

WEAKLY RADICAL FORMULA AND WEAKLY PRIMARY SUBMODULES

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we study the weakly radical of modules over commutative ring with identity. Furthermore we prove that if N_j is a weakly prime submodule of M_j , then N_j is to satisfy the weakly radical formula in M_j if and only if

$$M_1 \times M_2 \times \dots \times M_{j-1} \times N_j \times M_{j+1} \times \dots \times M_n$$

is to satisfy the weakly radical formula in M .

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1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper all rings are commutative with identity and all modules are unitary. A submodule N of an R -module M is a weakly prime submodule of M if for each submodule K of M and $a, b \in R$ such that $abK \subseteq N$, then $aK \subseteq N$ or $bK \subseteq N$.

Recently, this notion of weakly prime submodule has been extensively studied by Behboodi and Koohi in (2004). An R -module M is a weakly prime module if every proper submodule N of M is a weakly prime submodule of M . It is easy to show that if N is a prime submodule of M , then N is a weakly prime submodule of M .

Let N be a proper submodule R -module M . The weakly prime radical of N in M , denoted by $w.rad_M(N)$, is defined to be the intersection of all weakly prime submodules containing N . If there is no weakly prime submodule containing N , then $w.rad_M(N) = M$ (see, for example, [5, 14]).

In this note, we shall need the notion of the envelope of a submodule introduced by R. L. McCasland and M. E. Moore in [11]. For a submodule N of an R -module M , the envelope of N in M , denoted by $E_M(N)$, is defined to be the subset $\{rm : r \in R \text{ and } m \in M \text{ such that } r^k m \in N \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$ of M . Note that, in general, $E_M(N)$ is not an R -module. With the help of envelopes, the notion of the radical formula is defined as follows: A submodule N of an R -module M is said to satisfy the radical formula in M , if $\langle E_M(N) \rangle = rad_M(N)$. Also, an R -module M is said to satisfy the radical formula, if every submodule of M satisfies the radical formula in M . The radical formula has been studied extensively by various authors (see [7], [12] and [13]).

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In this paper is to introduce the notion of a weakly radical formula, we study the weakly prime radical of modules over commutative ring with identity. Furthermore we prove that if N_j is a weakly prime submodule of M_j , then N_j is to satisfy the weak radical formula in M_j if and only if $M_1 \times M_2 \times \dots \times M_{j-1} \times N_j \times M_{j+1} \times \dots \times M_n$ is to satisfy the weakly radical formula in M .

2. PRELIMINARIES

Let $R = \prod_{i=1}^n R_i$, where each R_i is a commutative ring with identity. Then an ideal $I = \prod_{i=1}^n I_i$ of P is prime if and only if I_i is equal to the corresponding ring R_i and the other is prime. Moreover, any R -module M can be uniquely decomposed into a direct product of modules, i.e. $M = \prod_{i=1}^n M_i$, where

$$M_i = (0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)M$$

is an R_i -module with action

$$(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n)(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n) = (r_1 m_1, r_2 m_2, \dots, r_n m_n), \text{ where } r_i \in R_i \text{ and } m_i \in M_i \text{ [7].}$$

Lemma 2.1: [7] Let $N = N_1 \times N_2$ be a submodule of M . Then

$$\langle E_M(N) \rangle = \langle E_{M_1}(N_1) \rangle \times \langle E_{M_2}(N_2) \rangle.$$

Corollary 2.2: [7] Let $N = \prod_{i=1}^n N_i$ be a submodule of M . Then $\langle E_M(N) \rangle = \prod_{i=1}^n \langle E_{M_i}(N_i) \rangle$.

Lemma 2.3: [14] If N is a weakly prime submodule, then $\langle E_M(N) \rangle = N$.

Lemma 2.4: [14] Let N be a semiprime submodule of an R -module M . Then $\langle E_M(N) \rangle = N$.

3. WEAKLY PRIME SUBMODULES

In this section, we give some characterizations for weakly prime submodule of R -module M .

Lemma 3.1: Let $M = M_1 \times M_2$, where M_i is an R_i -module. A submodule $N_1 \times M_2$ is a weakly prime submodule of M if and only if N_1 is a weakly prime submodule of M_1 .

Proof: Suppose that $N_1 \times M_2$ is a weakly prime submodule of R -module M . We will show that N_1 is a weakly prime submodule of M_1 . Clearly, N_1 is a proper submodule of R_1 -module M_1 . To show that weakly prime submodule properties of N_1 hold, let K be a submodule of R_1 -module M_1 and $a, b \in R_1$ such that $abK \subseteq N_1$.

Then

$$(a, 0)(b, 0)(K \times \{0\}) = abK \times \{0\} \subseteq N_1 \times M_2.$$

Since $N_1 \times M_2$ is a weakly prime submodule of R -module M , it follows that

$$(aK \times \{0\}) = (a, 0)(K \times \{0\}) \subseteq N_1 \times M_2$$

or

$$(bK \times \{0\}) = (b, 0)(K \times \{0\}) \subseteq N_1 \times M_2;$$

that is, $aK \subseteq N_1$ or $bK \subseteq N_1$. Therefore N_1 is a weakly prime submodule of R_1 -module M_1 .

Conversely, suppose that N_1 is a weakly prime submodule of R_1 -module M_1 . We will show that $N_1 \times M_2$ is a weakly prime submodule of R -module M . Clearly, $N_1 \times M_2$ is a proper submodule of R -module M . To show that weakly prime submodule properties of $N_1 \times M_2$ hold, let $K \times L$ be a submodule of R -module M and $(a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2) \in R$ such that

$$a_1 b_1 K \times a_2 b_2 L = (a_1, a_2)(b_1, b_2)(K \times L) \subseteq N_1 \times M_2.$$

Since N_1 is a weakly prime submodule of R_1 -module M_1 and $a_1 b_1 K \subseteq N_1$, we have $a_1 K \subseteq N_1$ or $b_1 K \subseteq N_1$.

Therefore

$$(a_1, a_2)(K \times L) = a_1 K \times a_2 L \subseteq N_1 \times M_2$$

or

$$(b_1, b_2)(K \times L) = b_1 K \times b_2 L \subseteq N_1 \times M_2$$

and hence $N_1 \times M_2$ is a weakly prime submodule of R -module M .

Corollary 3.2: Let $M = M_1 \times M_2$, where M_i is an R_i -module. A submodule $M_1 \times N_2$ is a weakly prime submodule of R -module M if and only if N_2 is a weakly prime submodule of R_2 -module M_2 .

Proof: This follows from Lemma 3.1.

Corollary 3.3: Let $M = \prod_{i=1}^n M_i$, where M_i is an R_i -module. A submodule

$$M_1 \times M_2 \times \dots \times M_{j-1} \times N_j \times M_{j+1} \times \dots \times M_n$$

is a weakly prime submodule of R -module M if and only if N_j is a weakly prime submodule of R_j -module M_j .

Proof: This follows from Lemma 3.1 and Corollary 3.2.

Lemma 3.4: Let $M = M_1 \times M_2$, where M_i is an R_i -module. If $N_1 \times \{0\}$ is a weakly prime submodule of M , then N_1 is a weakly prime submodule of M_1 .

Proof: Suppose that $N_1 \times \{0\}$ is a weakly prime submodule of R -module M . We will show that N_1 is a weakly prime submodule of M_1 . Clearly, N_1 is a proper submodule of R_1 -module M_1 . To show that weakly prime submodule properties of N_1 hold, let K be a submodule of R_1 -module M_1 and $a, b \in R_1$ such that $abK \subseteq N_1$.

Then

$$(a, 0)(b, 0)(K \times \{0\}) = abK \times \{0\} \subseteq N_1 \times \{0\}.$$

Since $N_1 \times M_2$ is a weakly prime submodule of R -module M , it follows that

$$(aK \times \{0\}) = (a, 0)(K \times \{0\}) \subseteq N_1 \times \{0\}$$

or

$$(bK \times \{0\}) = (b, 0)(K \times \{0\}) \subseteq N_1 \times \{0\};$$

that is, $aK \subseteq N_1$ or $bK \subseteq N_1$. Therefore N_1 is a weakly prime submodule of R_1 -module M_1 .

Corollary 3.5: Let $M = M_1 \times M_2$, where M_i is an R_i -module. If $\{0\} \times N_2$ is a weakly prime submodule of R -module M , then N_2 is a weakly prime submodule of R_2 -module M_2 .

Proof: This follows from Lemma 3.1.

Corollary 3.6: Let $M = \prod_{i=1}^n M_i$, where M_i is an R_i -module. If $\{0\} \times \{0\} \times \dots \times N_j \times \dots \times \{0\}$ is a weakly prime submodule of R -module M , then N_j is a weakly prime submodule of R_j -module M_j .

Proof: This follows from Lemma 3.4 and Corollary 3.5.

4. RADICAL OF WEAKLY PRIME SUBMODULES

A submodule N of an R -module M is said to satisfy the weakly radical formula in M , if $\langle E_M(N) \rangle = w.rad_M(N)$.

Lemma 4.1: Let $M = M_1 \times M_2$, where M_i is an R_i -module. If W is a weakly prime submodule of R -module M and $P = \{x \in M_1 : (x, 0) \in W\}$, then $P = M_1$ or P is a weakly prime submodule of R_1 -module M_1 .

Proof: Suppose that $P \neq M_1$. We will show that P is a weakly prime submodule of R_1 -module M_1 . It is clear that, P is a proper submodule of R_1 -module M_1 . To show that weakly prime submodule properties of P , let $a, b \in R_1$ and K be submodule of M_1 such that $abK \subseteq P$. Let $k \in K$. Then $abk \in P$ so that $(a, 0)(b, 0)(k, 0) = (abk, 0) \in W$. Thus $(a, 0)(b, 0)(K \times \{0\}) \subseteq W$. Since W is a weakly prime submodule of M , we have

$$(a, 0)(K \times \{0\}) \subseteq W$$

or

$$(b, 0)(K \times \{0\}) \subseteq W.$$

Thus

$$(ak, 0) = (a, 0)(k, 0) \in W$$

or

$$(bk, 0) = (b, 0)(k, 0) \in W.$$

It follows that $ak \in P$ or $bk \in P$. Therefore $aK \subseteq P$ or $bK \subseteq P$ and hence P is a weakly prime submodule of M_1 .

Corollary 4.2: Let $M = M_1 \times M_2$, where M_i is an R_i -module. If W is a weakly prime submodule of R -module M and $P = \{x \in M_2 : (0, x) \in W\}$, then $P = M_2$ or P is a weakly prime submodule of R_2 -module M_2 .

Proof: This follows from Lemma 4.1.

Corollary 4.3: Let $M = \prod_{i=1}^n M_i$, where M_i is an R_i -module. If W is a weakly prime submodule of R -module M and $P = \{x \in M_j : (0, 0, \dots, x, 0, \dots, 0) \in W\}$, then $P = M_j$ or P is a weakly prime submodule of R_j -module M_j .

Proof: This follows from Lemma 4.1 and Corollary 4.2.

Lemma 4.4: Let $M = M_1 \times M_2$, where M_i is an R_i -module and let N be a submodule of R_1 -module M_1 . Then $m \in w.rad_{M_1}(N)$ if and only if $(m, 0) \in w.rad_M(N \times \{0\})$.

Proof: Suppose that $M = M_1 \times M_2$, where M_i is an R_i -module. Let N be a submodule of R_1 -module M_1 and let $m \in w.rad_{M_1}(N)$.

If there is no weakly prime submodule of M containing $N \times \{0\}$, then $w.rad_M(N \times \{0\}) = M$. Therefore $(m, 0) \in w.rad_{M_1}(N \times \{0\})$.

If there is weakly prime submodule of M containing $N \times \{0\}$, then there exists a weakly prime submodule W with $N \times \{0\} \subseteq W$. By Lemma 4.1 and $P = \{x \in M_1 : (x, 0) \in W\}$, we have $P = M_1$ or P is a weakly prime submodule of R_1 -module M_1 .

Case - 1: $P = M_1$. Since $m \in w.rad_{M_1}(N)$, we have $m \in P$. Then $(m, 0) \in W$. Therefore if W is a weakly prime submodule of M containing $N \times \{0\}$, then $(m, 0) \in W$.

Case - 2: $P \neq M_1$. Since $P \neq M_1$, we have P is a weakly prime submodule of R_1 -module M_1 . Let $x \in N$. Then $(x, 0) \in N \times \{0\}$ so that $x \in P$. It follows that $N \subseteq P$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} w.rad_{M_1}(N) &\subseteq w.rad_{M_1}(P) \\ &= P \end{aligned}$$

so that $m \in P$. Therefore if W is a weakly prime submodule of M containing $N \times \{0\}$, then $(m, 0) \in W$ and hence $(m, 0) \in w.rad_{M_1}(N \times \{0\})$.

Corollary 4.5: Let $M = M_1 \times M_2$, where M_i is an R_i -module and let N be a submodule of R_2 -module M_2 . Then $m \in w.rad_{M_2}(N)$ if and only if $(0, m) \in w.rad_M(\{0\} \times N)$.

Proof: This follows from Lemma 4.4.

Corollary 4.6: Let $M = \prod_{i=1}^n M_i$, where M_i is an R_i -module and let N be a submodule of R_j -module M_j . Then $m \in w.rad_{M_j}(N)$ if and only if

$$(0, \dots, m, 0, \dots, 0) \in w.rad_M(\{0\} \times \{0\} \times \dots \times N \times \{0\} \times \dots \times \{0\}).$$

Proof: This follows from Lemma 4.4 and Corollary 4.5.

Lemma 4.7: Let $M = M_1 \times M_2$, where M_i is an R_i -module. If N_i be a submodule of R_i -module M_i , then $w.rad_{M_1}(N_1) \times w.rad_{M_2}(N_2) \subseteq w.rad_M(N_1 \times N_2)$.

Proof: Suppose that $M = M_1 \times M_2$, where M_i is an R_i -module. Let N_i be a submodule of R_i -module M_i . We will show that $w.rad_{M_1}(N_1) \times w.rad_{M_2}(N_2) \subseteq w.rad_M(N_1 \times N_2)$. Let

$$(x, y) \in w.rad_{M_1}(N_1) \times w.rad_{M_2}(N_2).$$

Then $x \in w.rad_{M_1}(N_1)$ and $y \in w.rad_{M_2}(N_2)$. By Lemma 4.1 and Lemma 4.4, we have

$$(x, 0) \in w.rad_M(N_1 \times \{0\}) \subseteq w.rad_M(N_1 \times N_2)$$

and

$$(0, y) \in w.rad_M(\{0\} \times N_2) \subseteq w.rad_M(N_1 \times N_2).$$

Then $(x, y) = (x, 0) + (0, y) \in w.rad_M(N_1 \times N_2)$ and hence

$$w.rad_{M_1}(N_1) \times w.rad_{M_2}(N_2) \subseteq w.rad_M(N_1 \times N_2).$$

Corollary 4.8: Let $M = \prod_{i=1}^n M_i$, where M_i is an R_i -module. If N_i be a submodule of R_i -module M_i , then
$$\prod_{i=1}^n w.rad_{M_i}(N_i) \subseteq w.rad_M(\prod_{i=1}^n N_i).$$

Proof: This follows from Lemma 4.7.

Theorem 4.9: Let $M = M_1 \times M_2$, where M_i is an R_i -module. If N is a submodule of R_1 -module M_1 , then $w.rad_{M_1}(N_1) \times w.rad_{M_2}(M_2) = w.rad_M(N_1 \times M_2)$.

Proof: Suppose that $M = M_1 \times M_2$, where M_i is an R_i -module. Let N be a submodule of R_1 -module M_1 . By Lemma 4.7, we have $w.rad_{M_1}(N) \times w.rad_{M_2}(M_2) \subseteq w.rad_M(N \times M_2)$. We show that $w.rad_M(N_1 \times M_2) \subseteq w.rad_{M_1}(N_1) \times w.rad_{M_2}(M_2)$. If there is no weakly prime submodule of M containing N , then $w.rad_{M_1}(N) = M_1$. Then

$$w.rad_M(N_1 \times M_2) \subseteq w.rad_{M_1}(N_1) \times w.rad_{M_2}(M_2).$$

If there is weakly prime submodule of M containing N , then there exists W is a weakly prime submodule of M_1 containing N . Then $W \times M_2$ is a weakly prime submodule of M containing $N \times M_2$. Let P be a weakly prime submodule of M containing $N \times M_2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} N \times M_2 &\subseteq w.rad_{M_1}(N) \times M_2 \\ &= w.rad_{M_1}(N) \times w.rad_{M_2}(M_2). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $w.rad_M(N_1 \times M_2) \subseteq w.rad_{M_1}(N_1) \times w.rad_{M_2}(M_2)$ and hence

$$w.rad_M(N_1 \times M_2) = w.rad_{M_1}(N_1) \times w.rad_{M_2}(M_2).$$

Corollary 4.10: Let $M = M_1 \times M_2$, where M_i is an R_i -module. If N is a submodule of R_2 -module M_2 , then $w.rad_M(M_2 \times N) = w.rad_{M_1}(M_2) \times w.rad_{M_2}(N)$.

Proof: This follows from Lemma 4.9.

Corollary 4.11: Let $M = \prod_{i=1}^n M_i$, where M_i is an R_i -module. If N_i be a submodule of R_i -module M_i , then
$$\prod_{i=1}^n w.rad_{M_i}(N_i) = w.rad_M(\prod_{i=1}^n N_i).$$

Proof: This follows from Lemma 4.9 and Corollary 4.10.

Theorem 4.12: Let $M = M_1 \times M_2$, where M_i is an R_i -module. If N_1 is a weakly prime submodule of M_1 , then N_1 is to satisfy the weakly radical formula in M_1 if and only if $N_1 \times M_2$ is to satisfy the weakly radical formula in M .

Proof: Suppose that N_1 is a weakly prime submodule of M_1 and N_1 is to satisfy the weakly radical formula in M_1 . We will show that $N_1 \times M_2$ is to satisfy the weakly radical formula in M . Since N_1 is a weakly prime submodule of M_1 , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} w.rad_M(N_1 \times M_2) &= w.rad_{M_1}(N_1) \times w.rad_{M_2}(M_2) \\ &= \langle E_{M_1}(N_1) \rangle \times M_2 \\ &= \langle E_M(N_1 \times M_2) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $N_1 \times M_2$ is to satisfy the weakly radical formula in M . Conversely, suppose that N_1 is a weakly submodule of M_1 and $N_1 \times M_2$ is to satisfy the weakly radical formula in M . We will show that N_1 is to satisfy the weakly radical formula in M_1 . Since $N_1 \times M_2$ is a weakly prime submodule of M , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle E_{M_1}(N_1) \rangle \times M_2 &= \langle E_M(N_1 \times M_2) \rangle \\ &= w.rad_{M_1}(N_1) \times w.rad_{M_2}(M_2). \end{aligned}$$

Then $w.rad_{M_1}(N_1) = \langle E_{M_1}(N_1) \rangle$ and hence N_1 is to satisfy the weakly radical formula in M_1 .

Corollary 4.13: Let $M = \prod_{i=1}^n M_i$, where M_i is an R_i -module. If N_j is a weakly prime submodule of M_j , then

N_j is to satisfy the weakly radical formula in M_j if and only if

$$M_1 \times M_2 \times \dots \times M_{j-1} \times N_j \times M_{j+1} \times \dots \times M_n$$

is to satisfy the weakly radical formula in M .

Proof: This follows from Theorem 4.12.

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