

## For Some Results of Semisecund Submodules

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### Abstract

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a commutative ring with unity and let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a unitary  $\mathcal{R}$ -module. Let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be a proper submodule of  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathfrak{N}$  is called semisecund submodule if for any  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $r \neq 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , either  $r^n \mathfrak{N} = 0$  or  $r^n \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$ .

In this work, we introduce the concept of semisecund submodule and confer numerous properties concerning with this notion. Also we study semisecund modules as a popularization of second modules, where an  $\mathcal{R}$ -module  $\mathcal{B}$  is called semisecund, if  $\mathcal{B}$  is semisecund submodul of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a commutative ring with unity and let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a unitary  $\mathcal{R}$ -module. S.Yass in [1] introduced the notation of second submodule and second module where a submodule  $\mathfrak{N}$  of an  $\mathcal{R}$ -module  $\mathcal{B}$  is called second submodule if for every  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $r \neq 0$ , either  $r \mathfrak{N} = \mathfrak{N}$  or  $r \mathfrak{N} = 0$  and a module  $\mathcal{B}$  is called semisecund if  $\mathcal{B}$  is semisecund submodule of  $\mathcal{B}$ . This definition leads us to introduce the notion of semisecund submodule and semisecund module as a generalization of second submodule and second module, where a submodule  $\mathfrak{N}$  of an  $\mathcal{R}$ -module  $\mathcal{B}$  is called Semisecund if for every  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $r \neq 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , either  $r^n \mathfrak{N} = 0$  or  $r^n \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$  and a module  $\mathcal{B}$  is Semisecund if  $\mathcal{B}$  is semisecund submodule of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

The main aim of this work is to give basic properties of Semisecund submodules. Moreover, we survey the relationships between semisecund submodules and other submodules.

Over this work we designate S.R.M. for submodule of an  $\mathcal{R}$ -module, for integral domain, for finitely generated, s.t. for such that and N.Z. for non-zero.

### 2. Semisecund Submodules

**Definition (1):**-let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be a S.R.M.  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecund submodule if for every  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , either  $r^n \mathfrak{N} = 0$  or  $r^n \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$ .

An ideal  $I$  of a ring  $\mathcal{R}$  is semisecund ideal if it is semisecund submodule of the  $\mathcal{R}$ -module  $\mathcal{R}$ .

The later result is a description of semisecund submodule.

**Proposition (2):**-  $\mathfrak{N}$  is S.R.M.  $\mathcal{B}$  is semisecund iff  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = 0$  or  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$  for any  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $r \neq 0$ .

**Proof:**-( $\Rightarrow$ ) Is obvious.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) if  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = 0$ , then  $r^3 \mathfrak{N} = r(r^2 \mathfrak{N}) = 0$ . Since either  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = 0$  or  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$ , that is either  $r^3 \mathfrak{N} = r(0) = 0$  or  $r^3 \mathfrak{N} = r(r \mathfrak{N}) = r^2 \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$ . Suppose that  $r^n \mathfrak{N} = 0$  or  $r^n \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$  is whole for  $n=k$ . To evidence that the permit is whole if  $n=k+1$ .  $(r)^{k+1} \mathfrak{N} = r(r^k \mathfrak{N})$ . But  $r^k \mathfrak{N} = 0$  or  $r^k \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$ , that is  $r^{k+1} \mathfrak{N} = r(0) = 0$  or

$(r)^{k+1} \mathfrak{N} = r(r \mathfrak{N}) = r^2 \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$ . Hence by the principle of mathematical induction  $r^n \mathfrak{N} = 0$  or  $r^n \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$  for any  $r \in \mathcal{R}, r \neq 0, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Therefore,  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecund submodule.

**Remarks and Examples (3):-**

(1) Every second submodule is semisecund.

Proof: -Let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be a S.R.M.  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\mathfrak{N}$  is second submodule, that is  $r \mathfrak{N} = 0$  or  $r \mathfrak{N} = \mathfrak{N}$  for every  $r \in \mathcal{R}, r \neq 0$ . If  $r \mathfrak{N} = 0$ , then  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = r(r \mathfrak{N}) = r(0) = 0$ . If  $r \mathfrak{N} = \mathfrak{N}$ , then  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = r(r \mathfrak{N}) = r \mathfrak{N}$ , that is  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = 0$  or  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$  so  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecund by proposition (2.2).

The converse of this remark is not true in general for example: -

Consider the  $Z$ -module  $Z_8$ , let  $\mathfrak{N} = \langle \bar{2} \rangle$ , take  $r=2, r \mathfrak{N} = \{ \bar{0}, \bar{4} \}$ . Thus  $r \mathfrak{N} \neq \mathfrak{N}$  and  $r \mathfrak{N} \neq (0)$ , that is  $\mathfrak{N}$  is not second submodule, while for every  $r \in Z, r \neq 0$ , such that  $r$  is even, then  $r=2k$  for some  $k \in Z$ , so  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = (2k)^2 \mathfrak{N} = 0$ . Also if  $r$  is odd, then  $r=(2k+1)$ , so  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = (4k^2+4k+1) \mathfrak{N} = \mathfrak{N}$  and  $r \mathfrak{N} = (2k+1) \mathfrak{N} = 2k \mathfrak{N} + \mathfrak{N} = \mathfrak{N}$ . Thus  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecund submodule.

(2) The submodule  $Z$  of the  $Z$ -module  $Q$  is not semisecund submodule, but  $Q$  is a semisecund submodule of  $Q$ .

(3) Any submodule of  $Z_{p^\infty}$  as  $Z$ -module is not semisecund submodule.

(4) Let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be a non-zero S.R.M.  $\mathcal{B}$  s.t.  $\mathcal{R}$  is a field, then  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecund.

Proof: - Let  $r \in \mathcal{R}, r \neq 0$  and suppose  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} \neq r \mathfrak{N}$ . To prove  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$ , let  $m \in r \mathfrak{N}$ , then  $rm = r^2(r^{-1}n) \in r^2 \mathfrak{N}$ , hence  $r \mathfrak{N} \subseteq r^2 \mathfrak{N}$ , which implies that  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a semisecund submodule.

(5) Let  $f: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}'$  be an  $R$ -homomorphism and  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a semisecund submodule of  $\mathcal{B}$ , then  $f(\mathfrak{N})$  is a semisecund submodule of  $\mathcal{B}'$ .

Proof: - Since  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecund, then  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$  or  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = 0$ . Hence either  $f(r^2 \mathfrak{N}) = f(r \mathfrak{N})$  or  $f(r^2 \mathfrak{N}) = f(0)$ . Thus  $r^2 f(\mathfrak{N}) = r f(\mathfrak{N})$  or  $r^2 f(\mathfrak{N}) = f(0)$ . Therefore,  $f(\mathfrak{N})$  is a semisecund submodule of  $\mathcal{B}'$ .

(6) The inverse image of semisecund submodule need not to be a semisecund, for example: -

Let  $\Pi: Z \rightarrow Z/\langle 6 \rangle \cong Z_6, \langle \bar{2} \rangle$  is semisecund submodule in  $Z_6$  but  $\Pi^{-1}(\bar{2}) = 2Z$  is not a semisecund.

The opposite of remark and example (2.3. (1)) is true under the class of torsion free module over an integral domain, where a module  $\mathcal{B}$  over an I.D. is called **torsion free** if  $\tau(\mathcal{B}) = 0$ , where  $\tau(\mathcal{B}) = \{ m \in \mathcal{B}; r \in \mathcal{R}, r \neq 0, rm = 0 \}$ , see [2.P.45].

**Proposition (4):-** If  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a semisecund S.R.M.  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\mathcal{B}$  is torsion free over an I.D.  $R$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a second submodule.

Proof:- let  $r \in \mathcal{R}, r \neq 0$ . Since  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecund submodule, then  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = 0$  or  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$ . If  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = 0$ , then  $r^2 = 0$  (since  $M$  is torsion free) and since  $\mathcal{R}$  is an I.D., then  $r = 0$ , which is contradiction. Thus  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$  and for any  $n \in \mathfrak{N}$ , hence  $\exists \hat{n} \in \mathfrak{N}$  s.t.  $r^2 \hat{n} = rn$ . Thus  $r(n - r\hat{n}) = 0$ . Since  $r \neq 0$  and  $M$  is torsion free, then  $(n - r\hat{n}) = 0$ , that is  $n = r\hat{n}$ , hence  $\mathfrak{N} \subseteq r \mathfrak{N}$  and so,  $r \mathfrak{N} = \mathfrak{N}$ . Therefore,  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a second submodule.

**Corollary (5):-** If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a torsion free over an integral domain, then  $\mathfrak{N}$  is second submodule of  $\mathcal{B}$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecund.

Recall that a module  $\mathcal{B}$  is called **multiplication** if every submodule  $\mathfrak{N}$  of  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\exists$  an ideal  $I$  of  $\mathcal{R}$  s.t.  $I\mathcal{B} = \mathfrak{N}$ , amounting to for every submodule  $\mathfrak{N}$  of  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathfrak{N} = [\mathfrak{N} :_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{B}] \cdot \mathcal{B}$ , see[3].

**Proposition (6):-** If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a faithful F.G. multiplication  $\mathcal{R}$ -module,  $\mathfrak{N} < \mathcal{B}$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecnd iff  $[\mathfrak{N} : \mathcal{B}]$  is semisecnd ideal of  $\mathcal{R}$ .

**Proof:-** ( $\implies$ ) If  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a semisecnd submodule, then for any  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $r \neq 0$ ,  $r^2\mathfrak{N} = r\mathfrak{N}$  or  $r^2\mathfrak{N} = 0$ . If  $r^2\mathfrak{N} = r\mathfrak{N}$ , then  $r^2[\mathfrak{N} : \mathcal{B}] \cdot \mathcal{B} = r[\mathfrak{N} : \mathcal{B}] \cdot \mathcal{B}$  because  $\mathcal{B}$  is a multiplication module. Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is a F.G. faithful multiplication  $\mathcal{R}$ -module, then by [1]  $r^2[\mathfrak{N} :_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{B}] = r[\mathfrak{N} : \mathcal{B}]$ . If  $r^2\mathfrak{N} = 0$ , then  $r^2[\mathfrak{N} : \mathcal{B}] \cdot \mathcal{B} = 0$  and hence  $r^2[\mathfrak{N} : \mathcal{B}] \subseteq \text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{B} = 0$ . Thus  $r^2[\mathfrak{N} : \mathcal{B}] = 0$  and so  $[\mathfrak{N} : \mathcal{B}]$  is a semisecnd ideal.

Now, to prove the opposite. Let  $[\mathfrak{N} :_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{B}]$  be a semisecnd ideal, that is  $[\mathfrak{N} :_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{B}]$  is a semisecnd submodule of the  $\mathcal{R}$ -module  $\mathcal{R}$ . Then by proposition (2.2)  $\forall r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $r \neq 0$ ,  $r^2[\mathfrak{N} :_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{B}] = r[\mathfrak{N} : \mathcal{B}]$  or  $r^2[\mathfrak{N} : \mathcal{B}] = 0$ , that is  $r^2[\mathfrak{N} :_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{B}] \cdot \mathcal{B} = r[\mathfrak{N} :_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{B}] \cdot \mathcal{B}$  or  $r^2[\mathfrak{N} :_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{B}] = 0$ . Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is a multiplication module, we have  $r^2\mathfrak{N} = r\mathfrak{N}$  or  $r^2\mathfrak{N} = 0$  for every  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $r \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a semisecnd submodule.

We notice that the provision  $M$  is faithful cannot be dropped from proposition (2.6) for instance: Consider the  $Z$ -module  $Z_6$ ,  $Z_6$  is F.G. multiplication  $Z$ -module but not faithful. However, the submodule  $\mathfrak{N} = \langle \bar{3} \rangle$  is a semisecnd submodule since for any  $r^2 \notin \text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathfrak{N} = 2Z$ ,  $r^2\mathfrak{N} = r\mathfrak{N}$ . But  $[\mathfrak{N} :_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{B}] = [(\bar{3}) :_Z Z_6] = 3Z$  is not semisecnd in  $Z$ , Since for every  $r^2 \notin \text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} (3Z) = 0$  and for each  $r \neq \mp 1$  we have  $r^2(3Z) \neq r(3Z)$ .

**Proposition (7):-** N.Z.  $\mathfrak{N}$  S.R.M.  $\mathcal{B}$  is a semisecnd  $\mathcal{R}$ -submodule iff  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a semisecnd  $\mathcal{R}/I$ -submodule, where  $I \subseteq \text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathfrak{N}$ .

**Proof :-**  $\implies$  Let  $\bar{r} = r + I \in \bar{\mathcal{R}} = \mathcal{R}/I$ .  $(\bar{r})^2\mathfrak{N} = (r+I)^2\mathfrak{N} = r\mathfrak{N}$ . But  $r^2\mathfrak{N} = 0$  or  $r^2\mathfrak{N} = r\mathfrak{N}$ , since  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecnd, therefore  $(\bar{r})^2\mathfrak{N} = 0$  or  $(\bar{r})^2\mathfrak{N} = \bar{r}\mathfrak{N}$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a semisecnd  $\bar{\mathcal{R}}$ -submodule.

Similarly, we can proof the opposite.

Hence, we have the following result.

**Corollary (8):-** If  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a N.Z. S.R.M.  $\mathcal{B}$  is a semisecnd submodule iff  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a semisecnd submodules  $\mathcal{R}/\text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathfrak{N}$  - submodule.

**Proposition (9):-** Let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be N.Z. proper submodule of  $\mathcal{B}$  s.t.  $\text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathfrak{N}$  is a maximal ideal, then  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a semisecnd submodule.

**Proof:-** since  $\text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathfrak{N}$  is a maximal ideal, then  $\mathcal{R}/\text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathfrak{N}$  is a field and by remark and example (2.3.(4))  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecnd submodule  $\mathcal{R}/\text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathfrak{N}$ -submodule. Thus by corollary (2.8),  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a semisecnd submodule  $\mathcal{R}$ -submodule.

**Remark (10):-** If  $\mathfrak{N} = \mathfrak{N}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{N}_2$  is semisecund submodule in  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 \oplus \mathcal{B}_2$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{N}_2$  are semisecunds in  $\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2$  respectively.

**Proof:-** It follows directly by remark and example (2.3.(5)).

**Remark (11):-** Let  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 \oplus \mathcal{B}_2$ . If  $\mathfrak{N}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{N}_2$  are semisecund submodules in  $\mathcal{B}_1$  and  $\mathcal{B}_2$  respectively, then it is not necessarily that  $\mathfrak{N}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{N}_2$  is semisecund submodule in  $\mathcal{B}$  for example:-

Let  $\mathcal{B} = \mathbb{Z}_6 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{16}$ , let  $\mathfrak{N} = \langle \bar{3} \rangle \oplus \langle \bar{2} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \bar{3} \rangle$  is semisecund submodule in  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ ,  $\langle \bar{2} \rangle$  is semisecund submodule in  $\mathbb{Z}_{16}$ . However  $2\mathfrak{N} = \langle \bar{0} \rangle \oplus \langle \bar{4} \rangle$ ,  $(2^2)\mathfrak{N} = 4\mathfrak{N} = \langle \bar{0} \rangle \oplus \langle \bar{8} \rangle$ , then  $2^2\mathfrak{N} \neq 2\mathfrak{N}$  and  $2^2\mathfrak{N} \neq \langle \bar{0} \rangle \oplus \langle \bar{0} \rangle$ .

The following result shows the direct sum of two semisecund submodules under certain condition.

**Proposition (12):-** Let  $\mathfrak{N}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{N}_2$  be semisecund submodules in  $\mathcal{B}_1$  and  $\mathcal{B}_2$  respectively such that  $\text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathfrak{N}_1 = \text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathfrak{N}_2$ . Then  $\mathfrak{N}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{N}_2$  is semisecund submodule in  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 \oplus \mathcal{B}_2$ .

**Proof:-** Let  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $r \neq 0$ , then  $(r^2\mathfrak{N}_1 = r\mathfrak{N}_1$  or  $r^2\mathfrak{N}_1 = 0)$  and  $(r^2\mathfrak{N}_2 = r\mathfrak{N}_2$  or  $r^2\mathfrak{N}_2 = 0)$ . Suppose  $r^2\mathfrak{N}_1 = 0$ , then  $r^2\mathfrak{N}_2 = 0$  since  $\text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}_1} \mathfrak{N}_1 = \text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}_2} \mathfrak{N}_2$  and so  $r^2(\mathfrak{N}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{N}_2) = 0$ . If  $r^2\mathfrak{N}_1 = r\mathfrak{N}_1$  and  $r^2\mathfrak{N}_1 \neq 0$ , hence  $r^2\mathfrak{N}_2 \neq 0$  so  $r^2\mathfrak{N}_2 = r\mathfrak{N}_2$ . It follows that  $r^2(\mathfrak{N}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{N}_2) = r^2\mathfrak{N}_1 \oplus r^2\mathfrak{N}_2 = r\mathfrak{N}_1 \oplus r\mathfrak{N}_2$ .

Now, we survey the relationships between semisecund submodules and some kind of submodules.

A submodule  $\mathfrak{N}$  of a module  $\mathcal{B}$  is rendering **semiprime** if  $\mathfrak{N} \neq \mathcal{B}$  and  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $m \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $r^k m \in \mathfrak{N}$ , then  $rm \in \mathfrak{N}$ , see [4]. Equivalently  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semiprime if whenever  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $m \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $r^2 m \in \mathfrak{N}$ , then  $rm \in \mathfrak{N}$ , see [3, prop.(1.2)].

An  $\mathcal{R}$ -module  $\mathcal{B}$  is rendering **semiprime** if (0) is a semiprime submodule of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

**Proposition (13):-** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a semiprime  $\mathcal{R}$ -module,  $\mathfrak{N}$  submodule of  $\mathcal{B}$  if  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecund, then  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semiprime submodule of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

**Proof:-** Let  $a^2x \in \mathfrak{N}$ , where  $a \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{B}$ . to prove  $ax \in \mathfrak{N}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecund, then either  $a^2\mathfrak{N} = 0$  or  $a^2\mathfrak{N} = a\mathfrak{N}$ . Assume  $a^2\mathfrak{N} = 0$ . Put  $a^2x = n$  for some  $n \in \mathfrak{N}$ . Then  $a^4x = a^2n \in a^2\mathfrak{N} = 0$ , hence  $ax = 0 \in \mathfrak{N}$  (since  $\mathcal{B}$  is semiprime). Assume  $a^2\mathfrak{N} = a\mathfrak{N}$ . Since  $a^2x = n \in \mathfrak{N}$ , then  $a^3x = an \in a\mathfrak{N} = a^2\mathfrak{N}$ , so that  $a^3x = a^2n_1$  for some  $n_1 \in \mathfrak{N}$ . Hence  $a^2(ax - n_1) = 0$ . As  $\mathcal{B}$  is semiprime  $a(ax - n_1) = 0$  and so that  $a^2x = an \in a\mathfrak{N} = a^2\mathfrak{N}$ . Thus  $a^2\mathfrak{N} = a^2n_2$  for some  $n_2 \in \mathfrak{N}$ . This implies  $a^2(x - n_2) = 0$ . But  $\mathcal{B}$  is semiprime, so that  $a(x - n_2) = 0$ . It follows that  $ax = an_2 \in \mathfrak{N}$ . Therefore,  $\mathfrak{N}$  is a semiprime submodule.

Note that the opposite of previous proposition is not hold in public for instance: -  
Take  $\mathcal{B} = \mathbb{Z}$  as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.  $\mathcal{B}$  is prime so it is semiprime. Let  $\mathfrak{N} = \langle 6 \rangle$  is semiprime, but  $\mathfrak{N}$  is not semisecund since for every  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $r \neq 0$ ,  $r^2\mathfrak{N} \neq (0)$  and  $r^2\mathfrak{N} \neq r\mathfrak{N}$ .

Reminiscence that a module  $\mathcal{B}$  is rendering **Coprime** if  $\text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{B} = \text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \frac{\mathcal{B}}{\mathfrak{N}}$  for every proper submodule  $\mathfrak{N}$  of  $\mathcal{B}$ , see [5]. Equivalently  $\mathcal{B}$  is coprime module if and only if  $\mathcal{B}$  is second module, see [6, th.(2.1.6)].

A submodule  $\mathfrak{N}$  of an  $\mathcal{R}$ -module  $\mathcal{B}$  is rendering **irreducible** if  $\mathfrak{N}$  cannot be expressed as a finite intersection of proper divisors of  $\mathfrak{N}$ , See [4].

**Proposition (14):-** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a coprime module, let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be a submodule of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\mathfrak{N}$  is irreducible. If  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semiprime, then  $\mathfrak{N}$  is second and hence semisecund.

Proof:- Let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be a semiprime  $\mathcal{R}$ -submodule, since  $\mathfrak{N}$  is irreducible, then by [3,prop.(1-10)]  $\mathfrak{N}$  is prime, but  $\mathcal{B}$  is coprime module, then by [6,prop(2.4.7)]  $\mathfrak{N}$  is second, hence  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecund.

**Corollary (15):-** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a prime module over regular ring  $\mathcal{R}$  (in sense of von Neuman), let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be a submodule of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\mathfrak{N}$  is irreducible. Then  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecund if and only if  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semiprime.

Proof:( $\Rightarrow$ ) Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is prime, so it is semiprime. Thus we have the result by proposition (2.13).

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is prime module over regular ring, then by [6, corollary (2.4.3)]  $\mathcal{B}$  is coprime, hence we have the result by proposition (2.14).

Reminiscence that a submodule  $\mathfrak{N}$  of a module  $\mathcal{B}$  is rendering **secondary** (dual notion of primary module) if for each  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ , the homothety  $r^*$  on  $\mathfrak{N}$  is either surjective or nilpotent, where  $r^*$  is nilpotent if there exist  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , such that  $(r^*)^k = 0$ , see[7]. It is obvious that every second submodule is secondary, but the opposite is not whole in public. The next lemma explains that the opposite is whole under certain condition.

**Lemma (16):-** Let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be an  $\mathcal{R}$ -submodule such that  $\text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathfrak{N}$  is semiprime ideal. If  $\mathfrak{N}$  is secondary, then  $\mathfrak{N}$  is second submodule and hence semisecund.

Proof:- Since  $\mathfrak{N}$  is secondary, then for any  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $r \neq 0$ ,  $r\mathfrak{N} = \mathfrak{N}$  or  $r^n \mathfrak{N} = 0$ ;  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . If  $r\mathfrak{N} = \mathfrak{N}$ , then there is nothing to prove. If  $r^n \mathfrak{N} = 0$ , then  $r^n \in \text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathfrak{N}$ . But  $\text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathfrak{N}$  is semiprime, so  $r \in \text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathfrak{N}$ . Thus  $r\mathfrak{N} = 0$  and hence  $\mathfrak{N}$  is second.

**Corollary (17): -** Let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be a S.R.M.  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathfrak{N}$  is semiprime, then  $\mathfrak{N}$  is secondary if and only if  $\mathfrak{N}$  is second.

The opposite of corollary (17) need not to be whole in public for example: -  
In  $Z_8$  as  $Z$ -module,  $\langle \bar{2} \rangle$  is Semisecund and not secondary.

The opposite is whole under the class of torsion free module over regular ring.

**Remark (18): -** If  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecund submodules of torsion free module  $\mathcal{B}$  over regular ring, then  $\mathfrak{N}$  is secondary.

Proof:- The proof directly by proposition (4).

**Corollary (19) :-** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be torsion free over regular ring, let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be submodule of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathfrak{N}$  is semiprime, then  $\mathfrak{N}$  is secondary if and only if  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecund.

Now, we turn our attention to the localization of semisecund.

**Proposition (20):-** Let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be a semisecund submodule of an  $\mathcal{R}$ -module  $\mathcal{B}$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_S$  is semisecund  $\mathcal{R}_S$ -submodule of  $\mathcal{B}_S$ , s.t.  $S$  is a multiplicatively closed subset of  $\mathcal{R}$ .

Proof:- Let  $\bar{r} \in \mathcal{R}_S$ ,  $\bar{r} = \frac{r}{s}$ , where  $r \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $s \in S$ . Assume that  $(\bar{r})^2 \notin \text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}_S} \mathfrak{N}_S$ . To prove  $(\bar{r})^2 \mathfrak{N}_S = \bar{r} \mathfrak{N}_S$ .

Since  $(\bar{r})^2 \notin \text{ann}_{\mathcal{R}_S} \mathfrak{N}_S$ , then  $(\frac{r}{s})^2 \cdot (\frac{n}{a}) \neq \frac{0}{1}$  for some  $n \in \mathfrak{N}$ ,  $a \in S$ .  $(\frac{r^2 n}{sa}) \neq \frac{0}{1}$ , that is for any  $t \in S$ ,  $r^2 t n \neq 0$ . Thus

$r^2 \notin \text{ann}_R \mathfrak{N}$  which implies that  $r^2 \notin \text{ann}_R \mathfrak{N}$ , so  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} \neq 0$ . But  $\mathfrak{N}$  is semisecund, hence  $r^2 \mathfrak{N} = r \mathfrak{N}$ . Therefore  $(r^2 \mathfrak{N})_s = (r \mathfrak{N})_s$ . Thus  $(r^2)_s \mathfrak{N}_s = (r)_s \mathfrak{N}_s$  and so  $(\bar{r})^2 \mathfrak{N}_s = \bar{r} \mathfrak{N}_s$ .

**Corollary (21):-** Let  $\mathfrak{N}$  be a semisecund submodule of an  $R$ -module  $\mathcal{B}$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_p$  is semisecund  $\mathcal{R}_p$ -submodule of  $\mathcal{B}_p$  for any prime ideal  $P$  of  $R$ .

### 3. Semisecund Modules

Yass in [1] introduced the notion of **second module** (where  $\mathcal{B}$  is second if for every  $r \in R$ ,  $r \neq 0$ ,  $r\mathcal{B} = 0$  or  $r\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}$ ). Equivalently  $\mathcal{B}$  is second module if  $\mathcal{B}$  is second submodule of  $\mathcal{B}$ . In this section we introduce the notion of semisecund module as a generalization of second module. We give some properties of semisecund module.

**Definition (22):-** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an  $R$ -module,  $\mathcal{B}$  is rendering semisecund if  $\mathcal{B}$  is semisecund submodule, that is for any  $r \in R$ ,  $r \neq 0$ ,  $r^2 \mathcal{B} = r \mathcal{B}$  or  $r^2 \mathcal{B} = 0$ .

#### Remarks and Examples (23)

(1) It is obvious that every second module is semisecund, by remark and example (2.3.(1)). The opposite is not whole in public for instance:  $Z_4$  as  $Z$ -module is not second since  $2Z_4 \neq Z_4$  and  $2Z_4 \neq (0)$  but  $Z_4$  is semisecund module.

(2)  $Z$  as  $Z$ -module is not semisecund, since for any  $r \in R$ ,  $r \neq 0$ ,  $r^2 Z \neq (0)$  and  $r^2 Z \neq rZ$ .

(3) Consider the  $Z$ -module  $Z_{p^\infty}$ ,  $\text{ann}_Z Z_{p^\infty} = 0$ , that is for all  $r \in Z$ ,  $r \neq 0$ ,  $r^2 Z_{p^\infty} \neq (0)$ . But  $Z_{p^\infty}$  is divisible  $Z$ -module, so  $r^2 Z_{p^\infty} = r Z_{p^\infty}$ ; for all  $r \in Z$ ,  $r \neq 0$ , then  $Z_{p^\infty}$  is semisecund.

(4)  $Q$  as  $Z$ -module is semisecund module.

(5) If  $n$  is a prime number, then  $Z_n$  is semisecund  $Z$ -module, but the opposite is not whole in public for example  $Z_6$  is semisecund but 6 is not prime.

(6) A module  $\mathcal{B}$  is semisecund  $R$ -module iff  $\mathcal{B}$  is semisecund  $R/I$ -module, where  $I \subseteq \text{ann}_R \mathcal{B}$ .

**Proof :-** It follows by proposition (7).

(7) A module  $\mathcal{B}$  is semisecund  $R$ -module iff  $\mathcal{B}$  is semisecund  $R/\text{ann}_R \mathcal{B}$ -module.

**Proof :-** It follows by corollary (8).

(8) Let  $f: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}'$  be an  $R$ -homomorphism, if  $\mathcal{B}$  is semisecund module, then  $f(\mathcal{B})$  is semisecund  $\mathcal{B}'$ -module.

(9) Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a semisecund  $R$ -module, then  $\mathcal{B}_S$  is semisecund  $\mathcal{R}_S$ -module, s.t.  $S$  is a multiplicatively closed subset of  $R$ .

**Proof :-** It holds by proposition (20).

(10) Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a semisecund  $R$ -module, then  $\mathcal{B}_p$  is a semisecund  $\mathcal{R}_p$ -module for any prime ideal  $P$  of  $R$ .

**Proof:-** It follows by corollary (21).

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