta(M) = \{V_G(N) \mid N \triangleleft_G M\}$  is closed under finite union, the family  $\zeta(M)$  satisfies the axioms of topological space for closed sets. So, there exists a topology on  $G - \text{Spec}(M)$  called the Zariski topology and denoted by  $\tau$ .

**Definition 3.10.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module and  $p \in G - \text{Spec}(R)$ . Then the set

$G\text{-Spec}_p(M)$  is defined to be  $\{P \in G\text{-Spec}(M) \mid (P:M) = p\}$ .

Now we give some relations between the varieties  $V_G^*(N)$  and  $V_G(N)$  for any submodule  $N$  of the graded  $R$ -module  $M$ .

**Lemma 3.11:** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module and  $N, L$  be graded submodules of  $M$ .

(1) If  $(N:M) = (L:M)$ , then  $V_G(N) = V_G(L)$ .

The converse is true if  $N$  and  $L$  are graded prime submodules.

(2)

$$V_G(N) = V_G((N:M)M) = V_G^*((N:M)M).$$

**Theorem 3.12.** For any graded  $R$ -module  $M$ , the Zariski topology  $\tau$  on  $G\text{-Spec}(M)$  is identical with  $\tau'$  and the quasi Zariski topology  $\tau^*$  on  $G\text{-Spec}(M)$  is finer than the Zariski topology  $\tau$ .

**Proof:** It is clear.

Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. Now we give the relation between  $G\text{-Spec}(M)$  and  $G\text{-Spec}\left(\frac{R}{\text{Ann}(M)}\right)$ . For this we set  $X^M$  and  $X^{\bar{R}}$  to represent  $G\text{-Spec}(M)$  and  $G\text{-Spec}(\bar{R})$  respectively, where  $\bar{R} = \frac{R}{\text{Ann}(M)}$ .

The map  $\varphi: X^M \rightarrow X^{\bar{R}}$ , defined by  $P \mapsto \overline{(P:M)}$  for  $P \in X^M$  is called the *natural map* of  $X^M$ .

**Proposition 3.13.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. The natural map  $\varphi$  of  $X^M$  is continuous for the Zariski topologies defined on  $M$  and  $\bar{R}$ . More precisely,  $\varphi^{-1}(V_G^*(\bar{I})) = V_G(IM)$  for every graded ideal  $I$  of  $R$  containing  $\text{Ann}(M)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\bar{I}$  be a graded ideal of  $\bar{R}$ ,  $V_G^*(\bar{I}) \in \zeta(\bar{R})$  and  $P \in \varphi^{-1}(V_G^*(\bar{I}))$ . Then  $\overline{(P:M)} = \varphi(P) \in V_G^*(\bar{I})$ , thus  $\overline{(P:M)} \supseteq \bar{I}$ . It follows that  $(P:M) \supseteq I$ , that  $P \in V_G(IM)$ .

Therefore  $\varphi^{-1}(V_G^*(\bar{I})) \subseteq V_G(IM)$ . For the converse inclusion, let  $P \in V_G(IM)$ . Then,  $IM \subseteq (P:M)$  and hence  $I \subseteq (P:M) \subseteq G\text{-Spec}(R)$ . And so we get  $\varphi(P) = \overline{(P:M)} \in V_G^*(\bar{I})$ . This implies  $P \in \varphi^{-1}(V_G^*(\bar{I}))$ . Hence the proof is completed.

**Proposition 3.14.** The following statements are equivalent for any graded  $R$ -module  $M$  and any  $P, Q \in X^M$ :

(1) The natural map  $\varphi$  is injective.

(2) If  $V_G(P) = V_G(Q)$ , then  $P = Q$ .

(3)  $|G\text{-Spec}_p(M)| \leq 1$  for every  $p \in G\text{-Spec}(R)$ .

**Proof:** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Suppose that  $V_G(P) = V_G(Q)$ . By Lemma 3.11, we get  $\overline{(P:M)} = \overline{(Q:M)}$ . Thus  $\varphi(P) = \varphi(Q)$ . Since  $\varphi$  is injective, we obtain  $P = Q$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3): Let  $|G\text{-Spec}_p(M)| > 1$  and let  $P, Q \in G\text{-Spec}_p(M)$  such that  $P \neq Q$ . So,  $(P:M) = (Q:M) = p$ . Hence we get  $V_G(P) = V_G(Q)$  and by hypothesis we obtain  $P = Q$ , which is a contradiction.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Let  $\varphi(P) = \varphi(Q)$ . It follows that  $\overline{(P:M)} = \overline{(Q:M)}$ . So, we can write  $(P:M) = (Q:M) = p$  and since  $|G\text{-Spec}_p(M)| \leq 1$ , we get  $P = Q$ .

**Proposition 3.15.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module and let  $\varphi$  be the natural map of  $X^M$ . If  $\varphi$  is surjective, then  $\varphi$  is both open and closed, more precisely for every  $N <_G M$ ,  $\varphi(V_G(N)) = V_G^*\left(\overline{(N:M)}\right)$  and  $\varphi(X^M \setminus V_G(N)) = X^{\bar{R}} \setminus V_G^*\left(\overline{(N:M)}\right)$ .

**Proof:** Since  $\varphi$  is a continuous map such that  $\varphi^{-1}(V_G^*(\bar{I})) = V_G(IM)$ , we get for every  $N <_G M$ ,  $\varphi^{-1}\left(V_G^*\left(\overline{(N:M)}\right)\right) = V_G((N:M)M) = V_G(N)$ . As  $\varphi$  is surjective,

$\varphi \circ \varphi^{-1} \left( V_G^{\bar{R}} \left( \overline{(N : M)} \right) \right) = V_G^{\bar{R}} \left( \overline{(N : M)} \right)$ . Thus  
 $\varphi \left( V_G(N) \right) = V_G^{\bar{R}} \left( \overline{(N : M)} \right)$ . Similarly  
 $\varphi \left( X^M \setminus V_G(N) \right) = \varphi \left( \varphi^{-1} \left( X^{\bar{R}} \right) \setminus \varphi^{-1} \left( V_G^{\bar{R}} \left( \overline{(N : M)} \right) \right) \right)$   
 $= \varphi \circ \varphi^{-1} \left( X^{\bar{R}} \setminus V_G^{\bar{R}} \left( \overline{(N : M)} \right) \right)$  and so  
 $\varphi \left( X^M \setminus V_G(N) \right) = X^{\bar{R}} \setminus V_G^{\bar{R}} \left( \overline{(N : M)} \right)$ .

**Corollary 3.16.** Let  $\varphi$  be surjective and  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. Then  $\varphi$  is bijective if and only if  $\varphi$  is homeomorphic.

**Proposition 3.17:** Let  $M$  and  $M'$  be graded  $R$ -modules,  $X^M = G - \text{Spec}(M)$  and  $X^{M'} = G - \text{Spec}(M')$ . If  $f : M \rightarrow M'$  is an epimorphism, then the function  $\phi : X^{M'} \rightarrow X^M$  defined by  $P' \rightarrow f^{-1}(P')$  is continuous.

**Proof:** For any  $N <_G M$  and  $P' \in X^{M'}$  and any closed set  $V_G(N)$  of  $X^M$ , we have  
 $P' \in \phi^{-1} \left( V_G(N) \right) = \phi^{-1} \left( V_G^* \left( (N : M)M \right) \right)$  iff  
 $\phi(P') = f^{-1}(P') \supseteq (N : M)M$  iff  
 $P' \supseteq f \left( (N : M)M \right) = (N : M)M'$  iff  
 $P' \in V_G^* \left( (N : M)M' \right) = V_G \left( (N : M)M' \right)$ .  
 Thus  $\phi^{-1} \left( V_G(N) \right) = V_G \left( (N : M)M' \right)$ . Hence  $\phi$  is continuous.

#### 4. A base for the Zariski topology on $G - \text{Spec}(M)$

In this section we write  $X_r = X^M \setminus V_G(rM)$  of  $X^M$  for  $r \in h(R)$  and show that  $B = \{X_r \mid r \in h(R)\}$  forms a base for  $X^M$ . Further, we compare this base with the base of  $X^{\bar{R}}$ . For each element  $r$  of  $h(R)$ , we write  $X_r = X^M \setminus V_G(rM)$ . Clearly, every  $X_r$  is an open set of  $X^M$  and we have  $X_0 = \emptyset$  and  $X_1 = X^M$  for  $0_R, 1_R \in h(R)$ .

**Proposition 4.1:** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module with natural map  $\varphi$  on  $X^M$  and  $r \in h(R)$ . Then,

- (1)  $\varphi^{-1}(D_{\bar{r}}) = X_r$
- (2)  $\varphi(X_r) \subseteq D_{\bar{r}}$ . If  $\varphi$  is surjective, then the equality holds.
- (3) The set  $B = \{X_r \mid r \in h(R)\}$  is a base for the Zariski topology on  $X^M$ .
- (4)  $X_{rs} = X_r \cap X_s$ , for any  $r, s \in h(R)$ .

**Proof:** (1)  $\varphi^{-1}(D_{\bar{r}}) = \varphi^{-1} \left( X^{\bar{R}} \setminus V_G^{\bar{R}}(\bar{r}\bar{R}) \right)$   
 $= X^M \setminus \varphi^{-1} \left( V_G^{\bar{R}}(\bar{r}\bar{R}) \right) = X^M \setminus V_G(rM) = X_r$ .  
 (2) Trivial.  
 (3) Let  $U$  be any open set in  $X^M$ . Since  $\zeta(M) = \zeta'(M) = \{V_G^*(IM) = V_G(IM) \mid I <_G R\}$  by Lemma 3.11,  $U = X^M \setminus V_G(IM)$  for some graded ideal  $I$  of  $R$ . Notice that  $I = \langle h(I) \rangle$ . Then,  $IM = \langle h(I) \rangle M = \langle h(I)M \rangle$ . So,  $V_G(IM) = V_G(h(I)M) = \bigcap_{r \in h(I)} V_G(rM)$ . It

follows that  
 $U = X^M \setminus V_G(IM) = X^M \setminus \bigcap_{r \in h(I)} V_G(rM) = \bigcup_{r \in h(I)} X_r$ .

Therefore  $B$  is a base for the Zariski topology on  $X^M$ .

- (4)  $X_{rs} = \varphi^{-1}(D_{\bar{rs}}) = \varphi^{-1}(D_{\bar{r}} \cap D_{\bar{s}}) = \varphi^{-1}(D_{\bar{r}}) \cap \varphi^{-1}(D_{\bar{s}}) = X_r \cap X_s$  by (1).

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. If the natural map  $\varphi$  is surjective, then the open set  $X_r$  is quasi compact for each  $r \in h(R)$ . Specifically,  $X^M$  is quasi compact.

**Proof:** As the set  $B = \{X_r \mid r \in h(R)\}$  is a base for the Zariski topology by Proposition 4.1(3), for every open cover of  $X_r$ , there is a set  $\{r_\alpha \in h(R) \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  such that  $X_r \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_{r_\alpha}$ .

Then  $D_{\bar{r}} = \varphi(X_r) \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \varphi(X_{r_\alpha}) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} D_{\bar{r}_\alpha}$  by

Proposition 10(2). Since  $D_{\bar{r}}$  is quasi compact, there exists a finite subset  $\Lambda' \subset \Lambda$  such that

$$D_{\bar{r}} \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda'} D_{\bar{r}_\alpha}. \quad \text{Hence we obtain}$$

$$X_r = \varphi^{-1}(D_{\bar{r}}) \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda'} X_{r_\alpha}.$$

Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module and  $Y$  be any subset of  $X^M$ . We will denote the intersection of all elements in  $Y$  by  $\xi(Y)$  and the closure of  $Y$  in  $X^M$  for the Zariski topology by  $Cl(Y)$ .

**Proposition 4.3.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module and  $Y \subseteq X^M$ . Then  $V_G(\xi(Y)) = Cl(Y)$ . In particular,  $Y$  is closed if and only if  $V_G(\xi(Y)) = Y$ .

**Proof:** We can see easily that  $Y \subseteq V_G(\xi(Y))$ . Let  $V_G(L)$  be any closed subset of  $X^M$  which contains  $Y$ . Thus for all  $Q \in Y$ , we have  $(Q:M) \supseteq (L:M)$ . This implies that  $(L:M) \subseteq \bigcap_{Q \in Y} (Q:M) \subseteq (\xi(Y):M)$ . So,  $(P:M) \supseteq (\xi(Y):M) \supseteq (L:M)$  for every  $P \in V_G(\xi(Y))$ , that is,  $V_G(\xi(Y)) \subseteq V_G(L)$ . Hence  $V_G(\xi(Y))$  is the smallest closed subset of  $X^M$  including  $Y$ , which means  $V_G(\xi(Y)) = Cl(Y)$ .

**Proposition 4.4.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module,  $P \in X^M$ , and  $\delta = \{(Q:M) \mid Q \in X^M\} \subseteq X^R$ . Then,

- (1)  $Cl(\{P\}) = V_G(P)$ .
- (2) For any  $Q \in X^M$ ,  $Q \in Cl(\{P\})$ , if and only if  $(Q:M) \supseteq (P:M)$  if and only if  $V_G(P) \supseteq V_G(Q)$ .
- (3) Let  $M$  be a finitely generated graded  $R$ -module. The set  $\{P\}$  is closed in  $X^M$  if and only if
  - a)  $p = (P:M)$  is a maximal element of the set  $\delta$ , and
  - b)  $G-Spec_p(M) = \{P\}$ , that is,  $|G-Spec_p(M)| = 1$ .

**Proof:** (1) We can easily see that (1) holds by taking  $Y = \{P\}$  from Proposition 4.3.

(2) This follows from (1).

(3) Assume that  $\{P\}$  is closed in  $X^M$ . Hence  $\{P\} = Cl(\{P\}) = V_G(P)$  by (1). Let  $q \in \delta$  such that  $p \subseteq q$ . Then there exists  $Q \in X^M$  such that  $q = (Q:M)$ . So,  $(P:M) = p \subseteq (Q:M)$ . We have  $Q \in V_G(P) = \{P\}$ , namely  $Q = P$ . So,  $p = q$  and  $p$  is a maximal element of the set  $\delta$ . Let  $P^* \in G-Spec_p(M)$ . Then  $(P^*:M) = p = (P:M)$  and so  $P^* \in V_G(P) = \{P\}$ . Hence  $G-Spec_p(M) = \{P\}$ . Conversely, we suppose that (a) and (b) hold. Since  $P$  is graded prime we have  $\{P\} \subseteq V_G(P)$ . If  $Q \in V_G(P)$ , then  $q = (Q:M) \supseteq (P:M) = p$ . Therefore  $q = p$  by (a) and  $Q = P$  by (b). Thus  $V_G(P) \subseteq \{P\}$ , so that  $V_G(P) = \{P\}$ . By (1),  $Cl(\{P\}) = \{P\}$ . Hence the set  $\{P\}$  is closed in  $X^M$ .

The following corollary is a result of Proposition 4.4(1).

**Corollary 4.5.** For every graded prime submodule  $P$  of a graded  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $V_G(P)$  is an irreducible closed subset of  $X^M$ .

**Proposition 4.6.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module and  $Y$  be a subset of  $X^M$ . If  $\xi(Y)$  is a graded prime submodule of  $M$ , then  $Y$  is irreducible.

**Proof:** Assume that  $\xi(Y)$  is a graded prime submodule of  $M$ . Then,  $V_G(\xi(Y)) = Cl(Y)$  is irreducible by Corollary 4.5 and Proposition 4.3. So  $Y$  is irreducible.

**Corollary 4.7.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. If  $Y = \{P_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$  is a non-empty family of graded prime submodules  $P_i$  of  $M$ , which is linearly ordered by inclusion, then  $Y$  is irreducible in  $X^M$ .



**Proof:** Let  $\xi(Y) = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} P_i = P$ .  $P$  is a proper submodule of  $M$ . Suppose that  $rm \in P$  but  $m \notin P$  where  $r \in h(R)$  and  $m \in h(M)$ . Then  $m \notin P_i$  for some  $i \in \Lambda$ . Since  $P_i$  is a graded prime submodule, we get  $r \in (P_i : M)$ . Let  $j$  be any element of  $\Lambda$  such that  $j \neq i$ . Since  $Y$  is linearly ordered by inclusion, we have either  $P_i \subseteq P_j$  or  $P_j \subseteq P_i$ . If  $P_i \subseteq P_j$ , then we obtain  $r \in (P_i : M) \subseteq (P_j : M)$ . If  $P_j \subseteq P_i$ , then since  $m \notin P_i$  and  $P_j$  is a graded prime submodule, we have  $r \in (P_j : M)$ . Hence  $r \in (P : M)$  and  $\xi(Y)$  is a graded prime submodule, so  $Y$  is irreducible on  $X^M$  by Proposition 4.6.

**Proposition 4.8.** Let  $M$  be a graded multiplication  $R$ -module. If  $Nil(M)$  is graded prime submodule of  $M$ , then  $X^M$  is irreducible.

**Proof:** Let  $U$  and  $V$  be open subsets of  $X^M$  and  $P_U$  and  $P_V$  be elements of  $U$  and  $V$ , respectively. Then there exist submodules  $N$  and  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $U = X^M \setminus V_G(N)$  and  $V = X^M \setminus V_G(K)$ . So  $P_U \notin V_G(N)$  and  $P_V \notin V_G(K)$ , that is,  $N \not\subseteq P_U$  and  $K \not\subseteq P_V$ . Since  $Nil(M) \subseteq P_U$ ,  $N \not\subseteq Nil(M)$ . Hence, we get  $Nil(M) \in U$ . Similarly  $Nil(M) \in V$ . Consequently,  $Nil(M) \in U \cap V \neq \emptyset$  and we obtain  $X^M$ , irreducible.

**Proposition 4.9.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. Assume that  $G-Spec_p(M) \neq \emptyset$  for some  $p \in G-Spec(R)$ . Then the following hold:

- $G-Spec_p(M)$  is irreducible.
- If  $p$  is a graded maximal ideal of  $R$ , then  $G-Spec_p(M)$  is an irreducible closed subset of  $X^M$ .

**Proof:** (a) Let

$$G-Spec_p(M) = \{P_i \in G-Spec(M) \mid (P_i : M) = p, i \in \Lambda\}.$$

Then  $\xi(G-Spec_p(M)) = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} P_i$  is a graded

prime submodule. Indeed, we assume  $rm \in \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} P_i$

$$\text{and } r \notin \left( \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} P_i : M \right) = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} (P_i : M), \text{ where}$$

$r \in h(R)$  and  $m \in h(M)$ . Notice that  $(P_i : M) = p$ . Then  $r \notin p = (P_i : M)$  for all

$i \in \Lambda$ . Since  $rm \in P_i$  and  $P_i$  is graded prime, we get  $m \in P_i$  for all  $i \in \Lambda$ . Hence  $m \in \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} P_i$  and

$G-Spec_p(M)$  is irreducible by Proposition 4.6.

(b) To prove this, it suffices to show that  $G-Spec_p(M) = V_G(pM)$  for the graded maximal ideal  $p$ . Let  $N \in V_G(pM)$ , that is,

$(N : M) \supseteq (pM : M) \supseteq p$ . Since  $p$  is maximal,  $(N : M) = p$ . So,  $N \in G-Spec_p(M)$ .

Conversely, let  $P \in G-Spec_p(M)$ . Then  $(P : M) = p \subseteq (pM : M)$  and because of maximality of  $p$ , we obtain  $p = (pM : M)$  and so  $P \in V_G(pM)$ .

**Proposition 4.10.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module and  $Y$  be a subset of  $X^M$  such that  $(\xi(Y) : M) = p$  is a graded prime ideal of  $R$ . If  $G-Spec_p(M) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $Y$  is irreducible.

**Proof:** Take  $P \in G-Spec_p(M)$ . Since

$$(P : M) = p = (\xi(Y) : M) \text{ we have}$$

$V_G(P) = V_G(\xi(Y)) = Cl(Y)$  by Lemma 3.11 and Proposition 4.3. Therefore,  $Cl(Y)$  is irreducible and so is  $Y$ .

**Theorem 4.11.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. Then the following statements are equivalent for any  $P, Q \in X^M$ :

- $X^M$  is  $T_0$ -space.
- The natural map  $\varphi$  is injective.
- If  $V_G(P) = V_G(Q)$ , then  $P = Q$ .

$$(4) \quad \left| G - \text{Spec}_p(M) \right| \leq 1 \quad \text{for every } p \in G - \text{Spec}(R).$$

**Proof:** (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (3) follows from Proposition 4.4 and the fact that a topological space is a  $T_0$ -space if and only if the closures of distinct points are distinct. The equivalences of (2), (3), and (4) are proved in Proposition 3.14.

**Corollary 4.12.** Let  $M$  be a  $G$ -top module, in particular, let  $M$  be a graded multiplication module. Then  $G - \text{Spec}(M)$  is a  $T_0$ -space for the Zariski topology.

**Proposition 4.13.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module and  $\delta = \{(P : M) \mid P \in X^M\} \subseteq X^R$ . Then

$G - \text{Spec}(M)$  is a  $T_1$ -space if and only if

(1)  $(P : M) = p$  is a maximal element of  $\delta$  for all  $P \in X^M$ ,

(2)  $\left| G - \text{Spec}_p(M) \right| = 1$  for all  $p \in G - \text{Spec}(R)$ .

**Proof:** If  $G - \text{Spec}(M)$  is a  $T_1$ -space then the singleton sets are closed in  $X^M$ . So we obtain (1) and (2) by Proposition 4.4(3). Conversely, (1) and (2) are equivalent so that the singleton set  $\{P\}$  is closed in  $X^M$  for every  $P \in X^M$ , that is,  $X^M$  is a  $T_1$ -space.

**Theorem 4.14.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. Then  $X^M$  is a  $T_1$ -space if and only if every graded prime submodule of  $M$  is maximal.

**Proof:** Assume that  $X^M$  is a  $T_1$ -space. Let  $P$  be any graded prime submodule of  $M$ . By Proposition 4.4(1),  $Cl(\{P\}) = V_G(P)$  and since  $X^M$  is a  $T_1$ -space, every singleton subset of  $X^M$  is closed, that is,  $Cl(\{P\}) = V_G(P) = \{P\}$ . Now, assume that  $P \subseteq Q$ . It follows that  $(P : M) \subseteq (Q : M)$ . So  $Q \in V_G(P) = \{P\}$  and we obtain  $P = Q$ . For the converse, suppose that

every graded prime submodule of  $M$  is maximal. Then for all  $P \in X^M$  we have  $\{P\} = V_G(P)$ , and every singleton subset of  $X^M$  is closed. Hence  $X^M$  is a  $T_1$ -space.

**Theorem 4.15.** Let  $M$  be a graded multiplication  $R$ -module. Then  $X^M$  is a  $T_1$ -space if and only if it is a  $T_2$ -space.

**Proof:** Assume that  $X^M$  is a  $T_2$ -space. Then it is a  $T_1$ -space. Conversely, assume that  $X^M$  is a  $T_1$ -space. If  $|X^M| = 1$  or  $|X^M| = 2$ , then  $X^M$  is a  $T_2$ -space. Now assume that  $|X^M| > 2$ . Then we can take three distinct elements in  $X^M$ , say  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , and  $P_3$ . Since  $M$  is graded multiplication,  $V_G(P_1P_3) = \{P_1, P_3\} = X^M \setminus V_G(P_2)$ ,  $V_G(P_2P_3) = \{P_2, P_3\} = X^M \setminus V_G(P_1)$  and  $V_G(P_2) = \{P_2\} = X^M \setminus V_G(P_1P_3)$  are open sets in  $X^M$ . This implies that  $P_1 \in V_G(P_1P_3)$  and  $P_2 \in V_G(P_2)$ . Moreover,  $V_G(P_1P_3) \cap V_G(P_2) = \emptyset$ .

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