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#### INTRODUCTION

In this work, all rings have identity elements and all modules are right unitary. In [1], Nicholson and Zhou defined annihilator -small right (left) ideals as follows :a left ideal A of a ring R is called annihilator -small if A+T=R, where T is a left ideal , implies that r(T)=0, where r(T) indicates the right annihilator. Kalati and Keskin consider this problem for modules in [2]as follows :let M be an R-module and S=End(M). A submodule K of M is called annihilator -small if K+T=M, T a submodule of M, implies that  $r_s(T) = 0$ , where  $r_s$  indicates the right annihilator of T over S=End(M), where  $r_s(T) = \{f \in S | f(T) = 0 \ \forall t \in T\}$ .

These observation lead us to introduce the following concept. A submodule N of an R-module M is called R-annihilator small if N+T=M, T a submodule of M, implies that  $\operatorname{ann}_R(T) = 0$ , where  $\operatorname{ann}_R(T) = \{r \in R | r. T = 0\}$ . In fact, the set  $K_M$  of all elements K such that RK is semisubmodule and annihilator-small and contains both the Jacobson radical and the singular submodule when M is finitely generated and faithful. The submodule  $A_M$  generated by  $K_M$  is a submodule of M analogue of the Jacobson radical that contains every R-annihilator-small submodules . in this work we give some basic properties of R-annihilator

small submodules and various.

## **CHAPTER ONE**

## **Background of Modules**

**D**efinition 1.1 [2] A submodule N of a module M is called small in M (denoted by  $N \ll M$ ) if  $\forall K \leq M$  with N+K=M implies that K=M.

**Example 1.2** For every module M, we have  $0 \ll M$ .

**Theorem 1.3 [3]**  $A \ll M \Leftrightarrow \forall \cup \leq_{\neq} M(A + \cup \leq_{\neq} M)$ .

**Proof.**  $\Rightarrow$  Let  $A \ll M$  [we will proof by using contradiction] and since  $A \leq M$  then U=M. Suppose  $\exists U \leq M \Rightarrow A + U = M$ , and since  $A \leq M$  then U=M and this is contradiction (U=M). So  $\forall U \leq M(A + U \leq M)$ .

 $\leftarrow \text{Suppose } A M \text{, then } \exists U \leq_{\neq} M \ni A + U = M. \text{ And this is a contradiction. Then } U=M \text{,so } A \leq M.$ 

**Theorem 1.4 [1]**  $M \neq 0$ ,  $A \ll M \Longrightarrow A \neq M$ .

**Proof.** Let  $M \neq 0 \land A \ll M$  [We will proof it by using contradiction]

Suppose A=M, then A+0=M, but  $A \ll M$  so M=0 and that is contradiction  $\rightarrow$ so $A \neq M$ .

**Definition 1.5 [4]** A module M is said to be semi-simple if  $\forall N \leq M \exists K \leq M \exists N \oplus K = M$ .

**Theorem 1.6** If M is a semi simple module then 0 is the only small submodule in M.

**Proof.** Let  $N \ll M$  so  $N \oplus M$  so (since M is semi simple),  $\exists K \leq M$ 

with  $N \oplus K = M$ , i.e.  $N \cap K = 0$  and N+K=M.

$$\Longrightarrow$$
K=M but  $N \cap K = 0$  so  $N \cap M = 0 \Longrightarrow N = 0$ .

**Definition 1.7** Let M be an R module A subset X of M is called basis of M iff :

1) X is generated M, i.e.  $M = \langle X \rangle$ .

2) X is linearly independent, that is for every finite subset  $\langle x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \rangle$ of X with  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \propto_i = 0$ ,  $\forall \propto_i \in R$  then  $\propto_i = 0$ ,  $\forall 1 \le i \le n$ .

**Definition 1.8** An R-module M is said to be free if satisfy the following condition :

1) M has basis.

2) 
$$M = \bigoplus_{\forall i \in I} A_i \land \forall i \in I \ [A_i \equiv R_R].$$

**Example 1.9** Z as Z-module is a free module.

**Example 1.10** Z as Z-module is free since  $\langle 1 \rangle = Z$  $\langle 1 \rangle = \{1, a | a \in Z\} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ And  $\forall \alpha \in Z, \alpha, 1 = 0 \Longrightarrow \alpha = 0.$ 

**Theorem 2.1.11** In a free Z-module (0) is only submodule.

**Proof.** Let  $F = \bigoplus_{i \in I} x_i$  Z be a free Z-module with basis  $\{X_i | i \in I\}$ 

 $A \leq F$ ,  $a \in A$  and let  $\propto = x_{i1}z_1 + \dots + x_{im}z_m$ ,  $z_i \in Z$ , with  $z_1 \neq 0$ let  $n \in Z$  with g.c.d $(z_1, n) = 1$  and n < 1

Put  $U = \bigoplus x_i Z + x_{in} Z$ , then aZ+U=F, hence A+U=F with  $U \neq F$ .

**Zoren's lemma 2.1.12** If A is non-empty partial order set such that every chain in A has an upper bound in A , then A has maximal element .

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**Proposition 1.13 [5]** If finitely many arbitrary elements are omitted from an arbitrary generating set X of  $Q_z$ , then the set with out these elements omitted is again generating.

**Theorem 1.14 [2]** Every finitely generating submodule of  $Q_z$  is small in  $Q_z$ .

**Proof.** Let  $N \le Q_z$  be a finitely generating submodule, so  $\exists \{q_1, q_2, ..., q_n\} \subseteq Q$  such that  $N = \langle q_1, q_2, ..., q_n \rangle$ 

Let  $K \leq Q_z$  with  $Q_z = \langle \langle q_1, q_2, ..., q_n \rangle \cup K \rangle$ , so by the proposition  $\Rightarrow Q=Z\Rightarrow N$  is small.

Modular law 1.15 [3] If  $A, B, C \le M \land B \le C$ , then  $(A + B) \cap C = (A \cap C) + (B \cap C) = (A \cap C) + B$ .

**Lemma 1.16** If  $A \le B \le M \le N$  and  $B \ll M \Longrightarrow A \ll N$ .

**Proof.** Let  $U \le N$ , let A+U=N [we must proof that U=N]

Since  $A \le B$  then  $B + U = N \Longrightarrow (B + U) \cap M = N \cap M \Longrightarrow B + (U \cap M) = M$  (by modular law)

Hence  $U \cap M = M$  (since  $B \ll M$ ), and so  $M \le U$  and since assub  $B \ll M$ , so  $A \le U$  and since A+U=N then  $U = N \rightarrow A \ll N$ .

Theorem 1.17

$$A_i \ll M, \qquad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \implies \sum_{i=1}^n A_i \ll M$$

**Proof.** Let  $A_i \ll M$ , i=1,2,...,n If i=1,  $A_1 + U = M \Longrightarrow U = M$  (by hypothesis) $\longrightarrow [A_i \ll M]$ If i=2,  $A_1 + A_2 + U = M \longrightarrow A_1 + (A_2 + U) = M$ 

Since 
$$A_1 \ll M$$
 then  $A_2 + U = M$   
Since  $A_2 \ll M \Longrightarrow U = M$ , so  $\sum_{i=1}^2 A_i \ll M$   
Let it be true at n-1, and we will proof it at n  
Let  $A = A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_{n-1} \leq M \leq \longrightarrow A + A_n + U = M$   
Then  $A_n + U = M$  [since  $A \ll M$ ], then U=M [since  $A_n \ll M$ ] so  $\sum_{i=1}^n A_i \ll M$ .

**Definition 1.18** A homomorphism  $\propto: A \rightarrow B$  is called small  $\Leftrightarrow kar \propto$  $\ll A$ .

If  $\propto: M \to N$  modular homomorphism on R-ring then if  $B \leq N$  then  $\propto$  $(\alpha^{-1}(B)) = B \cap Im(\alpha).$ 

**Theorem 1.19 [1]** If  $A \ll M$  and  $\emptyset \in Hom(M, N) \Longrightarrow \emptyset(A) \ll N$ .

**Proof.** Let 
$$\phi(A) + U = N$$
 and  $U \le N$ , so  $\phi(m) \in N \forall m \in$   
 $\phi(m) = \phi(a) + u$  with  $a \in A$ ,  $u \in U \to \phi(m) - \phi(a) = u$   
 $\to \phi(m - a) = u \to \phi^{-1}(\phi(m - a)) = \phi^{-1}(u)$   
 $\to m - a \in \phi^{-1}(U) \to m \in A + \phi^{-1}(U)$   
 $\to A + \phi^{-1}(U) = M$  but  $A \ll M$ , hence  $M = \phi^{-1}(U)$   
 $\to \phi(M) = \phi(\phi^{-1}(U)) = U \cap Im(\phi)$  [by theorem 2.1.19]  
 $\to \phi(A) \le \phi(M) \le U$ , hence  $U = \phi(A) = N$ .

**Theorem 1.20** If  $\propto: M \to N$ ,  $\beta N \to K$  modular homomorphism on Rring then  $\ker(\beta \propto) = \alpha^{-1} (\ker(\beta))$ .

**Proof.** Let 
$$x \in \ker(\beta \propto) \rightarrow \beta \propto (x) = 0' \rightarrow (\alpha (x)) = 0' \rightarrow \alpha (x) \in \ker(\beta) \rightarrow x \in \alpha^{-1} (\ker(\beta))$$
. So  $\ker(\beta \propto) \subseteq \alpha^{-1} (\ker(\beta)) \dots (1)$ 

Let 
$$x \in \alpha^{-1} (\ker(\beta)) \to \alpha (x) \in \ker(\beta) \to (\alpha (x)) = 0' \to \beta \propto (x) = 0' \to x \in \ker(\beta \propto)$$
. So  $\alpha^{-1} (\ker(\beta)) \subseteq \ker(\beta \propto) \dots (2)$   
Form (1),(2) $\to \ker(\beta \propto) = \alpha^{-1} (\ker(\beta))$ .

**Theorem 1.21 [2]** If 
$$\alpha: M \to N$$
,  $\beta: N \to K$  modular homomorphism on  
R-ring then if  $A \leq M$  then  $\alpha^{-1} (\alpha(A)) = A + \ker(\alpha)$ .  
**Proof.** Let  $x \in \alpha^{-1} (\alpha(A)) \to \alpha(x) \in \alpha(A)$ .  
Then  $\exists b \in A \ \ni \alpha(x) = \alpha(b)$   
 $\Rightarrow \alpha(x - b) = 0' \to x - b \in \ker(\alpha)$ , then  $\exists k \in \ker(\alpha) \ni x - b = k$   
 $\Rightarrow x = b + k \to x \in A + \ker(\alpha)$  [since  $k \in \ker(\alpha)$ ,  $b \in A$ ]  
So  $\alpha^{-1} (\alpha(A)) \subseteq A + \ker(\alpha) \dots (1)$   
Let  $x \in A + \ker(\alpha)$ , then  $\exists b \in B$ ,  $k \in \ker(\alpha) \ni x = b + k$   
 $\Rightarrow \alpha(x) = \alpha(b + k) \Rightarrow \alpha(x) = \alpha(b) + \alpha(k)$   
 $\Rightarrow \alpha(x) = \alpha(b) [since  $k \in \ker(\alpha)] \Rightarrow x \in \alpha^{-1} (\alpha(A))$   
So  $A + \ker(\alpha) \subseteq \alpha^{-1} (\alpha(A)) \dots (2)$   
So from (1), (2) we get  $\alpha^{-1} (\alpha(A)) = A + \ker(\alpha)$ .$ 

**Theorem 1.22 [3]** If  $\propto: A \to B$ ,  $\beta: B \to C$  are small epimorphism then  $\beta \propto: A \to C$  also small epimorphism.

**Proof.** By theorem  $\beta \propto$  is also epimorphism

Now we must proof ker( $\beta \propto$ )  $\ll A$ 

Let  $U \leq A$  with  $\ker(\beta \propto) + U = A$ , then  $\propto (\ker(\beta \propto) + U) = \propto$ (A)  $\Rightarrow \propto (\ker(\beta \propto)) + \propto (U) = B \Rightarrow \propto (\propto^{-1} \ker(\beta)) + \propto (U) = B$  (by theorem2.1.21).

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**Definition 1.23 [2]** Let  $A \le M$  then  $A - B \le M$  is called addition complement of A in M (briefly adco) iff :

1)A+B=M

2) $B \le M$  minimal in A+B=M, i.e  $\forall B \le M$  with A+B=M, i.e  $\forall U \le M$ with A+U=M and  $U \le B$  imply U=B

 $B - D \le M$  is called intersection complement of A in M (beieflyinco) iff

- $1)A \cap D = 0$
- 2)D is a maximal in  $A \cap D = 0$

i.e.  $\forall C \leq M$  with  $A \cap C = 0 \land D \leq C$  implies C=D.

**Corollary 1.24** Let  $A \le M$  and  $B \le M$  then  $A \oplus B = M \Leftrightarrow B$  is adco and inco of A in M.

**Proof.**  $\Rightarrow$  Suppose that B is addo and inco of A

Then A+B=M resp.  $A \cap B = 0 \implies M = A \oplus B$ 

Let  $C \le M$  with A+C=M and  $C \le B$ ,  $(A + C) \cap B = M \cap B \Longrightarrow$  $(A + C) \cap B = B \to (A \cap B) = C = B \Longrightarrow C = B[A \cap B = 0]$ 

So B is adco of A in M

Let  $C \leq M$  with  $A \cap C = 0$  and  $B \leq C$ 

Since A+B=M $\Rightarrow$ A+C=M [since A + B  $\subseteq$  A + C]

 $\rightarrow A \oplus C = M \Longrightarrow A \oplus C = A \oplus B [A \oplus B = M$  by assumption]

$$\frac{A \oplus C}{A} = \frac{A \oplus B}{A} \Longrightarrow C = B \longrightarrow$$
 so B is inco of A in M.

**Lemma 1.25 [3]** Let M=A+B, then we have B is addo of A in M  $\Leftrightarrow$   $A \cap B \ll B$ .

**Proof.** 
$$\Rightarrow$$
 let  $U \leq B (A \cap B) + U = B$ 

Then 
$$M = A + (A \cap B) + U \Longrightarrow A + U = M$$
 [since  $A \cap B \subseteq A$ ]

But B is so  $A \cap B \ll B$ 

 $\leftarrow \text{We have by assumption } M=A+B \text{ , let } U \leq M \text{ with } A+U=M \text{ and } U \leq B$ 

 $\rightarrow (A + U) \cap B = M \cap B \rightarrow (A + U) \cap B = B [B \le M] \rightarrow (A + B) \cap U = B [by modular law]$ 

But  $A \cap B \ll B$ , hence U=B, thus B is adco to A in M.

# CHAPTER TWO

## 1. R-annihilator-small submodules

**Definition 2.1.1 [3]** A submodule N of a module M is called R- a-small, if N + X = M, X a submodule of M implies that  $ann_R X = 0$ , we write  $N \ll^a M$  in this

case .

#### [3] Examples 2.1.2

(*i*) In Z as Z module every proper submodule is Z-a-small. Let nZ be a proper submodule in  $Z \ni n \neq \mp 1$ , and let mZ be a submodule of Z such that nZ+mZ=Z. We have  $ann_ZmZ = \{r \in Z | ra = 0 \quad \forall a \in mZ\}$  where  $a=m.b \quad \exists b \in Z$ . So  $ann_ZmZ = \{0\}$ , and hence nZ is Z-a-small submodule. In particular  $\{0\}$  is a-small submodule in Z as Z-module.

(*ii*) {0} is a small in  $Z_4$  as Z-module, but we have  $0 + Z_4 = Z_4$  with  $annZ_4 = 4Z \neq 0$  so {0} is not a-small submodule in  $Z_4$ .

**Proposition 2.1.3 [4]** Let A and B be submodule of M such that  $A \leq B$ , if  $A \ll^a B$  then  $A \ll^a M$ .

**Proof.** Let M=A+X, where  $X \le M$ , by modular law, we have  $M \cap B = (A + X) \cap B$ ,  $B=A+(X \cap B)$ . Since  $A \ll^a B$ , then  $ann(X \cap B)=0$  but  $X \cap B \subseteq X$ ,  $annX \subseteq annX \cap B = 0$  then annX = 0, thus  $A \ll^a M$ .

**Proposition 2.1.4 [2]** Let A and B be submodules of M such that  $A \le B$ , if  $B \ll^a M$  then  $A \ll^a M$ .

**Proof.** Let M=A+X, where  $X \le M$ . Then M=B+X. Since  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $A + X \subseteq B + X$  so  $M \subseteq B + X$  but  $B + X \subseteq M$ , thus M=B+X. Since  $B \ll^a M$ , then ann X=0.

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**Corollary 2.1.5** Let  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$ ,  $I = \{1, 2, 3, ..., n\}$  be a family of submodules of a module M. If  $A_t \ll^a M$  then  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \ll^a M$  for some  $t \in I$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} A_i = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap ... \cap A_t \cap ... \cap A_n \le A_t$ , and  $A_t \ll^a M$ So by Proposition 2.1.4, we get  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} A_i \ll^a M$ .

**Proposition 2.1.6 [3]** Let M and N be two R-modules and f:M $\rightarrow$ N be an epimorphism if  $H \ll^a N$  then  $f^{-1}(H) \ll^a M$ .

**Proof.** Let  $M = f^{-1}(H) + X$ , since f is an epimorphism, N=H+f(X). But  $H \ll^a N$  therefore ann f(X)=0. To prove ann  $X \subseteq$  ann f(X). Let r∈annX, then rX=0, for all x∈X, so f(rX)=f(0)=0, So f(rX)=0, but f(rX)=rf(X), then rf(X)=0 for all x∈X, then r∈annf(X). Hence annX=0.

### Notes 2.1.7

(*i*) Let f:M $\rightarrow$ N be an epimorphism, the image of R-a-small submodule of M need not be R-a-small in N as the following example shows : Consider the natural epimorphism  $\pi: Z \rightarrow Z_4$ . Since {0} is a-small in Z as Z-module but  $\pi(0) = \overline{0}$  is not a-small in  $Z_4$  as Z-module, since  $\overline{0} + Z_{4=}Z_4$  but  $annZ_4 = 4Z \neq 0$ .

(*ii*) The sum of two R-a-small submodules of a module M need not be R-a-small submodule for example. In Z as Z-module, 2Z and 3Z are a-small submodules but 2Z+3Z=Z is not a-small in itself.

**Theorem 2.1.8 [3]** Let M be a faithful module if  $N \ll M$ , then  $N \ll^a M$ .

**Proof.** Let  $X \le M$  such that N+X=M. Since  $N \ll M$  implies that X=M, hence annX=annM. But M is faithful, annM=0, thus annX=0, therefore  $N \ll^a M$ .

**Proposition 2.1.9** Let M be a module and  $A \le B$  be submodules of M, then  $ann_R B \subseteq ann_R A$ .

**Proof**. Let  $r \in ann_R B$ , then r.a=0, for all  $a \in B$ , but we have  $A \leq B$ , hence r.a = 0 for all  $a \in A$ , therefore  $r \in ann_R A$ .

The following example show the application of previous proposition.

In  $Z_{12}$  as Z-module,  $\langle 4 \rangle = \{\overline{0}, \overline{4}, \overline{8}\}, \langle 2 \rangle = \{\overline{0}, \overline{2}, \overline{4}, \overline{6}, \overline{8}, \overline{10}\}$   $ann_{Z_{12}}\langle 4 \rangle = \{\overline{0}, \overline{3}, \overline{6}, ...\} = 3Z$   $ann_{Z_{12}}\langle 2 \rangle = \{\overline{0}, \overline{6}, ...\} = 6Z$  but  $6Z \subseteq 3Z$ This means  $ann_{Z_{12}}\langle 2 \rangle \subseteq ann_{Z_{12}}\langle 4 \rangle$ .

**Proposition 2.1.10 [3]** Let  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$  be modules, if  $K_1 \ll^a M_1$  and  $K_2 \ll^a M_2$ , then  $K_1 \oplus K_2 \ll^a M_1 \oplus M_2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $P_i: M_1 \oplus M_2 \longrightarrow M_i$ , i = 1,2 be the projection maps. Since  $K_1 \ll^a M_1$ ,  $K_2 \ll^a M_2$ , (by proposition 2.1.6)  $K_1 \oplus M_2 = P_1^{-1}(K_1) \ll^a M_1 \oplus M_2$  and  $M_1 \oplus K_2 = P_2^{-1}(K_2) \ll^a M_1 \oplus M_2$  (by proposition 2.1.7)  $(K_1 \oplus M_2) \cap (M_1 \oplus K_2) = K_1 \oplus K_2 \ll^a M_1 \oplus M_2$  (by corollary 2.1.5).

Let M be a module over an integral domain R. Define the set  $T(M) = \{m \in M | rm = 0 \text{ for some } (r \neq 0) \in R\}$ . If T(M)=M, then M is called torsion, if T(M)=0 then M is called torsion free.

**Remark 2.1.11**[5] Let R be an integral domain and let M be a torsion free module then every proper submodule of M is R-a-small in M .

**Proposition 2.1.12** Let N and K be two submodules of a module M then  $ann(N + K) = annN \cap annK$ .

**Proof.** Since  $N \subseteq N + K$ ,  $K \subseteq N + K$ ,  $ann(N + K) \subseteq annN$ , and  $ann(N + K) \subseteq annK$ . Let  $r \in ann N$  and  $r \in ann K$  ra = 0 for all  $a \in N$  and r.b = 0. For all  $b \in K r(a+b)=0$  for all  $a \in N$  and  $b \in K$ , then  $r \in ann(N+K)$ , so ann  $N \cap annK \subseteq ann(N + K)$  ...(2) from 1 and 2 we get  $ann(N+K)=annN \cap annK$ .

**Proposition 2.1.13 [1]** Let M be a faithful *R*-module, N be a submodule of M such that  $annN \leq^{e} R$ , then  $N \ll^{a} M$ .

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**Proof.** Let M=N+K ,then 0=ann M=ann (N+K) ann (N+K)=ann N  $\cap$  ann K, by proposition 2.1.12, then 0=ann N  $\cap$  ann K, but ann N $\leq^{e}$ R therefor annK=0 thus N $\ll^{a}$ M.

**Proposition 2.1.14 [1]** Let R be an integral domain, let M be a faithful R-module, then every submodule N of M with  $annN \neq 0$  is R-a-small.

**Proof.** Assume that M=N+K, then 0=annM=ann(N+K)=annN $\cap$ annK, since annN $\neq$ 0 and R is an integral domain, then annN $\leq^{e}$ R. Therefor annK=0. Thus N is R-a-small.

**Proposition 2.1.15** Let R be an integral domain and M be a faithful and torsion module, every finitely generated submodule N of M is R-a-small.

**Proof.** Let  $N=Rx_1 + Rx_2 + \dots + Rx_n$  be a submodule of M and M=N+K. Then  $0=annM=ann(N+K)=annN \cap annK = (ann(Rx_1 + Rx_2 + \dots + Rx_n)) \cap annK = (\bigcap_{i=1}^n annRx_i) \cap annK$ . Since M is torsion, then  $annRx_i \neq 0$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., n. But R is an integral domain, there for  $annRx_i$  is essential in R, for all *i*, hence  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n annRx_i = annK=0$ . Thus  $N \ll^a M$ .

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# 2. Characterizations of R-a-small submodules

**Proposition 2.2.1[1]** Let M be a finitely generated module and  $K \ll^a M$ , then  $K + Rad(M) + Z(M) \ll^a M$ .

**Proof.** Let  $M = Rm_1 + Rm_2 + \dots + Rm_n$ ,  $m_i \in M$ ,  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ 

and M=K+Rad(M)+Z(M)+X. Since M is finitely generated. Then  $Rad(M) \ll M$ , and hence M=K+Z(M)+X. So  $m_i = k_i + z_i + x_i$ ,  $k_i \in K$ ,  $x_i \in X$ ,  $z_i \in Z(M)$ ,  $\forall i = 1, 2, ..., n$ 

 $M = K + Rz_1 + Rz_2 + \dots + Rz_n + X$  , but  $K \ll^a M$  , therefore

 $ann(Rz_1 + Rz_2 + \dots + Rz_n + X) = 0$ . Hence  $(\bigcap_{i=1}^n ann(Rz_i)) \cap$ annX = 0 since  $z_i \in Z(M)$ ,  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then  $ann(z_i) \leq^e R$ ,  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and hence  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n ann(z_i) \leq^e R$ . So annX=0

Thus  $K + Rad(M) + Z(M) \ll^{a} M$ .

**Proposition 2.2.2 [3]** Let M be a module and  $K \ll^a M$ . If  $Rad(M) \ll M$  and Z(M) is finitely generated, then  $K + Rad(M) + Z(M) \ll^a M$ .

**Theorem 2.2.3 [2]** Let  $M = \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} RX_{\alpha}$  be a module and  $K \in M$ , then the following statements are equivalent :

(*i*)  $Rk \ll^{a} M$ .

 $(ii) \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} ann(x_{\alpha} - r_{\alpha}k) = 0 \ \forall r_{\alpha} \in R.$ 

**Proof.** (*i*) $\rightarrow$ (*ii*) Let  $r_{\alpha} \in R$  for each  $\propto \in \wedge$  then  $x_{\alpha} = x_{\alpha} - r_{\alpha}k + r_{\alpha}k$ ,  $\forall \propto \in \wedge$ , then  $M = \sum_{\alpha \in \wedge} R(x_{\alpha} - r_{\alpha}k) + Rk$  since  $Rk \ll \ll^{a} M$  then  $0 = ann(\sum_{\alpha \in \wedge} R(x_{\alpha} - r_{\alpha}k)) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \wedge} annR(x_{\alpha} - r_{\alpha}k)$ (*ii*) $\rightarrow$  (*i*) Let M=RK+B. then for each  $\propto \in \wedge . x_{\alpha} = r_{\alpha}k + b_{\alpha}$   $r_{\alpha} \in R$  and  $b_{\alpha} \in B$ . Now let  $tx_{\alpha} = tr_{\alpha}k + tb_{\alpha}$ , since  $tb_{\alpha} = 0$  then  $t(x_{\alpha} - r_{\alpha}k) = 0$ ,  $\forall \propto \in \wedge$  so  $t \in ann(x_{\alpha} - r_{\alpha}k) = 0$ ,  $\forall \propto \in \wedge$ . Hence  $t \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \wedge} ann(x_{\alpha} - r_{\alpha}k) = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.2.4 [5]** Let R be a commutative ring, and  $M = \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} Rx_{\alpha}$  be a module and  $k \in M$  then the following statements are equivalent":

(*i*)  $Rk \ll^{a} M$ 

 $(ii) \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} ann(x_{\alpha} - r_{\alpha}k) = 0 \quad \forall r_{\alpha} \in R$ 

(*iii*) there exists  $\propto \in \land$  such that  $bx_{\propto} \notin Rbk \quad \forall 0 \neq b \in R$ .

**Proof.**  $(i) \rightarrow (ii)$  By Theorem 2.2.3.

 $(ii) \rightarrow (iii)$  "Let  $0 \neq b \in R$ , assume that  $bx_{\alpha} \in Rbk$ ,  $\forall_{\alpha} \in \Lambda$  then  $bx_{\alpha}$  let  $0 \neq b \in R$ . There for  $b \in ann(x_{\alpha} - x_{\alpha}k)$ ,  $\forall_{\alpha} \in \Lambda$  and hence  $0 \neq b \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} ann(x_{\alpha} - r_{\alpha}k) = 0$  which is a contradiction.

 $(iii) \rightarrow (ii)$  let  $b \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} ann (x_{\alpha} - r_{\alpha}k)$  and hence  $b \in ann(x_{\alpha} - x_{\alpha}k) \quad \forall \alpha \in \Lambda$ . there for  $bx_{\alpha} = r_{\alpha}bk$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in \Lambda$ . so  $bx_{\alpha} \in Rbk \quad \forall_{\alpha} \in \Lambda$ . By our assumption, b=0.

**Theorem 2.2.5 [2]** Let R be a commutative ring, and let  $M = \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} Rx_{\alpha}$  be a module and  $K \leq M$  then the following statements are equivalent:

(i)  $K \ll^a M$ 

 $(ii) \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} annR (x_{\alpha} - k_{\alpha}) = 0$ ,  $\forall k_{\alpha} \in K$ 

**Proof.** (*i*) $\rightarrow$ (*ii*) let  $k_{\alpha} \in K \forall \alpha \in \wedge$  then  $x_{\alpha} = x_{\alpha} - k_{\alpha} + k_{\alpha}$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in \wedge$ and hence  $M = \sum_{\alpha \in \wedge} R(x_{\alpha} - k_{\alpha}) + k$ . But  $k \ll^{a} M$ , therefor

 $0=\operatorname{ann}(\sum_{\alpha\in\Lambda}R(x_{\alpha}-k_{\alpha}))=\bigcap_{\alpha\in\Lambda}\operatorname{ann}R(x_{\alpha}-k_{\alpha})$ 

 $(ii) \rightarrow (i)$  let M=K+A. then for each  $\propto \in \land$ ,  $x_{\alpha} = k_{\alpha} + a_{\alpha}$ ,  $a_{\alpha} \in A$ ,  $k_{\alpha} \in A$ 

Hence  $a_{\alpha} = x_{\alpha} - k_{\alpha}$ , for each  $\propto \in \Lambda$ , so  $M = \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} R(x_{\alpha} - k_{\alpha}) + k$ 

Now let  $t \in annA$  there for  $t(x_{\alpha} - k_{\alpha}) = 0$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in \Lambda$  so  $t \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} annR(x_{\alpha} - k_{\alpha}) = 0$  thus annA = 0 and  $k \ll^{a} M$ .

**Definition 2.2.6 [3]** Let M be an R-module and  $k \in M$ , we say that k is R-a-small in M if  $Rk \ll^a M$ . Let  $k_m = \{k \in M | Rk \ll^a M\}$ .

**Example 2.2.7** In Z as Z-module we know that every proper submodule is R-a-small, this implies the set all R-a-small elements are  $Z|\{-1,1\}$ .

#### Notes 2.2.8 [5]

(*i*) That  $Z(M) \subseteq k_M$  and rad  $(M) \subseteq k_M$ , when *M* is finitely generated and faithful.

(*ii*)  $k_M$  is not closed under addition in general. For example consider Z as Z- module the sum of R-a-small need not be R-a-small. clearly that  $3Z \ll^a Z$  and  $2Z \ll^a Z$  but Z=3Z+2Z is not R-a-small in Z.

**Remark 2.2.9** Let M be a module and  $k \in k_M$ , then  $Rk \subseteq k_m$ .

**Proof.** Let  $r \in R$  clearly that  $Rrk \subseteq Rk \ll^a M$  by proposition (2.1.4)  $Rrk \ll^a M$  and hence  $rk \in K_M$  thus  $Rk \subseteq K_M$ .

**Remark 2.2.10 [4]** Let M be a module and  $A \ll^a M$  then  $A \subseteq K_M$ . Let  $x \in A$ , then  $Rx \subseteq K \ll^a M$  and hence  $Rx \ll^a M$  by proposition (2.1.4) Thus  $x \in K_M$  as we have seen, the sum of R-a-small submodules need not be R-a-small (consider 3Z+2Z in Z).

**Definition 2.2.11 [1]** Let M be a module and let R-a-small submodule  $A_M$  of M be the sum of R-a-small submodule of M. If M has no R-a-small submodule, we write  $A_M = M$ . It is clear that  $K_M \subseteq A_M$  in every module, but this may not be equality (consider Z as Z-module).

**Proposition 2.2.12 [2]** Let M be a module such that  $K_M \neq \emptyset$  then : (*i*)  $A_M$  is a submodule of M,  $A_M$  contains all R-a-small submodule of M. (*ii*)  $A_M = \{k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_n | k_i \in K_M \text{ for each } i, n \ge 1\}$ . (*iii*)  $A_M$  is generated by  $K_M$ . (*iv*) If M finitely generated, then Rad (M)  $\subseteq A_M$  and  $Z(M) \subseteq A_M$ .

**Proposition 2.2.13 [5]** Let M be a module such that  $K_M \neq \emptyset$  then the following are equivalent:

(i)  $K_M$  is closed under addition, that is a finite sum of R-a-small elements is R-a-small.

 $(ii) A_M = K_M.$ 

**Proof.** (*i*) $\rightarrow$ (*ii*) let  $k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_n \in A_M, k_i \in K_i$  and  $K_i \ll^a M$ ,  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ Then  $RK_i \ll^a M$  by proposition (2.1.4) hence  $K_i \in K_M \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . By our assumption,  $k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_n \in K_M$ , thus  $A_M = K_M$ . (*ii*) $\rightarrow$ (*i*) assume that  $A_M = K_M$  and let  $x, y \in K_M$  since  $K_M \subseteq A_M$ , then  $x, y \in A_M$ . But  $A_M$  is a submodule of M by proposition (2.2.11). Therefor  $x + y \in A_M = K_M$  thus  $K_M$  is closed under addition.

**Proposition 2.2.14 [3]** Let M be a module such that  $K_M \neq \emptyset$  consider the following statements :

(i)  $A_M \ll^a M$ . (ii) If  $K \ll^a M$  and  $L \ll^a M$  then  $K + L \ll^a M$ . (iii)  $K_M$  is closed under addition, that is the sum of R-a-small elements is R-a-small. (iv) $A_M = K_M$ .

Then  $(i) \rightarrow (ii) \leftrightarrow (iii) \leftrightarrow (iv)$ , if M is finitely generated  $(i) \leftrightarrow (ii)$ .

**Proof.** (*i*)  $\rightarrow$  (*ii*) Assume that  $A_M \ll^a M$  and let K and L be R-a-small submodule of M, then  $K + L \subseteq A_M$ . But  $A_M \ll^a M$  therefor  $K + L \ll^a M$  by proposition (2.1.4) (*iii*) $\rightarrow$ (*iv*) by proposition (2.2.12) To show that (*ii*) $\rightarrow$ (*i*) Let  $M = R_{m_1} + R_{m_2} + \dots + R_{m_n}$  and let  $M = A_M + X$  then  $m_i = a_i + x_i$ ,  $a_i \in A_M$  and  $x_i \in X$ ,  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  there for  $M = \sum_{i=1}^n Ra_i + X$  since  $a_i \in A_M$ ,  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n \in A_M$  hence  $Ra_i \ll^a M$ ,  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  (by our assumption)  $\sum_{i=1}^n Ra_i \ll^a M$ . So annX=0.

**Proposition 2.2.15 [1]** Let M be a finitely generated module such that  $A_M \ll^a M$  then:

(*i*)  $A_M$  is the unique largest R-a- small submodule of M (*ii*)  $A_M = \cap \{W | W \text{ maximal submodule of } M \text{ with } A_M \subseteq W\}$ 

**Proof.**(*ii*) Let  $a \in \cap \{W | W \text{ maximal submodule of } M \text{ with } A_M \subseteq W\}$ Claim that  $Ra \ll^a M$  assume not, then M=Ra+X,  $X \leq M$  and  $annX \neq 0$ . Since  $A_M \ll^a M$ , then  $M \neq A_M + X$ . but M is finitely generated then there exist a maximal submodule such that  $A_M + X \subseteq B$ . Now, if  $a \in B$  we get B=M which is a contradiction so  $a \notin B$ . But  $a \in \cap \{W | W \text{ maximal submodule of } M \text{ with } A_M \subseteq W\}$ which is a contradiction. Thus  $Ra \ll^a M$  and hence  $a \in A_M$ .

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