



## SOME RESULTS ON GRADED $N$ -PRIME SUBMODULES

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### Abstract

In this paper, we consider graded  $N$ -prime submodules as introduced by Sanh, and investigate their properties besides characterizations. For example, we prove that (i) if  $X$  is a fully invariant graded submodule of  $M$ , then the residual ideal of  $X$  by  $M$  is a graded ideal of  $S$ , and (ii) if  $M$  is a graded quasi-projective module,  $X$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule of  $M$  and  $Y \subset X$  is a fully invariant graded submodule of  $M$ , then  $X/Y$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule of  $M/Y$ .

Also, we characterize graded  $N$ -prime submodules.

### 1. Introduction

Dauns introduces the notion of a prime submodule and investigates some of its properties [4]. Graded rings and graded modules have been studied by Nastasescu and Van Oystaeyen [5]. Moreover, based on the definition

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of prime submodules in the sense of Dauns, Atani and Fazalipour have defined the graded prime submodules of graded modules and investigated some properties [1, 2]. The notion of graded primary submodules has been introduced and studied by Oral et al. [6]. Recently, Sanh [7] introduced the prime submodule of fully invariant submodule of  $R$ -module  $M$ . Let  $X$  be a fully invariant proper submodule of  $M$ . Then  $X$  is called a *prime submodule* of  $M$  if for any ideal  $I$  of  $S$  and any fully invariant submodule  $U$  of  $M$ ,  $I(U) \subset X$  implies  $I(M) \subset X$  or  $U \subset X$ . In this paper, we use the definition of prime submodules in the sense of Sanh and call these  *$N$ -prime submodules*. Moreover, we define an  $N$ -prime submodule in graded  $R$ -modules and we call it a *graded  $N$ -prime submodule*. We prove that if  $X$  is a fully invariant graded submodule of  $M$ , then the residual ideal of  $X$  by  $M$  is a graded ideal of  $S$ . It is also shown that if  $M$  is a graded quasi-projective module,  $X$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule of  $M$  and  $Y \subset X$  is a fully invariant graded submodule of  $M$ , then  $X/Y$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule of  $M/Y$ . Also, we give the characterization of graded  $N$ -prime submodule as stated in Theorem 2.2.

Let  $G$  be an abelian group with identity  $e$  and  $R$  be any ring with unit  $1_R$ . The ring  $R$  is called a *graded ring* if  $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$ , where  $R_g$  is an additive subgroup of  $R$  and  $R_g R_h \subseteq R_{gh}$  for every  $g, h$  in  $G$ . The summands  $R_g$ 's are called *homogeneous components*. Also, we write  $h(R) = \bigcup_{g \in G} R_g$ . If  $a \in R$ , then  $a$  can be written uniquely as  $\sum_{g \in G} a_g$ , where  $a_g$  is a component of  $a$  in  $R_g$ . In this case,  $R_e$  is a subring of  $R$  and  $1_R \in R_e$ .

Let  $R$  be a graded ring and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. We call  $M$  a *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  $R_g M_h \subseteq M_{gh}$ . The  $R_g M_h$  denotes the additive subgroup of  $M$  consisting of all finite sum 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 to be *homogeneous*. If  $M$  is a graded  $R$ -module, then  $M_g$  is an  $R_e$ -module for all  $g \in G$ . A submodule  $X$  of a graded  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a *graded submodule* of  $M$  if  $X = \bigoplus_{g \in G} X_g$ , where  $X_g = X \cap M_g$  for  $g \in G$ . In this case,  $X_g$  is called the  *$g$ -component* of  $X$ . Moreover,  $M/X$  becomes a graded module with  $g$ -component  $(M/X)_{g \in G} = ((M_g + X)/X)_{g \in G}$ .

## 2. Main Results

Let  $R$  be a graded ring,  $M$  and  $N$  be graded  $R$ -modules and  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be an  $R$ -module homomorphism. Then  $f$  is said to be a *graded  $R$ -module homomorphism* of degree  $k$  if  $f(M_g) \subseteq N_{gk}$  for each  $g \in G$ , where  $k \in G$ . Graded homomorphism without an indication of degree is understood to have degree zero. Let  $(\text{END}_R(M))_k$  be the set of graded module homomorphism from  $M$  to  $M$  of degree  $k$  and let  $\text{END}_R(M) = \bigoplus_{k \in G} (\text{END}_R(M))_k$ . Then  $\text{END}_R(M)$  is a graded ring and  $\text{END}_R(M)$  is a subring of  $\text{End}_R(M)$  (see [3, Subsection 9.1, p. 303]). If  $G$  is a finite group, then  $\text{END}_R(M) = \text{End}_R(M)$  (see [5]).

Let  $M$  be a graded right  $R$ -module and  $S = \text{END}_R(M)$ . A graded submodule  $X$  of  $M$  is called a *fully invariant graded submodule* of  $M$  if for any  $s \in S$ ,  $s(X) \subset X$ . By the definition, the family of all fully invariant graded submodules of a graded module  $M$  is non-empty and closed under intersections and sums.

Let  $I, J$  be graded ideals of  $S$  and  $X$  be a graded submodule of  $M$ . We define

$$IJ = \left\{ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} x_i y_i \mid x_i \in h(I), y_i \in h(J), n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} \text{ and } I(X) = \sum_{f \in h(I)} f(X).$$

For any graded right  $R$ -module  $M$  and any graded right ideal  $I$  of graded ring  $R$ , the set  $MI$  is a fully invariant graded submodule of  $M$  (see [2, Subsection 1]).

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $M$  be a graded right  $R$ -module and  $X$  be a proper fully invariant graded submodule of  $M$ . Then  $X$  is called a *graded  $N$ -prime submodule* of  $M$  if for any graded ideal  $I$  of  $S$  and any fully invariant graded submodule  $U$  of  $M$ ,  $I(U) \subset X$  implies  $I(M) \subset X$  or  $U \subset X$ .

Especially, if we take  $M$  is the  $R$ -module  $R$ , a graded ideal  $P$  of  $R$  is a graded prime ideal if for any graded ideals  $I, J$  of  $R$  with  $IJ \subset P$  implies  $I \subset P$  or  $J \subset P$ . From now on, a graded  $R$ -module  $M$  means a graded right  $R$ -module.

The following theorem gives some characterization of graded  $N$ -prime submodule.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module and  $X$  be a proper fully invariant graded submodule of  $M$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $X$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule of  $M$ .
- (2) For any graded right ideal  $I$  of  $S$  and graded submodule  $U$  of  $M$ , if  $I(U) \subset X$ , then either  $I(M) \subset X$  or  $U \subset X$ .
- (3) For any  $\varphi \in h(s)$  and fully invariant graded submodule  $U$  of  $M$ , if  $\varphi(U) \subset X$ , then either  $\varphi(M) \subset X$  or  $U \subset X$ .

**Proof.** (1 $\Rightarrow$ 2) Suppose  $X$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule of  $M$ . Take any graded right ideal  $I$  of  $S$  and a graded submodule  $U$  of  $M$  where  $I(U) \subset X$ . Since  $I$  is a graded right ideal of  $S$ ,  $IS \subset I$  and  $SI$  is a graded ideal of  $S$ . Since  $U$  is a graded submodule of  $M$ ,  $S(U)$  is a fully invariant graded submodule of  $M$ . If  $I(U) \subset X$ , then  $(SI)(S(U)) = (SIS)(U) \subset S(I(U)) \subset S(X) \subset X$ . From assumptions that  $X$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule of  $M$ , we have  $SI(M) \subset X$  or  $S(U) \subset X$ . Hence, either  $I(M) \subset X$  or  $U \subset X$ .

(2 $\Rightarrow$ 3) Obvious.

(3 $\Rightarrow$ 1) Take any graded ideal  $I$  of  $S$  and any fully invariant graded submodule  $U$  of  $M$  where  $I(U) \subset X$ . Since  $I$  is a graded ideal,  $I$  has a set of homogeneous generators. By (3), we obtain  $I(M) \subset X$  or  $U \subset X$ .  $\square$

Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module,  $S = \text{END}_R(M)$  and  $X$  be a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . We define the set  $I_X = \{f \in S \mid f(M) \subset X\}$ . The set  $I_X$  is a graded ideal if  $X$  is a fully invariant graded submodule as we give in the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module and  $S = \text{END}_R(M)$ . Suppose that  $X$  is a fully invariant graded submodule of  $M$ . Then the set  $I_X$  is a graded ideal of  $S$ .*

**Proof.** Take any  $\varphi \in S$  and  $f \in I_X$ . It is clear that  $(I_X, +)$  is an abelian group. Then  $\varphi f(M) \subset \varphi(X) \subset X$  and  $f\varphi(M) \subset f(M) \subset X$ . So  $\varphi f, f\varphi \in I_X$ , and we prove that  $I_X$  is an ideal of  $S$ . Furthermore, we will prove that  $I_X$  is a graded ideal of  $S$ , i.e.,  $I_X = \bigoplus_{g \in G} (I_X \cap S_g)$  for every  $g \in G$ . For every  $g \in G$ ,  $I_X \cap S_g \subset I_X$ , so we obtain  $\bigoplus_{g \in G} (I_X \cap S_g) \subset I_X$ . Take any  $f \in I_X$ . Then  $f = \sum_{g \in G} f_g$  and  $f(M) = \left( \sum_{g \in G} f_g \right)(M) \subset X$ . We will prove that  $f \in \bigoplus_{g \in G} (I_X \cap S_g)$ . It is clear that  $f_g \in S_g$ , so we have to prove that  $f_g \in I_X$  for every  $g \in G$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $f = \sum_{i=1}^m f_{g_i}$ , where  $f_{g_i} \neq 0$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and  $f_g = 0$  for all  $g \notin \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m\}$ . Since  $M$  is a graded module, we assume that  $m = \sum_{j=1}^l m_{h_j}$ , where  $m_{h_j} \neq 0$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, l$ . Since  $f(M) \subset X$  and  $m_{h_j} \in M_{h_j} \subset M$  for all  $j$ , we obtain  $f(m_{h_j}) \in X$  for all  $j$ . Then  $\sum_{i=1}^m f_{g_i}(m_{h_j}) \in X$ , where  $f_{g_i}(m_{h_j}) \in M_{g_i h_j}$ . Since  $X$  is a graded submodule, we obtain  $f_{g_i}(m_{h_j}) \in M_{g_i h_j} \cap X \subset X$ . Thus,  $f_{g_i}(m_{h_j}) \in X$  for all  $j$  so  $f_{g_i}(M) \subset X$  and  $f_{g_i} \in I_X$  for all  $i$ , as required.  $\square$

It is worth pointing out that  $I_X$  is a graded prime if  $X$  is a graded  $N$ -prime, as we give in the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module,  $S = \text{END}_R(M)$  and  $X$  be a fully invariant proper graded submodule of  $M$ . If  $X$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule, then  $I_X$  is a graded prime ideal of  $S$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $K, L$  be graded ideals of  $I_X$  such that  $KL \subset I_X$ . Then  $KL(M) \subset I_X(M) \subset X$ . If we assume that  $K \not\subset I_X$ , then  $K(M) \not\subset X$ . Since submodule  $X$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule,  $L(M) \subset X$ , so we obtain  $L \subset I_X$ . Thus,  $I_X$  is a graded prime ideal of  $S$ .  $\square$

We define the set  $I(M) = \sum_{f \in I} f(M)$ . If  $I(M) \subset X$ , then  $I \subset I_X$  and the converse is also true as we prove in the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module,  $X$  be a fully invariant graded submodule of  $M$  and  $I$  be a graded ideal of  $S$ . Then  $I(M) \subset X$  if and only if  $I \subset I_X$ .*

**Proof.** Take any  $f \in I$ ,  $f(M) \subseteq I(M)$ . Since  $I(M) \subset X$ , we have  $f(M) \subset X$ . So we have  $f \in I_X$ . Conversely, consider the set  $I(M)$ . Since  $I \subset I_X$ , we have  $\sum_{f \in I} f(M) \subset \sum_{f \in I_X} f(M) \subset X$ .  $\square$

We conclude from Proposition 2.5 and Definition 2.1 and obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module and  $X$  be a fully invariant proper graded submodule of  $M$ . Then  $X$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule if and only if for any graded ideal  $I$  of  $S$  and any fully invariant graded submodule  $U$  of  $M$  such that  $I(U) \subset X$  implies  $I \subset I_X$  or  $U \subset X$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $X$  be a graded  $N$ -prime submodule. By Definition 2.1, for any graded ideal  $I$  of  $S$  and any fully invariant graded submodule  $U$  of  $M$  such

that  $I(U) \subset X$  implies  $I(M) \subset X$  or  $U \subset X$ . According to Proposition 2.5,  $I(M) \subset X$  is equivalent to  $I \subset I_X$ .  $\square$

Definition and some properties of a graded  $N$ -prime module are given as follows.

**Definition 2.7.** A graded  $R$ -module  $M$  is called an  $N$ -prime module if  $0$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule of  $M$ .

We can characterize  $N$ -prime module using the annihilator as the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.8.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module and  $S = \text{END}_R(M) = \bigoplus_{k \in G} \text{END}_R(M)_k$ . A module  $M$  is an  $N$ -prime module if and only if  $\text{Ann}_S(M) = \text{Ann}_S(X)$  for all nonzero graded submodules  $X$  of  $M$ .

**Proof.**  $(\Rightarrow)$  Let  $M$  be a graded  $N$ -prime module. Then  $0$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule of  $M$ . Since  $X$  is a nonzero graded submodule of  $M$ ,  $\text{Ann}_S(M) \subseteq \text{Ann}_S(X)$ . Take any  $f \in \text{Ann}_S(X)$ , hence  $f(X) = 0$ . Since  $X$  is a nonzero graded submodule and  $0$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule of  $M$ , we have  $f(M) = 0$ . Equivalently,  $f \in \text{Ann}_S(M)$ . So we obtain  $\text{Ann}_S(M) \supseteq \text{Ann}_S(X)$  and moreover  $\text{Ann}_S(X) = \text{Ann}_S(M)$ .

$(\Leftarrow)$  Take any graded ideal  $I$  of  $S$  and a nonzero fully invariant graded submodule  $X$  of  $M$  where  $I(X) = 0$ . Since  $\text{Ann}_S(M) = \text{Ann}_S(X)$ ,  $I(M) = 0$ . So we obtain  $0$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule of  $M$ . It is proved that  $M$  is a graded  $N$ -prime module.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.9.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $N$ -prime  $R$ -module. Then  $S = \text{END}_R(M) = \bigoplus_{k \in G} \text{END}_R(M)_k$  is a prime ring.

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a graded  $N$ -prime module. Then  $0$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule of  $M$ . Based on Theorem 2.4,  $I_0$  is a graded prime ideal of  $S$ , so  $S$  is a prime ring.  $\square$

The following proposition states the relations between a graded module homomorphism of  $M$  and a graded module homomorphism of  $M/Y$ .

**Proposition 2.10.** *Let  $M$  be a graded module,  $Y$  be a fully invariant graded submodule of  $M$ . If  $f : M \rightarrow M$  is a graded module homomorphism of degree zero, then  $\phi : M/Y \rightarrow M/Y$  with  $\phi(m + Y) = f(m) + Y$  is a graded module homomorphism of degree zero.*

**Proof.** (i) We will show that  $\phi$  is a mapping. Take any  $m_1 + Y, m_2 + Y \in M/Y$  with  $m_1 + Y = m_2 + Y$ , so  $m_1 - m_2 \in Y$ . Since  $Y$  is a fully invariant graded submodule of  $M$ ,  $f(m_1 - m_2) = f(m_1) - f(m_2) \in Y$ , it means  $f(m_1) + Y = f(m_2) + Y$ . In other words,  $\phi(m_1 + Y) = \phi(m_2 + Y)$ .

(ii) It is clear that  $\phi$  is a module homomorphism.

(iii) We show that  $\phi$  is a graded module homomorphism of degree zero. Take any  $m_g + Y \in (M_g + Y)/Y$  for some  $g \in G$ , a homogeneous element of degree  $g$  in  $M/Y$ . We will prove that  $\phi(M_g + Y) \in (M_g + Y)/Y$ . Based on definition of  $\phi$ ,  $\phi(M_g + Y) = f(M_g) + Y$ . Since  $f$  is a graded module homomorphism of degree zero,  $f(m_g) \in M_g$ . In other words,  $\phi(m_g + Y) \in (M_g + Y)/Y$ . It is proved that  $\phi((M_g + Y)/Y) \subseteq (M_g + Y)/Y$  or  $\phi$  is a graded module homomorphism of degree zero.  $\square$

We will look more closely at the properties of graded  $N$ -prime submodule of quotient module.

**Lemma 2.11.** *Let  $M$  be a graded module,  $X, Y$  be graded submodules of  $M$  and  $Y \subset X$ . Then  $X/Y$  is a graded submodule of  $M/Y$ .*

**Proof.** It is clear that  $X/Y$  is a submodule of  $M/Y$ . Furthermore, we will show that  $X/Y$  is a graded submodule. It means, we will show that  $X/Y = \bigoplus_{g \in G} X/Y \cap (M/Y)_g$ . The condition  $\bigoplus_{g \in G} X/Y \cap (M/Y)_g \subseteq X/Y$



is obvious. Let  $\bar{m} = \sum_{g \in G} \bar{m}_g \in X/Y$ . It is sufficient to show that  $\bar{m}_g = m_g + Y \in X/Y \cap (X/Y)_g$  for each  $g \in G$ . Since  $X$  is a graded submodule of  $M$ ,  $m_g \in X \cap M_g$  for each  $g \in G$ , so  $m_g \in X$  and  $m_g \in M_g$ . Then  $m_g + Y \in X/Y$  and  $m_g + Y \in (M_g + Y)/Y = (M/Y)_g$ . Hence,  $\bar{m}_g = m_g + Y \in X/Y \cap (M/Y)_g$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.12.** *Let  $M$  be a graded quasi-projective module,  $X$  be a graded  $N$ -prime submodule of  $M$  and  $Y \subset X$  be a fully invariant graded submodule of  $M$ . Then  $X/Y$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule of  $M/Y$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\bar{S} = \text{END}_R(M/Y)$ . Let  $\phi$  be a homogeneous element of degree zero in  $\bar{S}$  and  $U/Y$  be a fully invariant graded submodule of  $M/Y$  with  $Y \subset U$  and  $\phi(U/Y) \subset X/Y$ . Since  $M$  is quasi-projective, we can find  $f \in h(S) = h(\text{END}_R(M))$ ,  $f$  is a homogeneous element of degree zero in  $S$  such that  $\phi v = v f$ , where  $v : M \rightarrow M/Y$  is the graded canonical projection. Then  $\phi(U/Y) = \phi v(U) = v f(U) = (f(U) + Y)/Y \subset X/Y$ . It follows that  $f(U) \subset X$ . Since  $Y$  is a fully invariant graded submodule of  $M$  and  $U/Y$  is a fully invariant graded submodule of  $M/Y$ ,  $U$  is a fully invariant graded submodule of  $M$ . By the primeness of  $X$ , we have  $f(M) \subset X$  or  $U \subset X$ . Thus,  $(f(M) + Y)/Y = v f(M) = \phi v(M) = \phi(M/Y) \subset X/Y$  or  $U/Y \subset X/Y$ , that is,  $X/Y$  is a graded  $N$ -prime submodule of  $M/Y$ .  $\square$

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