



## SOME ASPECTS OF MODULES OVER A RING AND ITS COLORINGS

K. C. Chowdhury and Prohelika Das\*

*Department of Mathematics, Gauhati University, Guwahati-781014, Assam, India**E-mail: [chowdhurykc@yahoo.com](mailto:chowdhurykc@yahoo.com), [dasprohelika@yahoo.com](mailto:dasprohelika@yahoo.com)**(Received on: 24-08-11; Accepted on: 11-09-11)*

## ABSTRACT

*In this paper we investigate some graph theoretic aspects of modules, in particular coloring of its vertices. In our discussion especially we have dealt here the cases of finite dimensional modules and in some cases some sort of finiteness conditions on its annihilators. Results obtained here are basically on its finite cliques and chromatic numbers.*

*Key words: Annihilators, Nil-radical, Goldie ring, Goldie module,  $f$ -clique,  $f$ -chromatic number.*

*AMS Subject Classification2000: 16D10, 16D80, 16Y30, 16Y60, 15N40, 16P60, 05C15.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Here we investigate some graph theoretic aspects related to coloring of elements of modules over a ring introducing the notion of adjacency in between its elements. In an additive algebraic structure, the notion of a product is not well acceptable. In-stead, of course, there may arise such an operation with the help of another structure equipped with two operations, one of them bearing the nature of so-called product. And the same may be obtained when we be able to give an external composition to the preceding algebraic structure with the help of the later one. If  $M$  is with such an additive structure and  $A$  is the other one with operation ' $\bullet$ ', at least bearing the semi-group character such that we have the map:  $M \times A \rightarrow M$  with  $(m, a) \rightarrow m \cdot a$  (we will write it as just  $ma$ ), then for a map  $f: M \rightarrow A$ , it is possible to define a product ' $\bullet_f$ ' such that for  $a, b \in A$ ,  $a \bullet_f b = a \cdot f(b)$  (or just  $af(b)$ ). The system  $(M, +, \bullet_f)$  is now our sought structure for having a system with the chosen  $M$  with a pseudo product  $\bullet_f$ . And this motivates us to define the notion of so-called adjacency between two elements in the chosen algebraic structure, in spite of absence of such an explicit product operation beforehand. And such an arrangement may help one to make his stage ready for investigation of the adjacency character of elements in the said algebraic paired structure (with one operation only). For such an algebraic structure our expected graph is the triplet  $(V, E, f)$  with  $V$  as the set of vertices-the elements of  $M$ ,  $E$ -the set of edges where for  $a, b \in M$ , " $a$  is  $f$ -adjacent to  $b$ " if  $a \bullet_f b = 0$  (or ' $a$  and  $b$  are  $f$ -adjacent'). The pseudo product described here may coincide with the product available in  $R$  when  $M$  coincides with the ring  $R$  with respect to some definite map  $f$  (in particular the identity map). The technique explored here elegantly appears as an effective one for introducing the notion of coloring in case of the module in discussion.

It is observed here some interesting and elegant connections between finiteness of the chromatic number of such a graph and the notion of a so-called Goldie module [4] which reads as a module  $M$  over a ring  $R$  where,

- (1)  $M$  is finite dimensional
- (2)  $R$  Satisfies the ascending chain condition (acc.) for annihilators of subsets of  $M$  in  $R$ .

i.e. any collection of annihilators of subsets of  $M$  in  $R$  satisfies the maximal condition.

First we give some interesting facts revealing the interrelation between such a module and the corresponding  $f$ -algebraic triplet, when the latter structure appears as a result of an attachment of respective order preserving map  $f$ .

**\*Corresponding author: Prohelika Das\*, \*E-mail: [dasprohelika@yahoo.com](mailto:dasprohelika@yahoo.com)**

In this context we would like to refer Chartrand et al [3] and Chowdhury [5], [9] for graph and near-ring theoretic prerequisites. Moreover we refer the works of Beck [1], Bruijn et-al [2] for coloring of rings.

It is to be mentioned that the results due to A.W. Goldie on the structure of semi-prime rings [7], [8] seem to be still relevant due to its elegance.

If  $M$  is a right module over  $R$  (denoted  $M_R$ ) and if  $f : M \rightarrow R$  is an  $R$ -homomorphism, then the triple  $(M, +, \bullet_f)$  where  $m_i \bullet_f m_j = m_i f(m_j)$  is a ring. We call it an  $h$ -ring denote  $M_f$ . Unless otherwise specified, through out this paper  $M$  (or  $M_R$ ) will mean a right module over  $R$  and  $f$  is an  $R$ -homomorphism from  $M$  to  $R$ . A module  $M_R$  is an  $f$ -color-module if the  $f$ -chromatic number [§ 3][ denoted  $\chi(M_f)$  ] of the corresponding  $h$ -ring  $M_f$  is finite. The main results of this paper are dealt here from two main aspects viz.  $h$ -ring and that of coloring of module such as:

A sub-module of the module appears as a right ideal of the corresponding  $h$ -ring structure of the same. The  $h$ -ring structure of a module  $M_R$  gives rise to the  $h$ -ring structure of the quotient of  $M$  modulo an ideal contained in the kernel of the map induced by the preceding map  $f$ .  $M_R$  is a right Goldie module if and only if the corresponding  $h$ -ring is right Goldie. Prime character of a sub-module modulo the kernel of the homomorphism leads to the prime character of the image sub-module of the ring as a module over itself. Pseudo product defined with the help of just a map  $f$  from the module  $M_R$  to the ring  $R$  gives rise to an abelian near-ring structure. A group structure is sufficient to make it into a right near ring with respect to the pseudo-product defined. Occurrence of infinite number of  $f$ -right finite elements in a module  $M_R$  is a sufficient condition for having an infinite  $f$ -clique in it. An infinite  $f$ -clique in an  $h$ -ring helps to get such an induced clique in the quotient modulo the kernel and conversely. The existence of an infinite  $f$ -clique in a module is a necessary condition for containing a nilpotent element in the  $h$ -ring  $M_f$ . A finite dimensional module turns out to be a right Goldie  $h$ -ring if it is with only finite  $f$ -cliques. An  $h$ -ring originated from a finite dimensional  $f$ -color module is a right Goldie ring. The  $f$ -chromatic number of the  $h$ -ring never exceeds the  $i$ -chromatic number of the attached ring  $R_i$  i.e.  $R$  (In the sense of Beck [1]). In case of an  $f$ -color-module  $M_R$ , the  $h$ -ring  $M_f$  modulo right annihilator of any subset of  $M$  is a  $\psi$ -color-module, ( $\psi$  is induced by  $f$ ).

## 2. EXAMPLES AND OBSERVATIONS

The following examples justify how different types of  $f$ -maps helps one to get various types of algebraic structures such as right near ring, left nearing, semi ring, semi-near ring etc from some given once.

**Example: 1** Consider the module  $Z[x]$  over the ring  $Z$ . Define  $f : Z[x] \rightarrow Z$  by  $f\left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i\right) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i$ ,  $a_i \in Z$ ,

then  $(Z[x], +, \bullet_f)$  is a ring. Hence  $Z[x]$  is an  $h$ -ring.

**Example: 2**  $Z_{30}[x]$  is an additive abelian group of polynomials over  $Z_{30}$ . Then  $(Z_{30}[x], +, \circ)$  is a right nearing where  $\circ$  is defined as the composition of mappings. Then  $I_6[x]$  is an additive subgroup of  $Z_{30}[x]$  where  $I_6 = \{0, 6, 12, 18, 24\}$ . Let  $N = (Z_{30}[x], +, \circ)$  and  $G = (I_6[x], +)$ . Now  $G$  is an  $N$ -subgroup of  $N$ . Define  $\phi : G \rightarrow N$  by  $\phi(g) = 2g$ . Then  $(G, +, \bullet_\phi)$  is a right near-ring. Thus  $G$  is a  $\phi$ -right near-ring.

**Example: 3** Consider the semi group  $(G, \cdot)$  where  $G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

Let  $A_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Here

.	$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_3$
$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$	$A_0$
$A_1$	$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_3$
$A_2$	$A_0$	$A_2$	$A_1$	$A_3$
$A_3$	$A_0$	$A_3$	$A_3$	$A_0$

And  $(Z_2, +, \cdot)$  is a ring. We define  $f : G \rightarrow Z_2$  by  $f(A) = (a_{11})$  where  $A = (a_{ij})$ .

Here  $\bullet_f$  is right distributive but not left distributive. Hence  $(G, +, \bullet_f)$  is a *semi near-ring* (right)

Thus  $G$  is  $f$ -*semi near-ring* (right).

**Note:**

(1) If we define  $f : G \rightarrow Z_2$  by  $f(A) = \det(A)$  where  $A = (a_{ij})$  then  $(G, +, \bullet_f)$  is a *semi near-ring* (right).

(2) If we define  $f : G \rightarrow Z_2$  by  $f(A) = \text{trace}A$  or  $f(A) = \sum a_{ij}$  where  $A = (a_{ij})$ . Then  $(G, +, \bullet_f)$  is a *semi-ring*. [

Here  $\text{trace}A = 0$  and  $\sum a_{ij} = 0$  as  $a_{ij} \in Z_2$  ]

**Example: 4** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $M = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in R \right\}$ . Then  $M$  is a module over  $R$ . Define  $f : M \rightarrow R$

by  $f(A) = \text{trace}A$ . Then ' $\bullet_f$ ' is both left and right distributive. Thus  $(M, +, \bullet_f)$  is a ring. Thus  $M$  is an *h-ring*.

**Example: 5** Let  $R$  be a ring. Then  $R$  is a module over itself. Consider a map  $f : R \rightarrow R$  defined as  $f(x) = 2x$ . Then ' $\bullet_f$ ' is both left and right distributive. Thus  $(R, +, \bullet_f)$  is a ring. Hence  $R$  is an *h-ring*.

**Note:** In a given ring we can insert a number of rings.

**Example: 6** Consider the group  $G = \{0, a, b\}$  under the addition defined by the following table.

+	0	a	b
0	0	a	b
a	a	b	0
b	b	0	a

And let the set  $N = M(G) = \left\{ \alpha \mid \alpha : G \xrightarrow{\text{map}} G \right\}$ . We define  $\phi : G \rightarrow N$  by

.	0	a	b
$\phi(0) = \alpha_1$	0	0	a
$\phi(a) = \alpha_2$	0	a	0
$\phi(b) = \alpha_3$	a	0	0

Then only two colors are needed to color the vertices of  $(G, +, \bullet_\phi)$ . Thus  $\chi(G, +, \bullet_\phi)$  is 2. If  $\phi : G \rightarrow N$ , defined by

.	0	a	b
$\phi(0) = \alpha_1$	0	0	0
$\phi(a) = \alpha_2$	a	a	a
$\phi(b) = \alpha_3$	b	b	b

Then  $(G, +, \bullet_\phi)$  is a left near-ring. Only one color is needed to color the vertices of  $(G, +, \bullet_\phi)$ . Thus  $\chi(G, +, \bullet_\phi)$  is 1.

**Example: 7** We consider  $R = Z_6 = \{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$ .  $f : R \rightarrow R$  by  $f(x) = 2x$ . Then  $(R, +, \bullet_f)$  is a ring. We need only three colors to color the ring  $(R, +, \bullet_f)$ . Thus  $\chi(R_f) = 3$ . If we define  $g : R \rightarrow R$  by  $g(x) = 3x$ , then only four colors are needed to color the ring  $(R, +, \bullet_g)$ . Thus  $\chi(R_g) = 4$ . If we consider the identity map  $i : R \rightarrow R$ , we need three colors to color the ring  $(R, +, \bullet_i)$ . Thus  $\chi(R_i) = 3$ .

### 3. PRELIMINARIES

**Definitions:** The graph of the module  $M$  is the triplet  $(V, E, f)$  where the elements of the module  $M$  is the set  $V$  of vertices,  $E$  is the set of edges and  $f$  is an  $R$ -homomorphism from a module  $M_R$  to the module  $R_R$ . An element  $x(\in M)$  is  $f$ -adjacent to  $y$  if  $x \bullet_f y = 0$  or we call it “ $x$  and  $y$  are  $f$ -adjacent” (clearly such a graph is a directed one). Two elements “ $x$  and  $y$  are  $f$ -adjacent to each other” if  $x \bullet_f y = 0 = y \bullet_f x$ . If  $x$  and  $y$  are not distinct then  $(x, x)$  is an  $f$ -loop. A subset  $C$  (finite / infinite) of  $M$  is an  $f$ -clique if any two elements of  $C$  are  $f$ -adjacent to each other. Thus pseudo product of any two distinct element of  $C$  vanishes. The minimum numbers of colors which can be assigned to the elements of  $M$  so that no two  $f$ -adjacent elements have same color is the  $f$ -chromatic (denoted  $\chi(M_f)$ ) number of  $M$ . A module  $M$  is an  $f$ -color module if the  $f$ -chromatic number of the corresponding  $h$ -ring  $M_f$  is finite.

If  $\chi(M_f) = n$ , whatever be the choice of the  $R$ -homomorphism  $f (\neq 0)$ , then  $n$  is the chromatic number of the module  $M$  denoted  $\chi(M) = n$

One may interestingly note here that chromatic number of a ring, what Beck has insisted [1] need not be unique. The  $\chi(R)$  in the sense what Beck has meant is nothing but our  $\chi(R_i)$  where  $i : R \rightarrow R$  is the identity homomorphism.

A module  $M_R$  is said to be prime if for any sub-module  $N_R$  of  $M_R$   $Ann(M_R) = Ann(N_R)$ . The  $M$  divisor of  $R$  is  $Z(M) = \{r \in R \mid mr = 0, \text{ for some non zero } m \in M\}$ . Associated prime of  $M$  Is

$Ass(M) = \{P \mid P = Ann(S_i), S_i \subseteq M\}$  Where  $Ann(S_i)$  is a prime ideal of  $R$ . An element  $x$  in  $M$  is  $f$ -left-finite ( $f$ -right-finite) if  $M \bullet_f x$  ( $x \bullet_f M$ ) is finite. Nil radical of a ring  $R$  is the intersection of all prime ideals of  $R$ . A ring  $R$  is reduced if nil-radical  $J = (0)$ . It is to be noted that in case of a non-commutative ring  $R$ , for every  $r \in R, rR = R$  then  $R$  is a division ring. On the other hand, one can say in case of a division ring  $R, aR = R$  for all  $a \in R$ . More generally one would like to note as Dheena [6] has introduced the notion of a Duo-Near-ring (sub-commutative) which may be considered as analogous to what has been mentioned above. This justifiably motivates us as it is seen in a case of a near-ring [6] to give the notion of the left (right) sub-commutativity in a ring  $R$  is as follows. A ring  $R$  is left-sub commutative if for  $a, b \in R$  we have  $d \in R$  such that  $ab = da$  (right sub-commutative if for  $a, b \in R$  we have  $c \in R$  such that  $ab = bc$ ). The ring  $R$  is sub-commutative, if for  $a, b \in R$  we have  $c, d \in R$  such that  $ab = bc = da$ . The number of elements in a set is denoted by # here.

**Lemma: 3.1** If  $M$  is a module over  $R$  and  $f : M \rightarrow R$  is an  $R$ -homomorphism, then  $(M, +, \bullet_f)$  where  $m_i \bullet_f m_j = m_i f(m_j)$  is a ring.

**Note:**

(1) This ring is our sought  $h$ -ring.

(2) Normally such an  $h$ -ring is not commutative. It is easily observed that in case of a PID  $D$  if  $f : D \rightarrow D$  is a  $D$ -homomorphism with (say)  $f(x) = mx, (m \in D)$ , then  $D_f$  is commutative. It happens to be true for any such  $f$ .

(3) If even the ring  $R$  does not contain unity 1, yet when  $M$  is an  $R$ -module,  $M_f$  may contain its unity. Following explanation justifies what we have meant.

Let  $R = \{(2m, 2n) / m, n \in Z\}$ . Then  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a commutative ring and is without unity such that for

$$(2m, 2n), (2a, 2b) \in R, (2m, 2n) + (2a, 2b) = (2(m+a), 2(n+b)) \text{ and}$$

$$(2m, 2n) \cdot (2a, 2b) = (2ma, 4nb). \text{ Now } (Z, +) \text{ is a module over } R \text{ with the map } Z \times R \rightarrow Z \text{ where}$$

$$m(2\alpha, 2\beta) = m\alpha \in Z \text{ It is easy to see that for } m, n \in Z \text{ and } (2, 2n) \in R, m(2, 2n) = m.$$

i.e.  $R$  has no unity, but  $(2, 2n) = e \in R$  is such that  $me = m \forall m \in Z$ . Thus  $e$  acts as a right unity for the module  $Z$  over the ring  $R$ . For any  $n \in Z$  it is true. Now  $f : Z \rightarrow R$  with  $f(m) = (2m, 0)$  is an  $R$ -homomorphism. And for  $1 \in Z$ , we have  $m \bullet_f 1 = mf(1) = m(2, 0) = m \forall m \in Z$ . Thus  $1 \in Z$  acts as the unity in  $(Z)_f //$

(4) When  $f = I$  -the identity map and the attached ring is commutative then the  $h$ -ring  $M_f$  is commutative.

**Lemma 3.2:** Let  $M$  be a module over a ring  $R$  and  $f : M \rightarrow R$  is an  $R$ -homomorphism. If  $N_R$  is a sub-module of  $M_R$  then  $G$  is a right ideal of  $M_f$ .

**Proof:** Here for  $n_1, n_2 \in N, n_1 + n_2 \in N$ . And for,  $n \in N$  and  $m \in M, n \bullet_f m = nf(m) \in N$ . Thus  $N$  is a right ideal of  $M_f$ .

**Note:** It is not safe to claim that for  $N$  - a right ideal of  $M_f$ , we should get the corresponding additive group  $(N, +)$  as a sub-module of  $M_R$ . However the following result reveals that our claim become true obviously if  $f$  is onto. For,  $n_1, n_2 \in N_R, n_1 + n_2 \in N$  And,  $n \in N, r \in R$  gives  $nr = nf(m) = n \bullet_f m \in N$ . Thus  $(N, +)$  is a sub-module of  $M_R$ .

**Lemma 3.3:** Let  $M$  be a module over a ring  $R$  and  $f : M \rightarrow R$  is an  $R$ -homomorphism. Then for any subset  $S (\neq \phi) \subseteq M, S \bullet_f M$  is a sub-module  $M_R$

The following lemma follows immediately from the ring structure of  $M_f$  making  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a (right)  $M_f$  module.

**Lemma 3.4:** Let  $N_R$  be a sub-module of  $M_R$ . Then  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a (right)  $M_f$ -module.

**Lemma 3.5 (a):** Let  $N_R$  be a finite sub-module of the module  $M_R$ . Then  $\frac{N : x}{Ann x}$  is a finite  $R$ -module.

$$[N : x = \{r \in R \mid xr \in N\}].$$

**Lemma 3.5(b):** Let  $N_R$  be a finite sub-module of  $M_R$ . Then  $\frac{N : x}{r_{M_f}(x)}$  is finite with respect to the ring

$$N_f. [N_f : x = \{m \in M \mid x \bullet_f m \in N\}].$$

**Proof:** Here  $N$  is a right ideal of  $M_f$  [Lemma 3:2]. Now  $r_{M_f}(x + N) = \{m \in M \mid (x + N) \bullet_f m \in N\}$

$$\{m \in M \mid (x + N)f(m) = N\} = \{m \in M \mid (xf(m) + N) = N\} = \{m \in M \mid xf(m) \in N\} = \\ \{m \in M \mid x \bullet_f m \in N\} = N : x. \text{ Now the map } \phi : r_{M_f}(x + N) \rightarrow x \bullet_f r_{M_f}(x + N)$$

Defined by  $\phi(\alpha) = x \bullet_f \alpha$  is an epimorphism and  $\ker(\phi) = r_{M_f}(x)$ .

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{r_{M_f}(x + N)}{r_{M_f}(x)} \cong x \bullet_f r_{M_f}(x + N). \text{ Now } x \bullet_f r_{M_f}(x + N)$$

$$= \{x \bullet_f m \mid m \in r_{M_f}(x + N)\} = \{xf(m) \mid m \in r_{M_f}(x + N)\} \subseteq N$$

[Since gives  $m \in N : x$ . Thus  $x \bullet_f m \in N$  i.e.  $xf(m) \in N$ ] Therefore the result follows since  $N$  is finite //

**Lemma 3.6:** Let the module  $M_R$  be with an infinite numbers of  $f$ -right-finite elements. Then  $M$  contains an infinite  $f$ -clique.

**Proof:** Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  be different  $f$ -right-finite elements in  $M$ . Then the elements  $x_1 \bullet_f x_2, \dots, x_1 \bullet_f x_n$  belong to the finite right ideal  $x_1 \bullet_f M$ . Now for some infinite subsequence  $a_n$  of  $\{2, 3, \dots, n, \dots\}$  we have  $x_1 \bullet_f x_{a_1} = x_1 \bullet_f x_{a_2} = \dots$ . Consider the sequence  $x_{a_1}, x_{a_2}, \dots$  and repeat the procedure. Continuing in this way we construct a subsequence  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, \dots$  of the sequence  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  such that  $y_i \bullet_f y_j = y_i \bullet_f y_k$  where  $i, j > k$ . In this subsequence  $y_1 = x_1, y_2 = x_{a_1}, \dots$  etc. Put  $z_{ij} = y_i - y_j$ . Now  $z_{ij} \bullet_f z_{kr} = z_{ij} f(z_{kr}) = (y_i - y_j) f(y_k - y_r) = (y_i - y_j) (f(y_k) - f(y_r)) = y_i f(y_k) - y_i f(y_r) - y_j f(y_k) + y_j f(y_r) = 0$ . We shall now construct an infinite  $f$ -clique of  $M$

We consider  $z_{1,2} \bullet_f z_{3,4} = z_{1,2} \bullet_f z_{3,5} = 0$ . Since,  $z_{1,2} \neq z_{3,5}$ , at least one of  $z_{3,4}$  and  $z_{3,5}$  is different from  $z_{1,2}$ . If for instance  $z_{1,2} \neq z_{3,5}$  then  $\{z_{1,2}, z_{3,5}\}$  is an  $f$ -clique with two elements. We observe that  $z_{6,7}, z_{6,8}, z_{6,9}$  are different and if for instance  $z_{6,9} \notin \{z_{1,2}, z_{3,5}\}$  then  $\{z_{1,2}, z_{3,5}, z_{6,9}\}$  is an  $f$ -clique with three elements. Continuing in this way we get an infinite  $f$ -clique of  $M$ .

**Note:** The above result holds in case of a module  $M$  with an infinite number of  $f$ -left-finite elements too. The following lemma is also easily follows from what have been described in itself.

**Lemma: 3.7** Let  $I$  be a left ideal of  $R$ . And  $(Ann_M I =) N (\subseteq Ker(f))$  is a sub-module of  $M$ . Then,  $\left(\frac{M}{N}\right)_\psi$  is an

$h$ -ring for the  $\psi$  induced by  $f$  where  $\psi : \frac{M}{N} \rightarrow R$  is such that  $\psi(m + N) = f(m)$ .

**Lemma: 3.8** Let  $N = Ker(f)$  be a finite sub-module of the module  $M_R$ . Then the module  $M$  contains an infinite  $f$ -clique if and only if  $\frac{M}{N}$  contains an infinite  $\psi$ -clique where  $\psi$  is induced by  $f$  with  $\psi(m + N) = f(m)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $C$  be an infinite  $f$ -clique of  $M$ . Then we will show that  $\bar{C} = \{c + N \mid c \in C\}$  is a  $\psi$ -clique of  $\frac{M}{N}$ . Now

$$\text{for } c_i + N, c_j + N \in \bar{C}, (c_i + N) \bullet_\psi (c_j + N) = (c_i + N) \psi(c_j + N) = (c_i + N) f(c_j) = c_i f(c_j) + N = 0 + N = \bar{0}.$$

Similarly  $(c_j + N) \bullet_\psi (c_i + N) = \bar{0} \forall i \neq j$ . Thus  $\bar{C} = \{c + N \mid c \in C\}$  is a  $\psi$ -clique of  $\frac{M}{N}$ . And

$(c_i + N) \neq (c_j + N)$  ( $i \neq j$ ) as  $N = Ker(f)$ . Conversely, let  $\left\{\bar{c}_i\right\}_{i=1}^\infty$  be an infinite  $\psi$ -clique of  $\frac{M}{N}$ . Hence,

$c_i \bullet_f c_j \in N$  for  $i \neq j$ . Therefore the set of products  $\left\{c_i \bullet_f c_j\right\}_{i \neq j}$  is a finite set. Now we can construct an

infinite  $f$ -clique of  $M$  as it is done in the Lemma 3.6.

#### 4. MAIN RESULTS

The main results are here presented as follows.

##### 4.1: Characterizations of f-chromatic number

A module  $M_R$  (or  ${}_R M$ ) is a zero module if  $M = 0$

**Theorem: 4.1.1**  $\chi(M_f) = 1$  if and only if  $M$  is a zero module over  $R$ .

**Proof:** Assume  $\chi(M_f) = 1$ .

**Case I:** Suppose,  $M \neq 0$  and  $f = 0$ . Then there is an  $m_i \neq 0 \in M$ . Let  $m_j \in M$  be another element of  $M$ .

Then  $m_i \bullet_f m_j = m_i f(m_j) = m_i \cdot 0 = 0, i \neq j$ . Thus  $m_i, m_j$  are  $f$ -adjacent, a contradiction to  $\chi(M_f) = 1$ .

**Case II:** Assume that  $M = 0$  and  $f \neq 0$ . This case does not arise [since  $f$  is an  $R$ -homomorphism]

**Case III:** Assume that  $M \neq 0$  and  $f \neq 0$ . Let  $m_i \neq 0 \in M$ . Now  $m_i \bullet_f 0 = m_i f(0) = m_i \cdot 0 = 0$  gives  $m_i, 0$  are  $f$ -adjacent - a contradiction to  $\chi(M_f) = 1$ . Thus,  $M = 0$  and  $f = 0$ . Hence  $M$  is a zero module. Conversely assume  $M$  is a zero module. Then  $(0,0)$  is an  $f$ -loop. Thus only one color is sufficient to color the vertex of the module  $M$ . Thus  $\chi(M_f) = 1$ .

**Note:**

(1) In case of a graph  $(R, E, 0)$ ,  $\chi(R_0)$  is the order of the ring i.e.  $0(R)$

(2)  $M(\neq 0)$  is a module over a ring  $R$  with unity. And  $f : M \rightarrow R$  is any  $R$ -homomorphism. Then  $2 \leq \chi(M_f) \leq \# M$ .

(3) If  $\chi(R_f) = k$ , for all  $f(\neq \hat{0})$ , then we say that  $k$  is the chromatic number of  $R$  denoted as  $\chi(R)$ . For a field  $F$ ,  $\chi(F_f) = 2$ , for all  $f(\neq \hat{0})$  as we have only one such  $f$  viz: the identity map.

(4) It is to be noted that the chromatic number of a ring  $R$  as discussed in [1] appears as a very restricted one. It is not difficult to see that in case of the ring of integer modulo  $n$ , when  $n$  is other than prime, the  $f$ -chromatic number varies for different  $R$ -homomorphism  $f$ .

The problem may be considered as an open one to investigate under what condition one may expect the existence of  $\chi(R)$

**Proposition: 4.1.2** Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k, q_1, \dots, q_r$  be different primes and

$N = p_1^{2n_1} \dots p_k^{2n_k} \cdot q_1^{2m_1+1} \dots q_r^{2m_r+1}$  and let  $f : Z_N \rightarrow Z$  be a homomorphism such that  $f(\overline{m}) = k$ , where  $k$  is the remainder when  $m$  is divided by  $N$ .

Then  $\chi(Z_N)_f = \text{clique}(Z_N)_f = p_1^{n_1} \dots p_k^{n_k} \cdot q_1^{m_1+1} \dots q_r^{m_r+1} + r$

**Proof:** Let  $y_0 = p_1^{n_1} \dots p_k^{n_k} \cdot q_1^{m_1+1} \dots q_r^{m_r+1}$ . Then  $f(\overline{y_0}) = y_0$ . Consider the ideal

$Z_N \bullet_f \overline{\alpha} = \{ \overline{z_i} \bullet_f \overline{\alpha} \mid \overline{z_i} \in Z_N \} [y_0 = f(\overline{y_0}) = f(\overline{\alpha}), \text{ say}]$ .

Now

$(\overline{z_i} \bullet_f \overline{\alpha}) \bullet_f (\overline{z_j} \bullet_f \overline{\alpha}) = (\overline{z_i} f(\overline{\alpha})) \bullet_f (\overline{z_j} f(\overline{\alpha})) = \overline{z_i} f(\overline{\alpha}) f(\overline{z_j}) f(\overline{\alpha}) = \overline{z_i} f(\overline{z_j}) f(\overline{\alpha}) f(\overline{\alpha}) = \overline{z_i} f(\overline{z_j}) f(\overline{y_0}) y_0 = \overline{z_i} f(\overline{z_j}) f(\overline{y_0} y_0) = \overline{z_i} f(\overline{z_j}) f((\overline{y_0})^2) = \overline{z_i} f(\overline{z_j}) f(0) = 0$ . Similarly,

$(\bar{z}_j \bullet_f \bar{\alpha}) \bullet_f (\bar{z}_i \bullet_f \bar{\alpha}) = 0$ . Thus  $Z_N \bullet_f \bar{\alpha}$  is an  $f$ -clique, whose cardinality is  $p_1^{n_1} \dots p_k^{n_k} \cdot q_1^{m_1} \dots q_r^{m_r}$ . Then the set  $\bar{C} = Z_N \bullet_f \bar{\alpha} \cup \{\bar{y}_1 \bullet_f \bar{\alpha}, \dots, \bar{y}_n \bullet_f \bar{\alpha}\}$  is an  $f$ -clique of  $(Z_N)_f$  containing  $S = p_1^{n_1} \dots p_k^{n_k} \cdot q_1^{m_1} \dots q_r^{m_r} + r$  numbers of elements. Hence  $\text{clique}(Z_N)_f \geq s$ . In order to show  $\chi(Z_N)_f \leq s$ , we attach a distinct color to each of the elements of the  $f$ -clique  $\bar{C}$ . Furthermore let  $\bar{x}_i \bullet_f \bar{\alpha} = x_i f(\bar{\alpha}) = \frac{N}{p_i^{n_i}} f(\bar{\alpha})$ , where  $\bar{x}_i = \frac{N}{p_i^{n_i}}, 1 \leq i \leq k$ . Then  $\bar{x}_1 \bullet_f \bar{\alpha}, \bar{x}_2 \bullet_f \bar{\alpha}, \dots, \bar{x}_k \bullet_f \bar{\alpha}$  are also elements of  $\bar{C}$ . [Since  $\bar{x}_i f(\bar{\alpha}) \bullet_f \bar{x}_j f(\bar{\alpha}) = 0$ . And hence have been equipped with a color. Let  $C(\bar{y})$  denote the color of an element  $\bar{y}$  and color the remaining elements of  $(Z_N)_f$  as follows. Pick  $\bar{x} \notin Z_N \bullet_f \bar{\alpha}$ . If  $p_1^{n_1} \dots p_k^{n_k}$  divides  $x$  define,  $C(\bar{x}) = C(\bar{y}_j \bullet_f \bar{\alpha})$ , where  $j = \min\{i \mid q_i^{m_i} \mid x\}$ . If  $p_1^{n_1} \dots p_k^{n_k}$  does not divide  $x$  define,  $C(\bar{x}) = C(\bar{x}_j \bullet_f \bar{\alpha})$ , where  $j = \min\{i \mid p_i^{n_i} \nmid x\}$ . It is easily seen that this coloring attaches different colors to  $f$ -adjacent vertices. Thus  $\chi((Z_N)_f) \leq s$ . Hence  $\chi((Z_N)_f) = s$ .

This is as an example of an  $h$ -ring where  $f$ -chromatic number coincides with clique of the  $h$ -ring.

**Theorem: 4.1.3** The  $f$ -chromatic number of an  $h$ -ring  $M_f$  with respect to the simple graph of a left sub-commutative ring  $R$  never exceeds  $i$ -chromatic number of  $R_i$  where  $i$  is the identity homomorphism.

**Proof:** It can be shown that for every  $f$ -clique of the module  $M$  there corresponds an  $i$ -clique in  $R$ . Next we show if clique  $R_i$  is finite then clique  $M_f$  is also finite. Suppose that  $\bar{C} = \{m_1, m_2, \dots\} \subseteq M$  be an infinite  $f$ -clique of  $M$ . Consider the subset  $C = \{f(m_1), f(m_2), \dots\}$  of  $R$ .

Now  $f(m_i) f(m_j) = f(m_i f(m_j)) = f(m_i \bullet_f m_j) = f(0) = 0$  gives  $C$  is an  $i$ -clique of  $R$  which is infinite, a contradiction. Thus  $\text{clique } M_f < \infty$ . Now let  $C = \{r_1, r_2, \dots\} \subseteq R$  is an infinite  $i$ -clique of  $R$ . Then consider  $\bar{C} = \{mr_1, mr_2, \dots\} \subseteq M$ . Since  $mr_i \bullet_f mr_j = mr_i f(mr_j) = mr_i f(m)r_j = mrr_i r_j = mr0 = 0$  [ $\forall i \neq j$ , for some  $r \in R$ ]. Therefore  $\bar{C}$  is an  $f$ -clique of  $M$ . Thus we get  $\chi(M_f) \leq \chi(R_i)$ .

**Note:** However if  $M$  is a module over a zero ring  $R$  then  $M$  itself is an  $f$ -clique here, and since  $\chi(R) = 1$  for zero ring  $R$ , therefore  $\chi(R) \leq \chi(M_f)$ . Thus this inequality does not hold if  $M$  is a module over a zero ring  $R$ .

**Theorem: 4.1.4** Let  $M$  be a module over a right-sub commutative ring  $R$ . If the  $h$ -ring  $M_f$  contains a nilpotent element, which is not  $f$ -right-finite, then  $M_f$  contains an infinite  $f$ -clique.

**Theorem: 4.1.5** Let  $M$  be an  $f$ -color module over a right sub-commutative ring  $R$  and  $S$  be any subset of  $M$ .

Then  $\frac{M}{r_{M_f}(S)}$  is a  $\psi$ -color module where  $\psi$  is induced by  $f$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\{\bar{m}_1, \dots, \bar{m}_n\} \subseteq \frac{M}{r_{M_f}(S)}$  is a  $\psi$ -clique of  $\frac{M}{r_{M_f}(S)}$

Now  $\bar{m}_i \bullet_\psi \bar{m}_j = \bar{0}$  gives that  $m_i \bullet_f m_j \in r_{M_f}(S)$ . Thus  $S \bullet_f (m_i \bullet_f m_j) = 0$



Now,  $\left\{ \sum_{finite} s_i \bullet_f m_j \mid s_i \in S, m_j \in M \right\}$  is an  $f$ -clique of  $S \bullet_f M$ . Clearly,  $\text{clique} \frac{M}{r_{M_f}(S)} \leq \text{clique } S \bullet_f M$ .

Now every  $f$ -clique of  $S \bullet_f M$  is also an  $f$ -clique of  $M_f$  as  $S \bullet_f M$  is a sub-ring of  $M_f$ . Since  $M$  is  $f$ -color module therefore  $\text{clique } M_f < \infty$  which gives  $\text{clique } S \bullet_f M$  is finite. Thus  $\text{clique} \frac{M}{r_{M_f}(S)}$  is finite. Thus,

$\frac{M}{r_{M_f}(S)}$  is a  $\psi$ -color module. //

#### 4.2: Inheritance of Goldie Characters

**Theorem: 4.2.1** Let  $M$  be a module over  $R$ . If  $M$  satisfies the acc. on annihilators of subsets of  $M$  in  $R$  then  $M_f$  has the acc. on right annihilators of its subsets.

**Proof:** We consider an ascending chain of right annihilators say,

$r_{M_f}(S_1) \subseteq r_{M_f}(S_2) \subseteq r_{M_f}(S_3) \subseteq \dots$  where  $S_i \subseteq M, i=1,2,\dots$  we claim  $r_{M_f}(S_k) = r_{M_f}(S_{k+1}) = \dots$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Now for every ascending chain of right annihilators say,  $r_{M_f}(S_1) \subseteq r_{M_f}(S_2) \subseteq r_{M_f}(S_3) \subseteq \dots$ , where  $S_i \subseteq M, i=1,2,\dots$  we get a corresponding ascending chain such as  $\text{Ann}_R(S_1) \subseteq \text{Ann}_R(S_2) \subseteq \dots$

And since  $M$  satisfies the acc. on annihilators of subsets of  $M$  in  $R$ , we have a  $t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that

$\text{Ann}_R(S_t) = \text{Ann}_R(S_{t+1}) = \dots$ . Now we claim  $r_{M_f}(S_t) = r_{M_f}(S_{t+1}) = r_{M_f}(S_{t+2}) = \dots$

Suppose  $\alpha \in r_{M_f}(S_{t+1})$  and  $\alpha \notin r_{M_f}(S_t)$ . Now  $S_{t+1} \bullet_f \alpha = 0$  and  $S_t \bullet_f \alpha \neq 0$  and so  $S_{t+1}f(\alpha) = 0$  and  $S_t f(\alpha) \neq 0$  giving thereby  $f(\alpha) \in \text{Ann}_R(S_{t+1})$  and  $f(\alpha) \notin \text{Ann}_R(S_t)$ , a Contradiction. Thus  $r_{M_f}(S_t) = r_{M_f}(S_{t+1})$ . Hence our claim. //

**Theorem: 4.2.2** Let  $M$  be a module over  $R$ . If  $M$  is finite dimensional then the corresponding  $h$ -ring  $M_f$  is also finite dimensional.

**Proof:** Suppose  $M_f$  is not finite dimensional. If  $A$  is a right ideal of the ring  $M_f$ , then  $A \bullet_f M = Af(M)$  is a sub-module of  $M_R$ . [Lemma 3.3]. Also for right ideal  $A_1, A_2$  of  $M_f$  with  $A_1 \cap A_2 = 0$

we have,  $A_1 f(M) \cap A_2 f(M) \subseteq A_1 \cap A_2 = 0$ . Thus,  $A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus \dots$ , an infinite direct sum of right ideals of  $M_f$  gives rise to  $A_1 f(M) \oplus A_2 f(M) \oplus \dots$ , an infinite direct sum of sub-modules of  $M_R$ , a contradiction.

#### 4.3. f-color modules and Goldie rings

In this section we explore few ideas to convert an  $f$ -color-module into a Goldie ring. Here the notion of a prime module plays an important role in the way. In fact the Goldie character of an algebraic structure declares the finiteness of the chromatic number of the corresponding graph of the algebraic structure and vice-versa. The notion of the chromatic number of an arbitrary graph is accountable for what we have attempted to introduce that of a *directed-clique*, which would appear as a useful tool for study the color property of a non commutative algebraic structure.

A finite subset  $C = \{a, b, \dots, d\}$  is a *directed-clique* if for a particular labeled description of  $C$  viz.  $C = \{a, b, \dots, d\} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  say, we have  $x_i \cdot x_j = 0$  for all  $i < j$  and it is to be noted that  $C$  will be a clique as in above sense, if  $C$  is a *directed-clique* for all possible labeled description of it. Now a countably infinite subset  $C$  is a *directed-clique*, if for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , a labeled subset viz.  $X = \{a, b, \dots, d\} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} (\subseteq C)$  is

a directed-clique and such a countably infinite set is a clique if for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and for each above type of labeled description of  $X$  is a directed-clique.

**Note:**

(1) Such an infinite directed-clique may coincide with our ordinary clique if the same is a finite directed-clique for all its finite subsets with all possible permutations. If  $S$  is a finite subset of  $T$  -an infinite directed-clique and each of all possible permutations of  $S$  is a directed-clique then  $T$  is a clique.

(2) The problem of coloring of elements of such a directed-  $f$  - clique may be related with an infinite  $f$  -clique which has been described in above and one may expect to get more interesting results

**Theorem: 4.3.1**  $M$  be a finite dimensional module over a right sub- commutative ring  $R$  and  $M_f$  is without infinite directed  $f$  - Clique. Then  $M_f$  is right Goldie ring if  $M_f$  is reduced.

**Proof:** Since  $M_R$  is a finite dimensional module, so is  $M_f$  [Theorem: 4.2.2.]. Now we consider one strictly ascending chain of right annihilators of subsets of  $M$ , say  $r_{M_f}(S_1) \subset r_{M_f}(S_2) \subset r_{M_f}(S_3) \subset \dots$  which is not stationary. Let  $x_i \in r_{M_f}(S_i) \setminus r_{M_f}(S_{i-1})$ ,  $i = 2, 3, \dots \Rightarrow x_i \in r_{M_f}(S_i)$  and  $x_i \notin r_{M_f}(S_{i-1})$ . Then  $S_i \bullet_f x_i = 0$  and  $S_{i-1} \bullet_f x_i \neq 0$ . Consider the elements  $y_n = s_{n-1} \bullet_f x_n = s_{n-1} f(x_n)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $y_i = s_{i-1} \bullet_f x_i$ ,  $y_j = s_{j-1} \bullet_f x_j$ . Now for  $i > j$ ,  $r(S_j) \subset r(S_i)$ . Therefore  $x_j \in r(S_{i-1})$  i.e.  $S_{i-1} \bullet_f x_j = 0$ .  $y_i y_j = 0$ . Now  $z_n = y_{i-n}$  for all  $n$ . And if  $y_i = y_j$ , then  $y_i^2 = y_j^2 = 0$  and is possible only when  $y_i = 0 = y_j$  as  $M_f$  is with zero nil-radical. Now since  $r(S_1) \subset r(S_2) \subset \dots$  is not stationary therefore  $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is an infinite directed-  $f$ -clique of  $M_f$ , a contradiction. Thus  $M_f$  is right Goldie. //

Here we get a very fascinating corollary, which may be called as a sufficient condition for an  $h$ -ring of being partially Goldie, which reads as:

**Corollary: 4.3.2 (a)**  $M$  is a module over a right sub-commutative ring  $R$ . If  $M_f$  is a reduced ring and is without infinite directed  $f$  -Clique, then  $M_f$  has the acc. on right annihilators of subsets  $M$  in ring  $M_f$ .

**Corollary: 4.3.2(b)** Let  $M$  be a finite dimensional module over a ring  $R$  such that  $f(M)$  is commutative and let  $M_f$  be without infinite  $f$  - Clique. Then  $M_f$  is right Goldie ring if nil- radical of  $M_f$  is zero.

**Corollary: 4.3.2(c)** Let  $R$  be a finite dimensional right sub-commutative ring which is without infinite directed - clique. Then  $R$  is right Goldie ring if nil- radical of  $R$  is zero.

**Theorem: 4.3.3** Let  $M$  be a  $f$ -color module over a right sub- commutative ring  $R$  where  $M_f$  is reduced then  $Z(M) = \bigcup_{P \in \text{Ass}(M)} P$ .

**Proof:** Let  $r \in Z(M)$ . Then  $mr = 0, m \neq 0 \in M$  gives  $r \in \text{Ann}(m)$ . Thus  $r \in \text{Ann}(S_i)$  for some  $S_i \neq 0$ ,  $\text{Ann}(S_i)$  is a maximal ideal [Corollary 4.4.2 (a)]. It can be shown that  $\text{Ann}(S_i)$  is a prime ideal.

Hence  $r \in \bigcup_{P \in \text{Ass}(M)} P$ . Thus  $Z(M) \subseteq \bigcup_{P \in \text{Ass}(M)} P$ . Conversely let  $x \in \bigcup_{P \in \text{Ass}(M)} P \Rightarrow x \in P$ , for some  $P \in \text{Ass}(M)$  gives  $x \in \text{Ann}(S_i)$ . Here  $P = \text{Ann}(S_i), S_i \neq 0$ . Thus  $S_i x_i = 0$ . This gives  $s_i x_i = 0$  [for some  $s_i \neq 0$ ]. Thus  $x \in Z(M)$  giving thereby  $Z(M) = \bigcup_{P \in \text{Ass}(M)} P$  //

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Authors like to offer their thanks to UGC for their financial help rendered for the work through Major Research Project Scheme.

## **REFERENCES**

- [1] Beck, Istvan: Coloring of commutative Rings, Journal of Algebra 116, 208-226(1988).
- [2] Bruijn, N. G. De: A color problem for infinite graphs and problem in theory of Erdos, P. relations. Nederl . Akad. Wetensch.Proc.Ser.A54 (1953), 371-373
- [3] Chartrand, G at-el Introduction to graph theory. Tata Mc .Graw Hill.
- [4] Chowdhury, K. C.: Goldie M –groups, J, Australian Math .Soc (A), 51 (1991), 237-246.
- [5] Chowdhury, K. C: A Short Road to Near-Rings, VDM Verlag Dr. Muller. 2009
- [6] Dheena, P: On Strongly regular near-rings, J. Indian Math. Soc. 49(1987), 201- 208
- [7] Goldie, A.W. Semi prime rings with maximum conditions, P roc.London.Math.Soc.10/3 (1960), 201-202
- [8] Goldie, A.W.: The structure of prime rings under ascending condition Proc. London Math.Soc. 8/3 (1958), 589-608.
- [9] Pilz, G.: Near-rings, North –Holland Publishing Company; 1977.

\*\*\*\*\*