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# Graded coprime submodules

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## Abstract

Let  $G$  be a group. Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded commutative ring with identity, and let  $M$  be a  $G$ -graded module over  $R$ . Two graded submodules  $N$  and  $K$  of graded module  $M$  are called graded coprime whenever  $N + K = M$ . In this paper, some properties of graded coprime submodules are discussed. For example, we show that if  $M$  is a graded finitely generated module, then two graded submodules  $N$  and  $K$  of  $M$  are graded coprime if and only if  $\text{grad}_M(N)$  and  $\text{grad}_M(K)$  are graded coprime.

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## Introduction

We define a  $G$ -graded ring  $R$  and a  $G$ -graded module over  $R$  in the same way as in [1] and [2]. Let  $G$  be a group with identity  $e$  and  $R$  be a commutative ring. Then,  $R$  is 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  $g, h \in G$ ; here,  $R_g R_h$  denotes the additive subgroup of  $R$  consisting of all finite sums of elements  $r_g k_h$  with  $r_g \in R_g$  and  $k_h \in R_h$ . Moreover,  $R_e$  is a subring of  $R$  and  $1_R \in R_e$ . We denote this by  $(R, G)$ . The elements of  $R_g$  are called homogeneous of degree  $g$ . If  $x \in R$ , then  $x$  can be written uniquely as  $\sum_{g \in G} x_g$ , where  $x_g$  is the component of  $x$  in  $R_g$ . Also, we write  $h(R) = \bigcup_{g \in G} R_g$ .

Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. We say that  $M$  is a graded  $R$ -module if there exists a family of submodules  $\{M_g\}_{g \in G}$  of  $M$  such that  $M = \bigoplus_{g \in G} M_g$  and  $R_g M_h \subseteq M_{gh}$  for all  $g, h \in G$ , and we write  $h(M) = \bigcup_{g \in G} M_g$ .

Throughout this paper,  $G$  is a group,  $R$  is a  $G$ -graded commutative ring with identity, and  $M$  is a  $G$ -graded module over  $R$ . Also, for basic properties of coprime ideals, one may refer to [3].

The concept of multiplication module has been studied by various authors (see, for example, [4,5]). Also, the notion of the product of two submodules of a multiplication module has been studied in [6].

We define a graded multiplication module and the product of two graded submodules of a graded multiplication module in the same way as in [7].

Let  $R$  be a graded ring. A graded  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a *graded multiplication module* if for every graded submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , there exists a graded ideal  $I$  of  $h(R)$  such that  $N = IM$ . Assume that  $M$  is a graded multiplication  $R$ -module. If  $N$  and  $K$  are graded submodules of  $M$ , then there exist graded ideals  $I$  and  $J$  of  $h(R)$  such that  $N = IM$  and  $K = JM$ . Then, the *product* of  $N$  and  $K$  is defined to be  $(IJ)M$  and is denoted by  $N * K$ . In fact,  $IJ$  is a graded ideal of  $R$  by [7, Lemma 1.1], and  $N * K$  is well-defined and is independent of the choices of  $I$  and  $J$  by [6, Theorem 3.4], and [2, Theorem 4]. Also, for every positive integer  $t$ ,  $N^t$  is defined to be

$$\overbrace{N * N * \dots * N}^{t \text{ times}}.$$

**Lemma 1.1.** [7, Lemma 1.2], *Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module.*

- (i) *If  $N$  and  $K$  are graded submodules of  $M$ , then  $N + K$  and  $N \cap K$  are graded submodules of  $M$ .*
- (ii) *If  $a$  is an element of  $h(R)$  and  $x$  is an element of  $h(M)$ , then  $aM$  and  $Rx$  are graded submodules of  $M$ .*
- (iii) *If  $N$  and  $K$  are graded submodules of  $M$ , then  $(N :_R K)$  is a graded ideal of  $R$ .*

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a graded module over  $R$ . Let  $P$  be a proper graded submodule of  $M$ .

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- (i)  $P$  is called a *graded prime submodule* of  $M$  whenever  $am \in P$  implies that  $m \in P$  or  $a \in (P :_R M)$  where  $a \in h(R)$  and  $m \in h(M)$ .
- (ii)  $P$  is called a *graded semiprime submodule* of  $M$  whenever  $I^n K \subseteq P$  implies that  $IK \subseteq P$  where  $I \subseteq h(R)$  and  $K \subseteq h(M)$ .
- (iii)  $P$  is called a *graded maximal submodule* of  $M$  if there is no graded submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $P \subset K \subset M$ .

**Theorem 1.3.** [2, Theorem 5], Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a graded multiplication  $R$ -module. Let  $N$  be a proper graded submodule of  $M$ . Then,  $N$  is graded prime if and only if  $K * L \subseteq N$  implies that  $K \subseteq N$  or  $L \subseteq N$  for graded submodules  $K$  and  $L$  of  $M$ .

**Theorem 1.4.** [7, Theorem 2.1], Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a graded multiplication  $R$ -module. Let  $N$  be a graded submodule of  $M$ . Then,  $N$  is graded semiprime if and only if  $(Rx)^n \subseteq N$  implies that  $x \in N$  for each  $x \in h(M)$  and positive integer  $n$ .

The graded radical of a graded submodule  $N$  of a graded module  $M$  is the intersection of all graded prime submodules of  $M$  containing  $N$  and is denoted by  $grad_M(N)$ . If there is no graded prime submodule of  $M$  containing  $N$ , then we say  $grad_M(N) = M$ . Also,  $grad_M(M) = M$ . It is easy to show that if  $M$  is a graded multiplication module, then  $grad_M(N)$  is the set of all elements  $m$  of  $h(M)$  such that  $(Rm)^k \subseteq N$  for some positive integer  $k$ .

## Results and discussion

Let  $G = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$  and  $R = (\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ . Clearly,  $R$  is a  $G$ -graded ring. Let  $M = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ . So,  $M$  is a  $G$ -graded  $R$ -module. Let  $x, y \in h(M)$ . Consider the graded submodules  $N = (Rx) \times 0$  and  $K = (Ry) \times 0$  of  $M$ . Then,  $N + K$  is the graded submodule generated by the greatest common factor of  $x$  and  $y$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a graded module over  $R$ ; two graded submodules  $N$  and  $K$  of  $M$  are called graded coprime whenever  $N + K = M$ .

Clearly, two distinct graded maximal submodules of a graded module are graded coprime.

**Proposition 2.2.** Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a graded multiplication module over  $R$ . Let  $N_1$  and  $K_1$  be two graded coprime submodules of  $M$ . Let  $N_2$  and  $K_2$  be two graded submodules of  $M$  such that every element of  $N_1$  (resp.  $K_1$ ) has a power in  $N_2$  (resp.  $K_2$ ). Then,  $N_2$  and  $K_2$  are graded coprime.

*Proof.* Under the given hypothesis, every graded prime submodule which contains  $N_2$  (resp.  $K_2$ ) contains  $N_1$  (resp.  $K_1$ ). Let  $P$  be a graded prime submodule of  $M$  which contains both  $N_2$  and  $K_2$ . So,  $P$  contains  $N_1$  and  $K_1$ , that is,  $N_1 + K_1 \subseteq P$ , which is absurd. Hence, no graded prime submodule contains both  $N_2$  and  $K_2$ . Therefore,  $N_2$  and  $K_2$  are graded coprime.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.3.** Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a graded multiplication module over  $R$ . Let  $N$  and  $K$  be graded coprime submodules of  $M$ . Then,  $N * K = N \cap K$ .

*Proof.* Similar to the proof of [6, Proposition 3.5].  $\square$

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a graded multiplication module over  $R$  with this property that every graded submodule of  $M$  is graded semiprime. Let  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_t$  be graded submodules of  $M$  such that  $N_i$  and  $N_j$  are graded coprime whenever  $i \neq j$ . Then, for each  $i (1 \leq i \leq t)$ ,

$$N_i + (N_1 * \dots * N_{i-1} * N_{i+1} * \dots * N_t) \\ = N_i + (N_1 \cap \dots \cap N_{i-1} \cap N_{i+1} \cap \dots \cap N_t) = M.$$

Furthermore,

$$N_1 * N_2 * \dots * N_t = N_1 \cap N_2 \cap \dots \cap N_t.$$

*Proof.* Since

$$N_1 * \dots * N_{i-1} * N_{i+1} * \dots * N_t \subseteq N_1 \cap \dots \cap N_{i-1} \cap N_{i+1} \cap \dots \cap N_t,$$

it is enough to show that

$$N_i + (N_1 * \dots * N_{i-1} * N_{i+1} * \dots * N_t) = M.$$

Without loss of generality, let  $i = 1$ . Suppose that  $2 \leq j \leq t$ . Let  $m$  be an arbitrary element of  $h(M)$ . So, there exist elements  $x_{1j} \in N_1, x_j \in N_j$  such that  $x_{1j} + x_j = m$ . So,

$$(Rm)^t = R(x_{12} + x_2) * R(x_{13} + x_3) * \dots * R(x_{1t} + x_t) \\ = Rx + (Rx_2 * Rx_3 * \dots * Rx_t),$$

where  $x \in N_1$ . Therefore,  $(Rm)^t \subseteq N_1 + (N_2 * N_3 * \dots * N_t)$ . Now,  $N_1 + (N_2 * N_3 * \dots * N_t)$  graded semiprime implies that  $m \in N_1 + (N_2 * N_3 * \dots * N_t)$ , as required.

We prove the next result by induction on  $t$ . When  $t = 1$ , there is nothing to prove, and when  $t = 2$ , the required result follows from Proposition 2.3. Now, assume that  $t > 2$  and the relation has been proved for all smaller values of the inductive variable. So,

$$N_1 * N_2 * \dots * N_{t-1} = N_1 \cap N_2 \cap \dots \cap N_{t-1}.$$

Therefore,

$$N_1 * N_2 * \dots * N_{t-1} * N_t = (N_1 \cap N_2 \cap \dots \cap N_{t-1}) * N_t.$$

But we showed that  $N_1 \cap N_2 \cap \dots \cap N_{t-1}$  and  $N_t$  are graded coprime. Hence, by applying Proposition 2.3, we find that

$$(N_1 \cap N_2 \cap \dots \cap N_{t-1}) * N_t = N_1 \cap N_2 \cap \dots \cap N_{t-1} \cap N_t.$$

Accordingly,

$$N_1 * N_2 * \dots * N_t = N_1 \cap N_2 \cap \dots \cap N_t. \quad \square$$

The following result can be obtained by the above proposition easily.

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a graded multiplication module over  $R$ . Let  $N$  and  $K$  be graded coprime submodules of  $M$ . Then,  $N$  and  $K^t$  are graded coprime for every positive integer  $t$ .*

**Proposition 2.6.** *With the assumption in Proposition 2.4, let  $\varphi : M \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^t (M/N_i)$  be a homomorphism by the rule  $\varphi(m) = (m + N_1, \dots, m + N_t)$ . Then,  $\varphi$  is injective if and only if  $N_1 * N_2 * \dots * N_t = 0$ .*

*Proof.* It is enough to show that  $\ker \varphi = N_1 * N_2 * \dots * N_t$ . Let  $x \in \ker \varphi$ . So,  $x \in N_i$  for every  $i(1 \leq i \leq t)$ . Thus,  $(Rx)^t \subseteq N_1 * N_2 * \dots * N_t$  and  $N_1 * N_2 * \dots * N_t$  graded semiprime implies that  $x \in N_1 * N_2 * \dots * N_t$ , that is,  $\ker \varphi \subseteq N_1 * N_2 * \dots * N_t$ .

Conversely, let  $x \in N_1 * N_2 * \dots * N_t$ . Therefore,  $x \in N_1 \cap N_2 \cap \dots \cap N_t$ . Hence,  $x + N_i = N_i$  for every  $i(1 \leq i \leq t)$ . Now, we conclude that  $\varphi(x) = (N_1, \dots, N_t)$ , that is,  $N_1 * N_2 * \dots * N_t \subseteq \ker \varphi. \quad \square$

**Proposition 2.7.** *Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a graded multiplication module over  $R$ . Let  $P$  be a graded maximal submodule of  $M$ . Then, for every positive integer  $n$ , the only graded prime submodule containing  $P^n$  is  $P$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\hat{P}$  be a graded prime submodule of  $M$  containing  $P^n$ . So, by Theorem 1.3,  $P \subseteq \hat{P}$  as  $P$  is grade maximal;  $P = \hat{P}. \quad \square$

**Proposition 2.8.** *Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a graded module over  $R$ . Let  $N = IM$  and  $K = JM$  be graded submodules of  $M$  where  $I$  and  $J$  are graded coprime ideals of  $R$ . Then,  $N$  and  $K$  are graded coprime.*

*Proof.* Since  $I$  and  $J$  are graded coprime ideals in  $R$ , we have

$$M = RM = (I + J)M \subseteq IM + JM = N + K. \quad \square$$

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a graded module over  $R$ . Let  $I$  and  $J$  be graded ideals of  $R$ . Then,  $M$  is called *graded cancelation* whenever  $IM = JM$  gives  $I = J$ .

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a graded finitely generated cancelation module over  $R$ . Let  $N$  and  $K$  be graded submodules of  $M$  with graded presentation ideals  $I$  and  $J$ , respectively. Then,  $I$  and  $J$  are graded coprime in  $R$  if and only if  $N$  and  $K$  are graded coprime in  $M$ .*

*Proof.* One direction is proved in Proposition 2.8. Since  $N$  and  $K$  are graded coprime submodules in a graded finitely generated module  $M$ , we have

$$RM = M = N + K = IM + JM = (I + J)M.$$

Now,  $M$  graded cancelation implies that  $R = I + J$ , as required.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.11.** *Let  $M$  be a graded finitely generated module. Then, every proper graded submodule of  $M$  is contained in a graded prime submodule.*

*Proof.* Similar to the proof of [8, Corollary 1].  $\square$

**Proposition 2.12.** *Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a graded module over  $R$ . Let  $N$  and  $K$  be graded submodules of  $M$ . then,*

- (i)  $N \subseteq \text{grad}_M(N)$ .
- (ii)  $\text{grad}_M(\text{grad}_M(N)) = \text{grad}_M(N)$ .
- (iii) If  $M = N$ , then  $\text{grad}_M(N) = M$ .

Moreover, if  $M$  is finitely generated, then  $\text{grad}_M(N) = M$  if and only if  $N = M$ .

$$(iv) \text{grad}_M(N + K) = \text{grad}_M(\text{grad}_M(N) + \text{grad}_M(K)).$$

Also, if  $M$  is a graded multiplication module, then

- (v)  $\text{grad}_M(N * K) = \text{grad}_M(N \cap K) = \text{grad}_M(N) \cap \text{grad}_M(K)$ .
- (vi) Let  $N$  be graded prime. Then  $\text{grad}_M(N^t) = N$  for every positive integer  $t$ .

*Proof.* (i,ii) (i) and (ii) are trivial by definition of  $\text{grad}_M(N)$ .  
 (iii) Suppose that  $N = M$ . So,  $\text{grad}_M(N) = \text{grad}_M(M) = M$ . Also, let  $M$  be finitely generated and  $\text{grad}_M(N) = M$ . Suppose to the contrary that  $N \neq M$ . Hence, by Corollary 2.11,

- $\text{grad}_M(N) \subseteq P$  for some graded prime submodule  $P$  of  $M$ . Therefore,  $\text{grad}_M(N) \neq M$ , a contradiction.
- (iv)  $N \subseteq \text{grad}(N)$  and  $K \subseteq \text{grad}(K)$  implies that  $N + K \subseteq \text{grad}(N) + \text{grad}(K)$ . Therefore,  $\text{grad}(N + K) \subseteq \text{grad}(\text{grad}(N) + \text{grad}(K))$ . Also,  $N, K \subseteq N + K$ , hence  $\text{grad}(N), \text{grad}(K) \subseteq \text{grad}(N + K)$ . So,  $\text{grad}(N) + \text{grad}(K) \subseteq \text{grad}(N + K)$ , and by (ii),  $\text{grad}(\text{grad}(N) + \text{grad}(K)) \subseteq \text{grad}(N + K)$ .
- (v) We prove the first equality. Suppose that  $x \in \text{grad}(N * K)$ . Then,  $(Rx)^t \subseteq N * K \subseteq N \cap K$  for some positive integer  $t$ . So,  $x \in \text{grad}_M(N \cap K)$ . Conversely, suppose  $x \in \text{grad}_M(N \cap K)$ . Then,  $(Rx)^t \subseteq N$  and  $(Rx)^t \subseteq K$  for some positive integer  $t$ . Hence,  $(Rx)^{2t} = (Rx)^t * (Rx)^t \subseteq N * K$ , that is,  $x \in \text{grad}_M(N * K)$ .  
 Now, we prove the second equality. Let  $x \in \text{grad}_M(N \cap K)$ . So,  $(Rx)^t \subseteq N \cap K \subseteq \text{grad}_M(N) \cap \text{grad}_M(K)$  for some positive integer  $t$ . Thus,  $(Rx)^t \subseteq \text{grad}_M(N)$  and  $(Rx)^t \subseteq \text{grad}_M(K)$ . Hence,  $x \in \text{grad}_M(N) \cap \text{grad}_M(K)$ .  
 Conversely, if  $x \in \text{grad}_M(N) \cap \text{grad}_M(K)$ , then  $(Rx)^n \subseteq N$  and  $(Rx)^k \subseteq K$  for some positive integers  $n, k$ . Therefore,  $(Rx)^{nk} \subseteq N \cap K$ , giving us that in fact  $x \in \text{grad}_M(N \cap K)$ .
- (vi) Note that  $N \subseteq \text{grad}_M(N^t)$ . Now, suppose  $x \in \text{grad}_M(N^t)$ . Then,  $(Rx)^n \subseteq N^t \subseteq N$ , for some positive integer  $n$ . Now,  $N$  graded prime implies that  $x \in N$ , as needed. □

**Proposition 2.13.** *Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be a graded finitely generated module over  $R$ . Let  $N$  and  $K$  be graded submodules of  $M$ . Then,  $N$  and  $K$  are graded coprime if and only if  $\text{grad}_M(N)$  and  $\text{grad}_M(K)$  are graded coprime.*

*Proof.* By using (iii) and (iv) above, we have

$$N + K = M \Leftrightarrow \text{grad}_M(N + K) = M$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{grad}_M(\text{grad}_M(N) + \text{grad}_M(K)) = M$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{grad}_M(N) + \text{grad}_M(K) = M.$$
□

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