

## $M^*$ - Condition and Co-prime Modules

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### Abstract

In this paper we introduce the  $M^*$ - condition in the category of  $\sigma[M]$  and give some equivalent for modules which satisfy in  $M^*$ - condition. We will proceed by introducing the notion of coprime  $M^*$ -module as dual notion of prime  $M$ -module. Finally we investigate the basic properties of such modules.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $R$  be an associative ring with unit and  $R\text{-Mod}$  denotes the category of unital left  $R$ -module. By  $M$  we mean a left  $R$ -module. A module  $X$  in  $R\text{-Mod}$ , the category of left  $R$ -modules, is said to be  $M$ -generated if there exists an  $R$ -epimorphism from a direct sum of  $M$  on to  $X$ . Dually a module  $X$  is said to be  $M$ -cogenerated if there exists an  $R$ -monomorphism from  $N$  to a direct product of  $M$ . The category  $\sigma[M]$  of modules subgenerated by  $M$  is defined to be the full subcategory of  $R\text{-Mod}$  that contains all modules  $X$ , such that  $X$  is isomorphic to a submodule of an  $M$ -generated module. For more notions on the category  $\sigma[M]$ , see [5]. We have two *preradicals* (*trace and reject*) in  $R\text{-Mod}$  which are:

$$Tr_M(N) = \Sigma\{Imf | f \in Hom(N, M)\}$$

and

$$Re_N(M) = \cap\{kerf | f \in Hom(N, M)\},$$

for  $N \in R\text{-mod}$

for more basic notion( see [5]). In [2] some properties of  $M$ - ideals and  $M$ -prime submodules related to subcategory of  $\sigma[M]$  studies. In this paper we

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introduce the concept of  $M^*$ - condition and  $M$ -coprime as dual notion of these class of modules and obtain some basic results.

## 2 $M^*$ -Condition Modules

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. The submodule  $N$  of  $M$  has  $M^*$ -condition if there is a class  $C$  of modules in  $\sigma[M]$  such that

$$N = Tr_M(C).$$

Note that although the definition of  $M^*$ - condition is given relative to the subcategory  $\sigma[M]$ ; it is easy to check that  $N$  satisfy  $M^*$ -condition if and only if  $N = Tr_M(C)$  for some class  $C$  in  $R - Mod$ .

**Theorem 1.2** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. For a submodule  $N \subseteq M$  the following conditions are equivalent :

- i)  $N$  satisfies  $M^*$ - condition ;
- ii)  $Im(g) \subseteq N$  for all  $g \in Hom_R(N, M)$ ;
- iii)  $N = Tr_M(N)$ .

**Proof.**  $i) \Rightarrow ii)$  Assume that  $N = Tr_M(C)$  for the class  $C$  of module in  $\sigma[M]$ . Then  $Im(g) \subseteq N$  for all  $g \in Hom_R(N, M)$ .

$ii) \Rightarrow iii)$  Suppose that  $Im(g) \subseteq N$  for all  $g \in Hom_R(N, M)$ . Then  $Tr_M(N) \subseteq N$ , and hence  $N \subseteq Tr_M(N)$ , since  $Tr_M(N)$  is the unique largest submodule of  $M$  generated by  $N$ .

$iii) \Rightarrow i)$  This follows immediately from definition of  $M^*$ - condition.

**Theorem 1.3** Let  $\{N_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be a family of submodules of  $M$  where every  $N_\alpha$  satisfies  $M^*$ - condition. Then  $\sum_{\alpha \in I} N_\alpha$  satisfies  $M^*$ - condition .

**Proof.** Suppose that every submodule  $N_\alpha$  of  $M$  satisfies  $M^*$ . Let  $g \in Hom_R(\sum N_\alpha, M)$ , then  $g \circ i_\alpha = g_\alpha$  where  $i_\alpha$  is the inclusion map from  $N_\alpha$  into  $\sum N_\alpha$ . Hence  $Im(g \circ i_\alpha) \subseteq N_\alpha$ , since  $N_\alpha$  satisfies  $M^*$ - condition (Theorem 1.2). Then  $Im(g) = Im \sum g_\alpha = \sum Im g_\alpha \subseteq \sum N_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha$ . Therefore  $\sum N_\alpha$  satisfies  $M^*$ - condition.

**Theorem 1.4** Let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$  with  $M^*$ - condition and  $N \subseteq K$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Then  $N$  satisfies  $K^*$ - condition.

**Proof.** If  $g \in Hom_R(N, K)$  then consider  $io g$  where  $i$  is the inclusion from  $K$  into  $M$ . We have  $Im(io g) \subseteq N \subseteq K$ , since  $N$  satisfy condition  $M^*$ . Thus  $Im(g) \subseteq N$ ; and hence  $N$  satisfies  $K^*$ - condition.

**Definition 1.5** Let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . For every  $R$ - module  $X$  define

$$N.X = Tr_X(C) = \sum \{Im f \mid f : W \longrightarrow X\},$$

where  $C$  is the class of modules  $W$  such that  $Im(f) \subseteq N$  for all  $f \in Hom_R(W, M)$ . It follows immediately from the definition that  $N.X = X$  if and only if  $Im(f) \subseteq N$  for all  $f \in Hom_R(X, M)$ .

**Remark 1.6** Let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . It is easy to see that for every  $R$ -module  $X$ ,  $N.X$  is the largest submodule  $Y$  of  $X$  such that  $N.Y = Y$ .

**Proposition 1.7** Let  $M$  and  $X$  be  $R$ -modules. Then for all  $g \in Hom_R(X, M)$ ,  $\cap Ker(g) \subseteq N.X$ .

**Proof.** We have  $N(N.X) = N.X$ , then  $Im(f) \subseteq N$  for all  $f \in Hom_R(N.X, M)$ , then  $Ker(f) = Ker(goi) \subseteq N.X$  where  $i$  is the inclusion map from  $N.X$  into  $X$ , since  $Ker(f) \subseteq N.X$ .

Thus  $i^{-1}Ker(g) \subseteq N.X$ , and hence  $\cap Ker(g) \subseteq N.X$  for all  $g \in Hom_R(X, M)$ .

**Proposition 1.8** Let  $X$  and  $X_0$  be  $R$ -module and  $X_0$  be a submodule of  $X$ . Then  $N.X_0 \subseteq N.X$ , and for every  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : X \rightarrow X_0$ ,  $f(N.X) \subseteq N.X_0$ .

**Proof.** Let  $y \in Tr_{X_0}(C)$ . Then there exists an  $f \in Hom_R(C, X_0)$  such that  $y \in Imf$ . Now consider  $iof$ , where  $i$  is the inclusion map from  $X_0$  into  $X$ . Since  $y \in Im(iof) = Im(f)$ , thus  $y \in Tr_X(C)$ .

Let  $f(x) \in f(Tr_X(C))$ . Then  $x \in Tr_X(C) = \sum Im(h)$  for all  $h \in Hom_R(C, X)$ . Thus there exists  $g \in Hom_R(W, X)$  such that  $x \in Im(g)$  and  $W \in C$ , and hence;  $x = g(y)$  for some  $y \in W$ . Thus  $f(x) = fog(y)$ . Therefore  $f(x) \in Imfog \subseteq Tr_{X_0}(C)$ .

**Theorem 1.9** Let  $M$  be an  $R$  module and  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Then for any  $R$ -module  $X$  we have  $N.X = X$  if and only if  $Tr_M(X) \subseteq N$ .

**Proof.** We know that  $N.X = X$  if and only if  $Im(f) \subseteq N$  for all  $f \in Hom_R(X, M)$ , and this occurs if and only if  $Tr_M(X) \subseteq N$ .

**Corollary 1.10** Let  $M$  be an  $R$  module. If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ , and  $N.M = N$ , then  $N$  satisfies  $M^*$ -condition.

**Proof.** We have  $Tr_M(C) = N$  for all  $g \in Hom_R(W, M)$  such that  $Im(g) \subseteq N$  and  $W \in C$  by Theorem 1.9, since  $N.M = N$ . Thus  $Im(g) \subseteq N$  for  $g \in Hom_R(N, M)$ . Therefore  $N$  satisfy  $M^*$ -condition.

**Theorem 1.11** Let  $N$  and  $K$  be submodules of  $M$ . Then the following hold:

- i) If  $N \subseteq K$ , then  $N.X \subseteq K.X$ , for all  $X$  modules;
- ii) If  $N.K$  satisfy  $M^*$ -condition then  $N.K$  satisfies  $K^*$ -condition;
- iii)  $N.M$  is the largest submodule  $M$  contained  $N$  that satisfy  $M^*$ -condition;
- iv)  $N.K \subseteq N + K$ .

**Proof.** i) We have  $N.X = Tr_X(C)$  where  $C$  is the class of modules  $W$  such that  $Im(f) \subseteq N$  for all  $f \in Hom_R(W, M)$ . Since  $N \subseteq K$ , then  $Im f \subseteq K$ , and hence  $Tr_X(C) \subseteq K.X$ . Therefore  $N.X \subseteq K.X$ .

ii) Clearly  $N.K \subseteq K$ . Since by hypothesis  $N.K$  satisfies in  $M^*$ - condition, it follows, from Theorem 1.4 that  $N.K$  satisfy  $K^*$ - condition.

iii) We have  $N.M = Tr_M(C)$ , where  $C$  is the class of modules in  $\sigma[M]$ . Thus  $N.M$  satisfy condition  $M^*$ . We certainly have  $N.M \subseteq M$ , because  $N.M = Tr_M(C)$ , where  $C$  is the class of modules  $W$  such that  $Im(f) \subseteq N$  for all  $f \in Hom_R(W, M)$ . Thus  $Tr_M(C) \subseteq N$ . Suppose that  $L \subseteq N$ , satisfies in  $M^*$ -condition and  $i$ , the inclusion map from  $L$  into  $M$ . If  $x \in L$  then  $i(x) \in L \subseteq N$ . Thus  $x \in Im i$ , and hence  $x \in N.M$ .

iv) It is clear that  $N.K \subseteq K$ . On the other hand  $N.K \subseteq N.M \subseteq N$  by (ii). Thus  $N.K \subseteq N + K$ .

### 3 $M$ - Coprime Modules

In this section we introduce and study the notion of  $M$ - coprime modules and investigates the basic properties of such modules.

**Definition 2.1** A module  $X$  is said to be  $M$ - coprime if  $Hom_R(X, M) \neq 0$  and  $Tr_M(X) = Tr_M(X/Y)$  for all submodules  $Y \subseteq X$  such that  $Hom_R(X/Y, M) \neq 0$ .

**Theorem 2.2** The following conditions are equivalent for any left  $R$ -module  $X$  such that  $Hom_R(X, M) \neq 0$

- i)  $X$  is an  $M$ - coprime module;
- ii) If  $N.(X/Y) = (X/Y)$  then  $N.X = X$  for any submodule  $N \subseteq M$  and any submodule  $Y \subseteq X$  with  $M.(X/Y) \neq 0$ ;
- iii) If  $N.(X/Y) = (X/Y)$  then  $N.X = X$  for any submodule  $N$ , such that satisfy condition  $M^*$ .

**Proof.**  $i) \Rightarrow ii)$  Let  $N$  be any submodule of  $M$ , and  $Y$  be any submodule of  $X$  with  $M.(X/Y) \neq 0$ . Then  $Hom_R(X/Y, M) \neq 0$  and so  $Tr_M(X) = Tr_M(X/Y)$ ; since  $X$  is  $M$ - coprime. By assumption we obtain  $N.(X/Y) = (X/Y)$  and so  $N.X = X$ . (1.9).

$ii) \Rightarrow iii)$  this is clear.

$iii) \Rightarrow i)$  Suppose that  $Y$  is nonzero submodule of  $X$  with  $Hom_R(X/Y, M) \neq 0$  and  $N = Tr_M(X/Y)$ . By assumption there exists  $0 \neq f \in Hom_R(\frac{X}{Y}, M)$ . By

using Theorem 1.9 we have  $N(X/Y) = (X/Y)$ , so  $N.X = X$ . Then  $Tr_M(X) \subseteq N$ . Thus  $Tr_M(X) \subseteq Tr_M(X/Y)$ , since  $N = Tr_M(X/Y)$ . Hence  $Tr_M(X) = Tr_M(X/Y)$ , showing that  $X$  is  $M$ -coprime module.

**Theorem 2.3** Let  $X$  be an  $R$ -module such that  $Hom_R(X, M) \neq 0$ . If module  $X$  is  $M$ -coprime, then for each  $m \in M - Tr_M(X)$  and each  $0 \neq f \in Hom_R(X, M)$   $m \notin Im(g)$  for all  $g \in Hom_R(X/Y, M)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $Y$  be a submodule of  $X$  and  $m \in M - Tr_M(X)$ . Since  $X$  is  $M$ -coprime module, then  $Tr_M(X) = Tr_M(X/Y)$  such that  $Hom_R(X, M) \neq 0$  and  $Hom_R(X/Y, M) \neq 0$ . By assumption  $m \notin Tr_M(X)$  and so

$$m \notin Tr_M(X/Y) \Rightarrow \text{for all } g \in Hom_R(X/Y, M), m \notin Img.$$

**Corollary 2.4** Let  $X$  be an  $M$ -coprime module and  $Y$  be submodule of  $X$ . A module  $X/Y$  is  $M$ -coprime if and only if  $Hom_R(X/Y, M) \neq 0$ .

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Easy.

For the converse, follows from Theorem 2.2(ii), since  $Hom_R(X/Y, M) \neq 0$ . Also for all submodule  $Z/Y$  of  $X/Y$ ,  $N(X/Z) = (X/Z)$  we have  $NX = X$ , since  $X$  is  $M$ -coprime. By Theorem 1.9 we obtain the  $Tr_M(X) \subseteq N$ , proving that  $N(X/Y) = (X/Y)$ . Thus  $X/Y$  is an  $M$ -coprime.

**Corollary 2.5** Let  $X$  be an  $R$ -module such that from  $X$ ,  $Hom_R(X, M) \neq 0$  and  $M.X \subseteq Ann_X(M)$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- i)  $X$  is an  $M$ -coprime module;
- ii)  $X/M.X$  is an  $M$ -coprime module;
- iii)  $X/Tr_M(X)$  is an  $M$ -coprime module.

**Proof.**  $i) \Rightarrow ii)$  It follows from Corollary 2.4.

$ii) \Rightarrow iii)$  It follows from definition of  $tr_M(X)$ .

$iii) \Rightarrow i)$  It follows from Corollary 2.4.

**Theorem 2.6** For a nonzero module  $X$  the following conditions are equivalent.

- i) Each factor module  $X$  generates  $X$ ;
- ii)  $X$  is  $M$ -coprime for every module  $M$  such that  $\sigma[M] = \sigma[X]$  and  $X$  is cogenerated;
- iii)  $X$  is  $M$ -coprime for every module  $M$  such that  $Hom_R(X, M) \neq 0$ .

**Proof.**  $i) \Rightarrow iii)$  If  $Y$  is a nonzero submodule of  $X$  then for any module  $M$  we have  $Tr_M(X) \subseteq Tr_M(X/Y)$ , since  $X/Y$  is generator for  $X$ . Thus  $X$  is  $M$ -coprime module if and only if  $Hom_R(X, M) \neq 0$ .

iii)  $\Rightarrow$  ii) Trivial.

ii)  $\Rightarrow$  i) Given any nonzero submodule  $Y$  of  $X$ ; consider the module  $M = X \oplus Y$ , then  $X$  is  $M$ -cogenerator and  $\sigma[M] = \sigma[X]$  since  $Y$  belongs to  $\sigma[X]$ . By assumption  $X$  is  $M$ -coprime, and so  $Tr_M(X) = Tr_M(X/Y) = X$ . This implies that  $Tr_M(X/Y) = X$ , and therefore  $X/Y$  generates  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.7** The module nonzero  $M$  is an  $M$ -coprime module if and only if every factor module of  $M$ , generates  $M$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $M$  is an  $M$ -coprime module. Then for any nonzero submodule  $N$  with  $Hom_R(M/N, M) \neq 0$  we have  $Tr_M(M) = Tr_M(M/N) = M$ . It follows that  $M/N$  generates  $M$ .

Conversely, assume that factor module  $M$ , generates  $M$ , then for every nonzero submodule  $N$  we have  $Tr_M(M/N) = M$ . Thus  $Tr_M(M) = Tr_M(M/N)$  and  $Hom_R(M/N, M) \neq 0$  and so  $M$  is an  $M$ -coprime.

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $X$  is said to be *comonoform* if each nonzero homomorphism  $f : X \rightarrow X/Y$  is epimorphism.

**Corollary 2.9** If  $M$  is comonoform module, then  $M$  is an  $M$ -coprime module.

**Theorem 2.10** If  $M$  is quasi-injective, then a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  satisfies  $M^*$ -condition if and only if it is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $M$  is quasi-injective, and  $N$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . If  $f \in Hom(N, M)$ , and  $i$  is the inclusion from  $N$  into  $M$ , then  $f$  lifts to  $\hat{f} \in End(M)$ , with  $f = \hat{f}oi$ , since  $M$  is quasi-injective. Therefore  $\hat{f}(N) \subseteq N$  since  $N$  is fully invariant, and so  $f(N) = \hat{f}oi(N) = \hat{f}(N) \subseteq (N)$ . Showing that  $N$  satisfies  $M^*$ -condition.

**Theorem 2.11** Assume that  $M$  is quasi-injective, and let  $K$  and  $N$  be submodules of  $M$ . Then the following hold:

- i) Assume that  $N \subseteq K$  and  $K$  satisfies  $M^*$ -condition. If  $N$  satisfies  $K^*$ -condition and  $K$  is a direct summand of  $M$ , then  $N$  satisfies  $M^*$ -condition.
- ii) If  $N$  and  $K$  satisfy  $M^*$ -condition, then  $N \cap K$  satisfies  $M^*$ -condition.

**Proof.** i) Suppose that  $f \in End(M)$ , then we have the following diagram

$$K \rightarrow M \rightarrow M \rightarrow K$$

where  $i$  is inclusion map from  $K$  to  $M$  and  $\pi oi$  is projection from  $M$  onto  $K$ . Then  $\pi ofoi(N) \subseteq N$ , and  $\pi of(N) \subseteq N$ . Since  $K$  is direct summand of  $M$  and  $f(N) \subseteq K$ , we have  $\pi oiof(N) = f(N)$ . Therefore  $f(N) \subseteq N$ . By Proposition 2.10  $N$  satisfies  $M^*$ -condition.

ii) Suppose that  $f \in \text{End}(M)$ . Since  $N$  and  $K$  satisfy  $M^*$ -condition, they are fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . Therefore  $f(N) \subseteq N$  and  $f(K) \subseteq K$ . Thus  $f(N \cap K) \subseteq f(N) \cap f(K) \subseteq N \cap K$ . Therefore  $N \cap K$  satisfies  $M^*$ -condition.

**Definition 2.12** Let  $P$  satisfies  $M^*$ -condition. We call  $P$  is said to be a prime  $M^*$  if there exists an  $M$ - coprime module  $X$  such that  $P = \text{Tr}_M(X)$ .

**Definition 2.13** Let  $P$  be a  $M^*$ - prime. We say that  $P$  is a  $M^*$ -prime associated to the module  $X$  if  $P = \text{Tr}_M(Y)$  for an  $M$ - coprime submodule  $Y$  of  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.14** Let  $M$  be an artinian module, and  $X$  be any module. If  $\text{Hom}(X, M) \neq 0$ , then  $X$  has an associated  $M^*$ - prime.

**Proof.** Consider the set of all proper submodule of  $M$  that satisfies condition  $M^*$  and are Trace of submodules of  $X$ . Since  $\text{Hom}(X, M) \neq 0$ , this set contains  $\text{Tr}_M(X)$ , and so it is nonempty.

Since  $M$  is artinian, there exists a minimal element  $P$  in the set, with  $P = \text{Tr}_M(Y)$ . If  $\dot{Y}$  is any submodule of  $Y$ , then  $\text{Tr}_M(Y/\dot{Y}) \subseteq \text{Tr}_M(Y)$ , and so by definition,  $Y$  is  $M$ - coprime.

**Definition 2.15** Let  $P$  satisfies  $M^*$ - condition. The  $R$ - module  $P$  is said to be a  $M^*$ - primitive if  $P = \text{Tr}_M(S)$  for a simple module  $S$ .

**Theorem 2.16** Let  $P$  satisfies  $M^*$ -condition.

- i) If  $P$  is a minimal, then  $P$  is  $M^*$ -prime;
- ii) If  $P$  is  $M^*$ - primitive, then  $P$  is  $M^*$ - prime .

**Proof.** i) Suppose that  $P$  is minimal and satisfies  $M^*$ - condition. If  $K$  is any nonzero submodule of  $P$  with  $\text{Hom}(P/K, M) \neq 0$ , then  $\text{Tr}_M(P/K) \subseteq P = \text{Tr}_M(P)$  and  $\text{Hom}(P, M) \neq 0$ , so the minimality of  $P$  forces  $\text{Tr}_M(P) = \text{Tr}_M(\frac{P}{K})$ . Thus  $P$  is  $M$ - coprime module with  $\text{Tr}_M(P) = P$ .

ii) If  $P$  is  $M^*$ - primitive, then  $P = \text{Tr}_M(S)$  for a simple left  $R$ - module  $S$ . It follows immediately from Corollary 2.9 that  $S$  is an  $M$ - coprime module.

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