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## DEDICATION

I dedicate this humble to cry resounding silence in the sky to the martyrs of Iraq wounded. Also, I dedicate my father treasured, also I dedicate to my supervisor Dr. Tha'ar Younis Ghawi. Finally, to everyone who seek knowledge, I dedicate this humble work.

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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 $\mathrm{S}=\mathrm{End}(\mathrm{M})$. A submodule K of M is called annihilator - small if $\mathrm{K}+\mathrm{T}=\mathrm{M}$, T a submodule of M , implies that $r_{s}(T)=0$, where $r_{s}$ indicates the right annihilator of $T$ over $S=\operatorname{End}(M)$, where $r_{s}(T)=\{f \in S \mid f(T)=0 \quad \forall t \in T\}$.

These observation lead us to introduce the following concept. A submodule N of an R -module M is called R -annihilator small if $\mathrm{N}+\mathrm{T}=\mathrm{M}, \mathrm{T}$ a submodule of $M$, implies that $\operatorname{ann}_{R}(T)=0$, where $\operatorname{ann}_{R}(T)=$ $\{r \in R \mid r . T=0\}$. In fact, the set $K_{M}$ of all elements $K$ such that $R K$ 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.

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## Background of Modules

Definition 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 $\quad \mathrm{N}+\mathrm{K}=\mathrm{M}$ implies that $\mathrm{K}=\mathrm{M}$.

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

Theorem 1.3 [3] $A \ll M \Leftrightarrow \forall \mathrm{U} \leq_{\neq} M\left(A+\mathrm{U} \leq_{\neq} M\right)$.
Proof. $\Rightarrow$ Let $A \ll M$ [we will proof by using contradiction] and since $A \leq M$ then $\mathrm{U}=\mathrm{M}$. Suppose $\exists U \leq M \ni A+U=M$, and since $A \leq M$ then $\mathrm{U}=\mathrm{M}$ and this is contradiction $(\mathrm{U}=\mathrm{M})$. So $\forall U \leq M(A+U \leq M)$.
$\Longleftarrow$ Suppose $A M$, then $\exists U \leq_{\neq} M \ni A+U=M$. And this is a contradiction. Then $\mathrm{U}=\mathrm{M}$, so $A \leq M$.

Theorem $1.4[1] M \neq 0, A \ll M \Longrightarrow A \neq M$.
Proof. Let $M \neq 0 \wedge A \ll M$ [We will proof it by using contradiction] Suppose $\mathrm{A}=\mathrm{M}$, then $\mathrm{A}+0=\mathrm{M}$, but $A<M$ so $\mathrm{M}=0$ and that is contradiction $\rightarrow \operatorname{so} A \neq M$.

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

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 $\mathrm{N}+\mathrm{K}=\mathrm{M}$.

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\Rightarrow \mathrm{K}=\mathrm{M} \text { but } N \cap K=0 \text { so } N \cap M=0 \Rightarrow N=0
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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 $\left\langle x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right\rangle$ of X with $\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i} \propto_{i}=0, \forall \propto_{i} \in R$ then $\propto_{i}=0, \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$.

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

1) $M$ has basis.
2) $M=\oplus_{\forall i \in I} A_{i} \wedge \forall i \in I\left[A_{i} \equiv R_{R}\right]$.

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

Example 1.10 Z as Z-module is free since $\langle 1\rangle=\mathrm{Z}$ $\langle 1\rangle=\{1 . a \mid a \in Z\}=\{\ldots,-3,-2,-1,0,1,2,3, \ldots\}$

And $\forall \propto \in Z, \propto .1=0 \Rightarrow \propto=0$.

Theorem 2.1.11 In a free Z-module ( 0 ) is only submodule.
Proof. Let $F=\oplus_{i \in I} x_{i} \mathrm{Z}$ be a free Z-module with basis $\left\{X_{i} \mid i \in I\right\}$ $A \leq F, a \in A$ and let $\propto=x_{i 1} z_{1}+\cdots+x_{i m} z_{m}, z_{i} \in Z$, with $\quad z_{1} \neq 0$ let $n \in Z$ with g.c.d $\left(z_{1}, n\right)=1$ and $n<1$

Put $U=\oplus x_{i} Z+x_{i n} Z$, then $\mathrm{aZ}+\mathrm{U}=\mathrm{F}$, hence $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{U}=\mathrm{F}$ 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 .

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 $\mathbf{1 . 1 4}$ [2] Every finitely generating submodule of $Q_{z}$ is small in $Q_{z}$.

Proof. Let $N \leq Q_{z}$ be a finitely generating submodule, so $\exists\left\{q_{1}, q_{2}, \ldots, q_{n}\right\} \subseteq Q$ such that $N=\left\langle q_{1}, q_{2}, \ldots, q_{n}\right\rangle$ Let $K \leq Q_{z}$ with $Q_{z}=\left\langle\left\langle q_{1}, q_{2}, \ldots, q_{n}\right\rangle \cup K\right\rangle$, so by the proposition $\Rightarrow \mathrm{Q}=\mathrm{Z} \Rightarrow \mathrm{N}$ is small.

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

Lemma 1.16 If $A \leq B \leq M \leq N$ and $B \ll M \Rightarrow A \ll N$.
Proof. Let $U \leq N$, let $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{U}=\mathrm{N}$ [we must proof that $\mathrm{U}=\mathrm{N}$ ] Since $A \leq B$ then $B+U=N \Rightarrow(B+U) \cap M=N \cap M \Rightarrow B+$ $(U \cap M)=M($ by modular law $)$

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

Theorem 1.17
$A_{i} \ll M, \quad i=1,2, \ldots, n \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{i} \ll M$

Proof. Let $A_{i} \ll M, \mathrm{i}=1,2, \ldots, \mathrm{n}$
If $\mathrm{i}=1, A_{1}+U=M \Rightarrow U=M$ (by hypothesis) $\rightarrow\left[A_{i} \ll M\right]$

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\text { If } \mathrm{i}=2, A_{1}+A_{2}+U=M \rightarrow A_{1}+\left(A_{2}+U\right)=M
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 Since $A_{2} \ll M \Rightarrow U=M$, so $\sum_{i=1}^{2} A_{i} \ll M$ Let it be true at $\mathrm{n}-1$, and we will proof it at nLet $A=A_{1}+A_{2}+\cdots+A_{n-1} \leq M \leq \rightarrow A+A_{n}+U=M$
Then $A_{n}+U=M[$ since $A \ll M]$, then $\mathrm{U}=\mathrm{M}$ [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 $\Leftrightarrow k a r \propto$ $\ll A$.

If $\propto: M \rightarrow N$ modular homomorphism on R-ring then if $B \leq N$ then $\propto$

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\left(\alpha^{-1}(B)\right)=B \cap \operatorname{Im}(\alpha) .
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Theorem $1.19[1]$ If $A \ll M$ and $\emptyset \in \operatorname{Hom}(M, N) \Rightarrow \emptyset(A) \ll N$.
Proof. Let $\emptyset(A)+U=N$ and $U \leq N$, so $\emptyset(m) \in N \forall m \in$ $\emptyset(m)=\emptyset(a)+u \quad$ with $a \in A, u \in U \rightarrow \emptyset(m)-\emptyset(a)=u$
$\rightarrow \emptyset(m-a)=u \rightarrow \emptyset^{-1}(\varnothing(m-a))=\emptyset^{-1}(u)$
$\rightarrow m-a \in \emptyset^{-1}(U) \rightarrow m \in A+\emptyset^{-1}(U)$
$\rightarrow A+\emptyset^{-1}(U)=M$ but $A \ll M$,hence $M=\emptyset^{-1}(U)$
$\rightarrow \varnothing(M)=\varnothing\left(\varnothing^{-1}(U)\right)=U \cap \operatorname{Im}(\varnothing) \quad[b y$ theorem 2.1.19]
$\rightarrow \emptyset(A) \leq \emptyset(M) \leq U$, hence $U=\varnothing(A)=N$.

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

Proof. Let $x \in \operatorname{ker}(\beta \propto) \rightarrow \beta \propto(x)=0^{\prime} \rightarrow(\alpha(x))=0^{\prime} \rightarrow \alpha(x) \in$ $\operatorname{ker}(\beta) \rightarrow x \in \propto^{-1}(\operatorname{ker}(\beta))$. So $\operatorname{ker}(\beta \propto) \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(\operatorname{ker}(\beta)) \ldots(1)$

Let $x \in \alpha^{-1}(\operatorname{ker}(\beta)) \rightarrow \alpha(x) \in \operatorname{ker}(\beta) \rightarrow(\alpha(x))=0^{\prime} \rightarrow \beta \propto(x)=$ $0^{\prime} \rightarrow x \in \operatorname{ker}(\beta \propto)$. So $\alpha^{-1}(\operatorname{ker}(\beta)) \subseteq \operatorname{ker}(\beta \propto) \ldots$ (2)

Form (1),(2) $\rightarrow \operatorname{ker}(\beta \alpha)=\alpha^{-1}(\operatorname{ker}(\beta))$.

Theorem 1.21 [2] If $\propto: M \rightarrow N, \beta: N \rightarrow K$ modular homomorphism on R-ring then if $A \leq M$ then $\alpha^{-1}(\propto(A))=A+\operatorname{ker}(\alpha)$.

Proof. Let $x \in \propto^{-1}(\propto(A)) \rightarrow \propto(x) \in \propto(A)$.
Then $\exists b \in A \quad \ni \propto(x)=\propto(b)$
$\rightarrow \propto(x-b)=0^{\prime} \rightarrow x-b \in \operatorname{ker}(\propto)$, then $\exists k \in \operatorname{ker}(\propto) \ni x-b=k$
$\rightarrow x=b+k \rightarrow x \in A+\operatorname{ker}(\propto) \quad[$ since $k \in \operatorname{ker}(\propto), b \in A]$

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\begin{equation*}
\text { So } \propto^{-1}(\propto(A)) \subseteq A+\operatorname{ker}(\propto) . \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
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Let $x \in A+\operatorname{ker}(\propto)$, then $\exists b \in B, k \in \operatorname{ker}(\propto) \ni x=b+k$
$\rightarrow \alpha(x)=\alpha(b+k) \rightarrow \alpha(x)=\alpha(b)+\propto(k)$
$\rightarrow \propto(x)=\propto(b)[$ since $k \in \operatorname{ker}(\propto)] \rightarrow x \in \propto^{-1}(\propto(A))$

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\begin{equation*}
\text { So } A+\operatorname{ker}(\alpha) \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(\propto(A)) \ldots \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
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So from (1), (2) we get $\propto^{-1}(\propto(A))=A+\operatorname{ker}(\alpha)$.

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

Proof. By theorem $\beta \propto$ is also epimorphism
Now we must proof $\operatorname{ker}(\beta \propto) \ll A$
Let $U \leq A$ with $\operatorname{ker}(\beta \propto)+U=A$, then $\propto(\operatorname{ker}(\beta \alpha)+U)=\propto$ $(A) \Rightarrow \alpha(\operatorname{ker}(\beta \propto))+\alpha(U)=B \Rightarrow \alpha\left(\alpha^{-1} \operatorname{ker}(\beta)\right)+\alpha(U)=B$ (by theorem2.1.21).

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$\Rightarrow \operatorname{ker}(\beta)+\alpha(U)=B$, but $\operatorname{ker}(\beta) \ll B \Rightarrow \alpha(U)=B \Rightarrow \alpha(U)=\alpha$ $(A) \Rightarrow \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(U))=\alpha^{-1}(\alpha(A)) \Rightarrow U+\operatorname{ker}(\propto)=A$ (by theorem 2.1.22). But $\operatorname{ker}(\alpha) \leq A \Rightarrow U=A$.

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

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\text { 1) } A+B=M
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2) $B \leq M$ minimal in $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{B}=\mathrm{M}$, i.e $\forall B \leq M$ with $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{B}=\mathrm{M}$, i.e $\forall U \leq M$ with $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{U}=\mathrm{M}$ and $U \leq B$ imply $\mathrm{U}=\mathrm{B}$
$B-D \leq M$ is called intersection complement of A in M (beieflyinco) iff

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\text { 1) } A \cap D=0
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2) D is a maximal in $A \cap D=0$
i.e. $\forall C \leq M$ with $A \cap C=0 \wedge D \leq C$ implies $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{D}$.

Corollary 1.24 Let $A \leq M$ and $B \leq M$ then $A \oplus B=M \Leftrightarrow \mathrm{~B}$ is adco and inco of A in M .

Proof. $\Rightarrow$ Suppose that B is adco and inco of A
Then $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{B}=\mathrm{M}$ resp. $A \cap B=0 \Rightarrow M=A \oplus B$
$\Leftarrow$ Suppose that $A \oplus B=M$, hence $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{B}=\mathrm{M}$ and $A \cap B=0$
Let $C \leq M$ with $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{M}$ and $C \leq B,(A+C) \cap B=M \cap B \Rightarrow$ $(A+C) \cap B=B \rightarrow(A \cap B)=C=B \Rightarrow C=B[A \cap B=0]$

So $B$ is adco of $A$ in $M$
Let $C \leq M$ with $A \cap C=0$ and $B \leq C$ Since $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{B}=\mathrm{M} \Rightarrow \mathrm{A}+\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{M}[$ since $A+B \subseteq A+C]$
$\rightarrow A \oplus C=M \Rightarrow A \oplus C=A \oplus B[A \oplus B=M$ by assumption $]$

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\frac{A \oplus C}{A}=\frac{A \oplus B}{A} \Rightarrow C=B \rightarrow \text { so } \mathrm{B} \text { is inco of } \mathrm{A} \text { in } \mathrm{M} \text {. }
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Lemma 1.25 [3] Let $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{B}$, then we have B is adco of A in $\mathrm{M} \Leftrightarrow$ $A \cap B \ll B$.

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\text { Proof. } \Rightarrow \text { let } U \leq B(A \cap B)+U=B
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Then $M=A+(A \cap B)+U \Longrightarrow A+U=M[\operatorname{since} A \cap B \subseteq A]$
But B is so $A \cap B \ll B$
$\Longleftarrow$ We have by assumption $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{B}$, let $U \leq M$ with $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{U}=\mathrm{M}$ and $U \leq$ B
$\rightarrow(A+U) \cap B=M \cap B \rightarrow(A+U) \cap B=B[B \leq M] \rightarrow(A+B) \cap$ $U=B$ [by modular law]

But $A \cap B \ll B$, hence $\mathrm{U}=\mathrm{B}$, 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 $a n n_{R} \mathrm{X}=0$, 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 $n \mathrm{Z}$ be a proper submodule in $\mathrm{Z} \ni n \neq \mp 1$, and let $m \mathrm{Z}$ be a submodule of Z such that $\mathrm{nZ}+\mathrm{mZ}=\mathrm{Z}$. We have $a n n_{Z} m Z=\{r \in Z \mid r a=0 \quad \forall a \in m Z\}$ where $\quad \mathrm{a}=\mathrm{m} . \mathrm{b} \quad \ni \mathrm{b} \in \mathrm{Z}$. So $a n n_{Z} m Z=\{0\}$, and hence $n Z$ 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 $\operatorname{ann} Z_{4}=4 Z \neq 0$ 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 $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{X}$, where $X \leq M$, by modular law, we have $M \cap B=$ $(A+X) \cap B, B=\mathrm{A}+(\mathrm{X} \cap \mathrm{B})$. Since $A \ll^{a} B$, then ann $(\mathrm{X} \cap \mathrm{B})=0$ but $X \cap B \subseteq$ $X, a n n X \subseteq a n n X \cap B=0$ then $a n n X=0$, thus $A \ll^{a} M$.

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

Proof. Let $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{X}$, where $X \leq M$. Then $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{B}+\mathrm{X}$. Since $A \subseteq B$, then $A+X \subseteq B+X$ so $M \subseteq B+X$ but $B+X \subseteq M$, thus $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{B}+\mathrm{X}$. Since $B \ll^{a} M$, then annX=0.

Corollary 2.1.5 Let $\left\{A_{i}\right\}_{i \in I}, I=\{1,2,3, \ldots, n\}$ 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 $\cap_{i=1}^{n} A_{i}=A_{1} \cap A_{2} \cap \ldots \cap A_{t} \cap \ldots \cap A_{n} \leq A_{t}$, and $A_{t}<{ }^{a} M$ 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 $\mathrm{f}: \mathrm{M} \rightarrow \mathrm{N}$ be an epimorphism if $H<^{a} N$ then $f^{-1}(H) \ll^{a} M$.

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

## Notes 2.1.7

(i) Let $\mathrm{f}: \mathrm{M} \rightarrow \mathrm{N}$ be an epimorphism, the image of R - a -small submodule of M need not be $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{a}$-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 $a n n Z_{4}=4 Z \neq 0$.
(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, 2 Z and 3 Z are a-small submodules but $2 \mathrm{Z}+3 \mathrm{Z}=\mathrm{Z}$ 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 $X \leq M$ such that $\mathrm{N}+\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{M}$. Since $N<M$ implies that $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{M}$, hence $\operatorname{ann} \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{annM}$. But M is faithful, $\mathrm{annM}=0$, thus $\mathrm{ann} \mathrm{X}=0$, therefore $N \ll{ }^{a} M$.

Proposition 2.1.9 Let M be a module and $A \leq B$ be submodules of M , then $a n n_{R} B \subseteq a n n_{R} A$.

Proof. Let $r \in a n n_{R} B$, 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 $r \in a n n_{R} A$.

The following example show the application of previous proposition.
In $Z_{12}$ as Z-module , $\langle 4\rangle=\{\overline{0}, \overline{4}, \overline{8}\},\langle 2\rangle=\{\overline{0}, \overline{2}, \overline{4}, \overline{6}, \overline{8}, \overline{10}\}$
$a n n_{Z_{12}}\langle 4\rangle=\{\overline{0}, \overline{3}, \overline{6}, \ldots\}=3 Z$
$\operatorname{ann}_{Z_{12}}\langle 2\rangle=\{\overline{0}, \overline{6}, \ldots\}=6 Z$ but $6 Z \subseteq 3 Z$
This means $a n n_{Z_{12}}\langle 2\rangle \subseteq a n n_{Z_{12}}\langle 4\rangle$.

Proposition 2.1.10 [3] Let $M_{1}, M_{2}$ be modules, if $K_{1} \ll^{a} M_{1}$ and $K_{2}<^{a} M_{2}$, then $K_{1} \oplus K_{2} \ll^{a} M_{1} \oplus M_{2}$.

Proof. Let $P_{i}: M_{1} \oplus M_{2} \rightarrow M_{i}, i=1,2$ be the projection maps. Since $K_{1} \ll^{a} M_{1}, K_{2} \ll^{a} M_{2}$, (by proposition 2.1.6) $K_{1} \oplus M_{2}=P_{1}{ }^{-1}\left(K_{1}\right) \ll^{a}$ $M_{1} \oplus M_{2}$ and $M_{1} \oplus K_{2}=P_{2}^{-1}\left(K_{2}\right) \ll{ }^{a} M_{1} \oplus M_{2}$ (by proposition2. 1.7) $\left(K_{1} \oplus M_{2}\right) \cap\left(M_{1} \oplus K_{2}\right)=K_{1} \oplus K_{2} \ll^{a} M_{1} \oplus M_{2}$ (by corollary 2.1.5) .

Let $M$ be a module over an integral domain $R$. Define the set $T(M)=$ $\{m \in M \mid r m=0$ for some $(r \neq 0) \in R\}$. If $\mathrm{T}(\mathrm{M})=\mathrm{M}$, then M is called torsion, if $\mathrm{T}(\mathrm{M})=0$ 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 $\operatorname{ann}(N+K)=a n n N \cap \operatorname{annK}$.

Proof. Since $N \subseteq N+K, K \subseteq N+K$, $a n n(N+K) \subseteq a n n N$, and $\operatorname{ann}(N+K) \subseteq \operatorname{ann} K$. Let $r \in \operatorname{ann} N$ and $r \in$ ann $K r a=0$ for all $a \in N$ and $r . b=0$. For all $\mathrm{b} \in K \mathrm{r}(\mathrm{a}+\mathrm{b})=0$ for all $\mathrm{a} \in N$ and $\mathrm{b} \in K$, then $\mathrm{r} \in \operatorname{ann}(\mathrm{N}+\mathrm{K})$, so ann N nannK $\subseteq \operatorname{ann}(N+K) \ldots(2)$ from 1 and 2 we get $\operatorname{ann}(\mathrm{N}+\mathrm{K})=\mathrm{annN} \mathrm{N}$ annK .

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

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

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 $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{N}+\mathrm{K}$, then $0=\mathrm{annM}=\mathrm{ann}(\mathrm{N}+\mathrm{K})=\mathrm{annN}$ nannK, since $\operatorname{ann} \mathrm{N} \neq 0$ and R is an integral domain, then ann $\mathrm{N} \leq^{e} \mathrm{R}$. Therefor $a n n K=0$. Thus $N$ is $R-a-s m a l l$.

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 $\mathrm{N}=\mathrm{R} x_{1}+R x_{2}+\cdots+R x_{n}$ be a submodule of M and $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{N}+\mathrm{K}$. Then $0=\mathrm{annM}=\operatorname{ann}(\mathrm{N}+\mathrm{K})=\mathrm{annN} \cap \operatorname{annK}=\left(\operatorname{ann}\left(\mathrm{R} x_{1}+R x_{2}+\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\cdots+R x_{n}\right)\right) \cap$ ann $K=\left(\cap_{i=1}^{n}\right.$ ann $\left.R x_{i}\right) \cap$ annK. Since $M$ is torsion, then annRx $x_{i} \neq 0$ forall $i=1,2, \ldots, n$. But R is an integral domain, there for $a n n R x_{i}$ is essential in R , for all $i$, hence $\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{ann} R x_{i}=a n n \mathrm{~K}=0$. Thus $N \ll{ }^{a} \mathrm{M}$.

## 2. Characterizations of $\mathbf{R}$-a-small submodules

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

Proof. Let $M=R m_{1}+R m_{2}+\cdots+R m_{n}, \quad m_{i} \in M, \forall i=1,2, \ldots, n$ and $M=K+\operatorname{Rad}(M)+Z(M)+X$. Since $M$ is finitely generated. Then $\operatorname{Rad}(M) \ll M$, and hence $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{K}+\mathrm{Z}(\mathrm{M})+\mathrm{X}$. So $m_{i}=k_{i}+z_{i}+x_{i}, k_{i} \in$ $K, x_{i} \in X, \quad z_{i} \in Z(M), \forall i=1,2, \ldots, n$
$M=K+R z_{1}+R z_{2}+\cdots+R z_{n}+X$, but $K \ll^{a} M$, therefore
$\operatorname{ann}\left(R z_{1}+R z_{2}+\cdots+R z_{n}+X\right)=0$. Hence $\left(\cap_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{ann}\left(R z_{i}\right)\right) \cap$ $a n n X=0$ since $z_{i} \in Z(M), \forall i=1,2, \ldots, n$. Then ann $\left(z_{i}\right) \leq^{e} R, \forall i=$ $1,2, \ldots, n$ and hence $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{ann}\left(z_{i}\right) \leq^{e} R$. So annX=0

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

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

Theorem 2.2.3 [2] Let $M=\sum_{\alpha \in \wedge} R X_{\alpha}$ be a module and $K \in M$, then the following statements are equivalent :
(i) $R k \ll^{a} \mathrm{M}$.
(ii) $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \wedge} a n n\left(x_{\alpha}-r_{\alpha} k\right)=0 \forall r_{\alpha} \in R$.

Proof. (i) $\rightarrow$ (ii) Let $r_{\alpha} \in R$ for each $\alpha \in \Lambda$ then $x_{\alpha}=x_{\alpha}-r_{\alpha} k+r_{\alpha} k$, $\forall \propto \in \wedge$, then $M=\sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} R\left(x_{\alpha}-r_{\alpha} k\right)+R k$ since $R k \ll$ $\ll^{a} M$ then $0=\operatorname{ann}\left(\sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} R\left(x_{\alpha}-r_{\alpha} k\right)\right)=\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \operatorname{ann} R\left(x_{\alpha}-r_{\alpha} k\right)$
$($ ii $) \rightarrow$ (i) Let $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{RK}+\mathrm{B}$. then for each $\propto \in \wedge . x_{\alpha}=r_{\alpha} k+b_{\alpha} \quad r_{\alpha} \in$ $R$ and $b_{\alpha} \in B$. Now let $t x_{\alpha}=t r_{\alpha} k+t b_{\alpha}$, since $t b_{\alpha}=$ 0 then $t\left(x_{\alpha}-r_{\alpha} k\right)=0, \forall \propto \in \wedge$ so $t \in \operatorname{ann}\left(x_{\alpha}-r_{\alpha} k\right)=0, \forall \propto \in$ $\wedge$. Hence $t \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \operatorname{ann}\left(x_{\alpha}-r_{\alpha} k\right)=0$.

Theorem 2.2.4 [5] Let R be a commutative ring, and $M=\sum_{\alpha \in \wedge} R x_{\alpha}$ be a module and $k \in M$ then the following statements are equivalent" :
(i) $R k \lll{ }^{a} \mathrm{M}$
(ii) $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \wedge} a n n\left(x_{\alpha}-r_{\alpha} k\right)=0 \quad \forall r_{\alpha} \in R$
(iii) there exists $\propto \in \wedge$ such that $b x_{\alpha} \notin R b k \quad \forall 0 \neq b \in R$.

Proof. (i) $\rightarrow$ (ii) By Theorem 2.2.3.
(ii) $\rightarrow$ (iii) "Let $0 \neq b \in R$, assume that $b x_{\alpha} \in R b k, \forall_{\alpha} \in \wedge$ then $b x_{\alpha}$ let $0 \neq b \in R$. There for $b \in \operatorname{ann}\left(x_{\alpha}-x_{\alpha} k\right), \quad \forall_{\alpha} \in \wedge$ and hence $0 \neq b \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \wedge}$ ann $\left(x_{\alpha}-r_{\alpha} k\right)=0$ which is a contradiction. (iii) $\rightarrow$ (ii) let $b \in \cap_{\alpha \in \wedge}$ ann $\left(x_{\alpha}-r_{\alpha} k\right)$ and hence $b \in \operatorname{ann}\left(x_{\alpha}-\right.$ $\left.x_{\alpha} k\right) \forall \propto \in \wedge$. there for $b x_{\alpha}=r_{\alpha} b k, \forall \alpha \in \wedge$. so $b x_{\alpha} \in \operatorname{Rbk} \quad \forall_{\alpha} \in$ $\wedge$ By our assumption, $\mathrm{b}=0$.

Theorem 2.2.5 [2] Let R be a commutative ring, and let $M=\sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} R x_{\alpha}$ be a module and $K \leq M$ then the following statements are equivalent:
(i) $K \ll^{a} M$
(ii) $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \wedge} a n n R\left(x_{\alpha}-k_{\alpha}\right)=0, \forall k_{\alpha} \in K$

Proof. (i) $\rightarrow$ (ii) let $k_{\alpha} \in K \quad \forall \propto \in \Lambda$ then $x_{\alpha}=x_{\alpha}-k_{\alpha}+k_{\alpha}, \forall \propto \in \Lambda$ and hence $M=\sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} R\left(x_{\alpha}-k_{\alpha}\right)+k$. But $k \ll^{a} M$, therefor
$0=\operatorname{ann}\left(\sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} R\left(x_{\alpha}-k_{\alpha}\right)\right)=\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \operatorname{ann} R\left(x_{\alpha}-k_{\alpha}\right)$
(ii) $\rightarrow$ (i) let $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{K}+\mathrm{A}$. then for each $\propto \in \wedge, \quad x_{\alpha}=k_{\alpha}+a_{\alpha}, \quad a_{\alpha} \in A, k_{\alpha} \in$

Hence $a_{\alpha}=x_{\alpha}-k_{\alpha}$, for each $\propto \in \wedge$, so $M=\sum_{\alpha \in \wedge} R\left(x_{\alpha}-k_{\alpha}\right)+k$
Now let $t \in$ annA there for $t\left(x_{\alpha}-k_{\alpha}\right)=0, \forall \propto \in \wedge$ so $t \in$ $\cap_{\propto \in \wedge} \operatorname{annR}\left(x_{\propto}-k_{\alpha}\right)=0$ 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 $R k<^{a} M$. Let $k_{m}=\left\{k \in M \mid R k \ll^{a} M\right\}$.

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

## Notes 2.2.8 [5]

(i) That $Z(M) \subseteq k_{M}$ and $\operatorname{rad}(M) \subseteq k_{M}$, 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 $3 Z<^{a} Z$ and $2 Z<^{a} Z$ but $\mathrm{Z}=3 \mathrm{Z}+2 \mathrm{Z}$ is not R -a-small in Z .

Remark 2.2.9 Let M be a module and $k \in k_{M}$, then $R k \subseteq k_{m}$.
Proof. Let $r \in R$ clearly that $R r k \subseteq R k \ll^{a} M$ by proposition (2.1.4) Rrk $\lll^{a} M$ and hence $r k \in K_{M}$ thus $R k \subseteq K_{M}$.

Remark 2.2.10 [4] Let M be a module and $A<{ }^{a} M$ then $A \subseteq K_{M}$. Let $x \in A$, then $R x \subseteq K \lll^{a} M$ and hence $R x \ll^{a} M$ 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 $3 \mathrm{Z}+2 \mathrm{Z}$ 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 -asmall 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 $\mathrm{M}, A_{M}$ contains all R -a-small submodule of M .
(ii) $A_{M}=\left\{k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{n} \mid k_{i} \in K_{M}\right.$ for each $\left.i, n \geq 1\right\}$.
(iii) $A_{M}$ is generated by $K_{M}$.
(iv) If M finitely generated, then $\operatorname{Rad}(M) \subseteq A_{M}$ 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 $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{a}$-small.
(ii) $A_{M}=K_{M}$.

Proof. (i) $\rightarrow$ (ii) let $k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{n} \in A_{M}, k_{i} \in$ $K_{i}$ and $K_{i} \ll^{a} M, \quad \forall i=1,2, \ldots, n$
Then $R K_{i} \ll{ }^{a} M$ by proposition (2.1.4) hence $K_{i} \in K_{M} \forall i=$ $1,2, \ldots, n$. By our assumption , $k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{n} \in K_{M}$, 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) $A_{M}<{ }^{a} M$.
(ii) If $K \ll^{a} M$ and $L<^{a} M$ then $K+L<^{a} M$.
(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 $(i) \rightarrow(i i) \leftrightarrow(i i i) \leftrightarrow(i v)$, if M is finitely generated $(i) \leftrightarrow(i i)$.
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 $K+$ $L<^{a} M$ by proposition (2.1.4)
(iii) $\rightarrow$ (iv) by proposition (2.2.12)

To show that $(\boldsymbol{i i}) \rightarrow(\boldsymbol{i})$ Let $M=R_{m_{1}}+R_{m_{2}}+\cdots+R_{m_{n}} \quad$ and let $M=$ $A_{M}+X$ then $m_{i}=a_{i}+x_{i}, \quad a_{i} \in A_{M}$ and $x_{i} \in X, \forall i=$ $1,2, \ldots, n$ there for $M=\sum_{i=1}^{n} R a_{i}+X \quad$ since $a_{i} \in A_{M}, \forall i=$ $1,2, \ldots, n$, then $a_{1}+a_{2}+\cdots+a_{n} \in A_{M}$ hence $R a_{i} \ll^{a} M, \forall i=$ $1,2, \ldots, n$ (by our assumption) $\sum_{i=1}^{n} R a_{i} \ll^{a} M$. 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) $A_{M}=\cap\left\{W \mid W\right.$ maximal submodule of $M$ with $\left.A_{M} \subseteq W\right\}$

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Proof.(ii) Leta $\in \cap\left\{W \mid W\right.$ maximal submodule of $M$ with $\left.A_{M} \subseteq W\right\}$ Claim that $R a \ll^{a} M$ assume not, then $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Ra}+\mathrm{X}$, $X \leq M$ and ann $X \neq 0$. 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 $\mathrm{B}=\mathrm{M}$ which is a contradiction so $a \notin$ $B$. But $a \in \cap\left\{W \mid W\right.$ maximal submodule of $M$ with $\left.A_{M} \subseteq W\right\}$ which is a contradiction .Thus $R a \ll^{a} M$ and hence $a \in A_{M}$.

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