



## Quasi-Semiprime Modules

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### Abstract

Suppose that  $A$  is an abelian ring with identity and  $B$  is a unitary (left)  $A$ -module. In this paper, we introduce a type of module, namely quasi-semiprime.  $A$ -module, whenever  $\sqrt{[N:B]}$  is a prime ideal for proper submodule  $N$  of  $B$ , then  $B$  is called quasi-semiprime module, which is a generalization of quasi-prime  $A$ -module, whenever  $\text{ann}_A N$  is a prime ideal for proper submodule  $N$  of  $B$ , then  $B$  is quasi-prime module. A comprehensive study of these modules is given, and we study the relationship between quasi-semiprime modules and quasi-prime. We put the condition coprime over cosemiprime ring for the two concepts quasi-prime modules and quasi-semiprime modules, which are equivalent. The concepts of prime modules and quasi-semiprime modules are equivalent. The condition of anti-hopfian makes quasi-prime is quasi-semiprime  $A$ -module. Whenever  $B$  is cyclic, coprime  $C$ -module, where  $C$  is the ring, each ideal is semiprime, which implies quasi-prime, quasi-semiprime, and  $\text{ann}_C B$  are prime ideals. If  $F$  is an epimorphism from  $B_1 \rightarrow B_2$ , whenever  $B_1$  is a quasi-prime module, it implies  $B_2$  is a quasi-prime  $A$ -module, and the inverse image of quasi-semiprime is a quasi-prime  $A$ -module.

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### 1. Introduction

Suppose that  $W$  is a left  $A$ -module, where  $A$  is a ring with unity. An  $A$ -module  $B$  is said to be prime whenever  $\text{ann}_A B = \text{ann}_A N$  for each non-zero submodule  $N$  of  $B$ , where  $\text{ann}_A B = \{a \in A; bx=0 \text{ for each } b \in B\}$  [1,2]. Hasan in [3] introduced the concept of quasi-prime  $A$ -modules, which is a generalization of prime  $A$ -modules, where an  $A$ -module  $W$  is called quasi-prime modules if and only if for each non-zero submodule  $N$  of  $W$ ,  $\text{ann}_A N$  is a prime ideal. Annin [9] calls an  $A$ -module  $W$  a coprime (dual notion of prime modules) if  $\text{ann}_A W = \text{ann}_A W/A$  for every proper submodule  $A$  of  $W$ . In this paper, we study a generalization of the quasi-prime module which we called the Quasi-semiprime  $A$ -module if  $\sqrt{\text{ann}B/N} = \sqrt{[N:B]}$  is a prime ideal for each submodule  $N$  of  $B$ .

This paper consists of two sections. In section one; we study the basic properties of a quasi-



semiprime A-module. In section two, we study the relation between quasi-semiprime A-modules and prime A-modules.

**2. Materials and Methods**

**Definition (2.1)**

B is said to be a quasi-semiprime A-module if  $\sqrt{[N:W]}$  is a prime ideal for the proper submodule N of B.

**Examples and Remarks (2.2)**

1- It is clear that  $Z_n$  is a quasi-semiprime A-module if and only if n is a prime number.

2- If n can be written as a product of two prime numbers, then  $Z_n$  is a quasi-semiprime A-module.

Proof:

Let  $n=p_1p_2$ ;  $p_1, p_2$  be two prime numbers, so  $N_1=(p_1), N_2=(p_2)$ , then  $\sqrt{[(P_1):Z_n]} = \sqrt{(p_1)} = (p_1)$ ,  $N_2=(p_2)$ , then  $\sqrt{[(p_2):Z_n]} = \sqrt{(p_2)} = (p_2)$  is a prime ideal, hence  $Z_n$  is a quasi-semiprime A-module.

3-  $Z_{p^\infty}$  is not a quasi-semiprime module, since we know that every submodule of  $Z_{p^\infty}$  is of the

$$\text{form } (1/p^n + Z), \text{ where } n \text{ is a non-negative integer, so } \sqrt{[\frac{1}{p^n} + Z : Zp^\infty]} = \sqrt{[\frac{1}{p^n} + Z]} =$$

$(p^n Z)$  is not prime ideal.

4- Suppose B is a simple A-module, then B is a Quasi-Semiprime A-Module.

Proof: it is clear.

**Proposition (2.3)**

Every proper submodule N of quasi-semiprime module is a quasi-semiprime module.

**Proof:**

Suppose N is a proper submodule of quasi-semiprime A-module W. Let K be a proper submodule of N to show that  $\sqrt{[K:N]}$  is a prime ideal if  $ab \in \sqrt{[K:N]}$ , so  $a^n b^n \in [K:N]$ , so that  $a^n b^n N \subseteq K \subseteq W$  that is  $a^n b^n \in [N:W]$ , but W is a quasi-semiprime A-module implies either  $a^n \in [N:W]$  or  $b^n \in [N:W]$ , thus either  $a^n \in [K:N]$  or  $b^n \in [K:N]$  which means either  $a \in \sqrt{[K:N]}$  or  $b \in \sqrt{[K:N]}$ , so  $\sqrt{[K:N]}$  is a prime ideal.

Recall that whenever  $B \cong B/N$  for all proper submodule N of modules B, then we said that a non-simple A-module B anti-hopfian module [4, 5].

**Proposition (2.4)**

Suppose that B is an anti-hopfian quasi-prime A-module, then B is quasi-semiprime.

**Proof:**

Since B is an anti-hopfian module, then  $B \cong B/N$  for N be a proper submodule of B, so there exists an isomorphism function  $f: B \rightarrow B/N$ ;  $f(b)=b+N$  for each  $b \in B$ , so it is easy to check that

$\text{ann}_A B = \text{ann}_A B/N$ , then by [6], every anti-hopfian  $A$ -module is a coprime  $E$ -module, where  $E = \text{End}(W)$  and by [5] every  $f \in E$ , either  $f=0$  or  $f$  is surjective, thus  $f(b)=0$  or  $f(b)=B$  for every  $w \in W$ . If  $f(w)=0$  implies  $W=N$  which is a contradiction, so  $f(W)=W$ , which means  $\text{ann}_A B = [N:B]$ , implies  $\sqrt{\text{ann}_A B} = \sqrt{\text{ann}_N^B}$  if  $a^n b^n \in [N:B]$ , then  $a^n b^n \in \text{ann}_A B$  but  $B$  is a quasi-prime  $A$ -module, so by [3] implies  $\text{ann}_A W$  is a prime ideal, so either  $a^n \in \text{ann}_A W$  or  $b^n \in \text{ann}_A B$ . Thus, either  $a \in \sqrt{[N:B]}$  or  $b \in \sqrt{[N:B]}$ , which means  $B$  is a quasi-semiprime  $A$ -module.

The condition anti-hopfian we cannot drop for example:  $Z_6$  is quasi-semiprime  $A$ -module by (2.2), while it is not quasi-prime by [3], and  $Z_6$  is not anti-hopfian by [6].

**Proposition (2.5)**

Suppose  $B$  is a coprime  $A$ -module of quasi-prime, then  $B$  is quasi-semiprime  $A$ -module.

**Proof**

Let  $B$  be a quasi-prime  $A$ -module, then by [3],  $\text{ann}_A B$  is a prime ideal, but  $W$  is a coprime  $A$ -module, so  $\text{ann}_A B/N$  is a prime ideal for each non-zero submodule  $N$  of  $B$ , which means  $\sqrt{[N:B]}$  is a prime ideal. Thus,  $W$  is a quasi-semiprime  $A$ -module.

Recall that an ideal  $K$  of the ring  $A$  is called nil radical and denoted by  $\sqrt{K}$ , and is defined by:  $\sqrt{K} = \{a \in A; a^n \in K, \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$  [8].

**Not (2.6)**

Suppose  $C$  is a ring where every ideal is nil radical, which we call cosemiprime ring.

**Theorem M (2.7)**

Suppose that  $B$  is a coprime  $C$ -module. The following statements are equivalent:

- 1)  $B$  is a Quasi-Prime Module.
- 2)  $B$  is a Quasi-Semiprime Module.

**Proof:**

1)  $\rightarrow$  (2) (by Theorem (2-5))

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (1) for each  $a, b \in C$  if  $ab \in \text{ann}_C N$ , then  $abN=0$  implies  $ab \in [(0):N]$ , which means  $ab \in \sqrt{[(0):N]}$ , but  $W$  is quasi-semiprime module so either  $a \in \sqrt{[(0):N]}$  or  $b \in \sqrt{[(0):N]}$  implies either  $a \in \text{ann}_C N$  or  $b \in \text{ann}_C N$ . Thus,  $B$  is a quasi-prime  $C$ -module.

**Theorem (2.8)**

Let  $B$  be a cyclic coprime  $C$ -module, then the following statements are equivalent:

- 1-  $B$  is a Quasi-Prime  $C$ -Module.
- 2-  $B$  is a quasi-semiprime  $C$ -module.
- 3-  $\text{ann}_C B$  is a prime ideal.

**Proof:**

1 → 2 (by Theorem (2.5))

2 → 3 if  $ab \in \text{ann}_C B$ , then  $ab \in \sqrt{\text{ann} B}$ . Thus,  $ab \in \sqrt{[N:B]}$  for every submodule  $N$  of  $B$  which means  $a^n b^n \in [N:B]$ , but  $B$  is a quasi-semiprime  $C$ -module, so either  $a^n \in [N:B]$  or  $b^n \in [N:B]$ , but  $B$  is coprime by [9] implies either  $a^n B=0$  or  $b^n B=0$ , which means either  $a \in \sqrt{\text{ann} B}$  or  $b \in \sqrt{\text{ann} B}$ . Thus, either  $a \in \text{ann}_C W$  or  $b \in \text{ann}_C B$ .

3 → 1 by [3] implies the result.

**Proposition (2.9)**

Suppose that  $B$  is an  $A$ -Module and  $J$  is an Ideal Of  $A$  which that is contained in  $\text{ann}_A B/N$  where  $N$  is a submodule of  $B$ . Then,  $B$  is a quasi-semiprime  $A$ -module  $\leftrightarrow B$  is a quasi-semiprime  $A/J$ -Module.

**Proof**

To show  $B$  is quasi-semiprime  $A/J$ -module if  $(a_1+J)(a_2+J) \in \sqrt{[N:A/J B]}$ , where  $a_1+J, a_2+J \in B/J$ , then  $(a_1 a_2 + J)^n \in [N:A/J B]$ . Thus,  $(a_1^n a_2^n + J)x = 0$  for all  $x \in \text{ann}_{A/J} B/N$ . Hence,  $a_1^n a_2^n x = 0$  for all  $x \in \text{ann}_A B/N$  which means  $a_1^n a_2^n \in [N:A B]$ , so  $a_1 a_2 \in \sqrt{[N:A B]}$ , but  $B$  is quasi-semiprime  $A$ -module, which implies either  $a_1 \in \sqrt{[N:A B]}$  or  $a_2 \in \sqrt{[N:A B]}$ . Thus, either  $a_1^n \in [N:A B]$  or  $a_2^n \in [N:A B]$ . However,  $a_1^n + I \in \text{ann}_A B/N$  or  $a_2^n + J \in \text{ann} B/N$ . Thus, either  $(a_1+I) \in \sqrt{[N:A/J B]}$  or  $(a_2+I) \in \sqrt{[N:A/J B]}$ , which means  $B$  is a quasi-semiprime  $B/I$  module.

Conversely, if  $B$  is quasi-semiprime  $A/J$ -module, let  $N$  be a nonzero  $A$ -submodule of  $B$ , let  $a_1, a_2 \in \sqrt{[N:A B]}$ , then  $a_1^n a_2^n x = 0$  for all  $x \in \text{ann}_A B/N$ . Hence  $(a_1^n + J)(a_2^n + J)x = 0$  for all  $x \in \text{ann}_{A/J} W/N$ , so  $(a_1+J)(a_2+J) \in \sqrt{[N:A/J B]}$ , while  $\sqrt{[N:A/J B]}$  is a prime ideal, so either  $(a_1+I) \in \sqrt{[N:A/J B]}$  or  $(a_2+I) \in \sqrt{[N:A/J B]}$ . Then we get either  $a_1^n x = 0$  or  $a_2^n x = 0$  for each  $x \in \text{ann}_A B/N$ , so either  $a_1 \in \sqrt{[N:A B]}$  or  $a_2 \in \sqrt{[N:A B]}$ .

**Theorem (2.10)**

Suppose  $B_1$ , and  $B_2$  are two  $A$ -modules, if  $f: B_1 \rightarrow B_2$ , is an epimorphism function, then if  $B_1$  is a quasi-semiprime module, then  $B_2$  is a quasi-semiprime  $A$ -module.

**Proof:**

Since  $B_1$  is a quasi-semiprime  $A$ -module, so if  $a^n b^n B_1 \subseteq N_1$  for each  $a, b \in A$ , then either  $a^n B_1 \subseteq N$  or  $b^n B_1 \subseteq N$ . Thus,  $f(a^n b^n B_1) \subseteq f(N_1)$  since  $f$  is a homomorphism implies  $f(a^n) \cdot f(b^n) \in [f(N):f(W_1)]$ . Suppose  $f(a) = x, f(b) = y$ . Thus, either  $f(a^n B_1) \subseteq f(N_1)$  or  $f(b^n B_1) \subseteq f(N)$ , so either  $f(a^n) f(W_1) \subseteq f(N)$  or  $f(b^n) f(B_1) \subseteq f(N)$  implies either  $x^n f(B_1) \subseteq f(N)$  or  $y^n f(B_1) \subseteq f(N_1)$ , but  $f$  is onto, so  $f(B_1) = B_2, f(N) = N_2$ , which means either  $x \in \sqrt{[N_2: B_2]}$  or  $y \in \sqrt{N_2: B_2}$ , whenever  $xy \in \sqrt{N_2: B_2}$ . Thus,  $\sqrt{N_2: B_2}$  is a prime ideal, which means  $B_2$  is a quasi-semiprime module.

**Corollary (2.11)**

The inverse image of the quasi-semiprime module is a quasi –semiprime module.

**Theorem (2.12)**

Let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be two quasi-semiprime  $A$ -modules such that for each proper submodule  $K, T$  of  $B_1, B_2$ , respectively, if  $[K \oplus T : W] = [K : W] \cap [T : W]$ , then  $B = B_1 \oplus B_2$  is a quasi-semiprime  $A$ -module, where  $\sqrt{[K : B]} \subseteq \sqrt{[T : B]}$  or  $\sqrt{[T : B]} \subseteq \sqrt{[K : B]}$ .

**Proof**

We must prove  $\sqrt{[K \oplus T : B]}$  is a prime ideal for the proper submodules  $K, T$  of  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  in the order. Since  $\sqrt{[K \oplus T : B]} = \sqrt{[K : B]} \cap \sqrt{[T : B]}$  where either  $\sqrt{[K : B]} \subseteq \sqrt{[T : B]}$ .

Or  $\sqrt{[T : B]} \subseteq \sqrt{[K : B]}$ . Thus, either  $\sqrt{[K \oplus T : B]} = \sqrt{[K : B]}$  or  $\sqrt{[K \oplus T : B]} = \sqrt{[T : B]}$ , but  $W_1$ , and  $W_2$  are quasi-semi-prime modules. Therefore,  $\sqrt{[K : W]}$ , and  $\sqrt{[T : W]}$  are prime ideals in  $A$ . Implies  $\sqrt{[K \oplus T : B]}$  is a prime ideal in  $A$ . Thus,  $B_1 \oplus B_2$  is quasi-semiprime  $A$ -modules.

The condition  $\sqrt{[K : B]} \subseteq \sqrt{[T : B]}$  or  $\sqrt{[T : B]} \subseteq \sqrt{[K : B]}$  we cannot be dropped, for example, let  $B_1 = Z_6$ , and  $B_2 = Z_3$  are two quasi-semiprime  $A$ -modules by (Examples and Remark (2.2),  $\sqrt{[(2) : Z_{18}]} \not\subseteq \sqrt{[(3) : Z_{18}]}$  and  $\sqrt{[(3) : Z_{18}]} \not\subseteq \sqrt{[(2) : Z_{18}]}$

Since  $\sqrt{(3)} \not\subseteq \sqrt{(2)}$  and  $\sqrt{(2)} \not\subseteq \sqrt{(3)}$  so  $\sqrt{[Z_2 \oplus Z_3 : Z_{18}]} \neq \sqrt{[Z_2 : Z_{18}]} \cap \sqrt{[Z_3 : Z_{18}]}$

$= \sqrt{9Z} \cap \sqrt{6Z} = (3) \cap (6) = (6)$  is not a prime ideal, implying  $W = W_1 \oplus W_2$  is not a quasi-semiprime module.

**3. Quasi-Semi-Prime A-Module and Prime Module**

Now, we turn our attention to the relationship between quasi-semiprime modules and prime modules.

**Proposition (3.1)**

Suppose  $B$  is a coprime  $A$ -module, then every prime  $A$ -module is a quasi-semiprime  $A$ -module.

**Proof**

It follows directly by from [3] and Propositions (2.5).

The next example shows that the converse of Proposition (3.1) is not valid in general.

Let  $Z_6$  as a  $Z$  –module is quasi-semiprime module by Examples and Remarks (2.2), while it is not a prime module [1].

**Theorem (3.2)**

Suppose B is a coprime C-module, then the following statements are equivalent:

- 1-B is a prime C-module.
- 2-B is a quasi-semiprime C-module.

**Proof:**

1 → 2 by (Proposition (3-1)), 2 → 1 because B is a quasi-semiprime C-module, so  $\sqrt{[N:B]}$  is a prime ideal for each N submodule of M, so [N:B] is a prime ideal, but B is a coprime C-module, so [6] implies  $\text{ann}_C B$  is a prime ideal, which means if  $rb=0$  for  $b \in B$  and  $c \in C$ . suppose that  $b \neq 0$  and  $Cb \neq 0$ , so  $cB=N \neq 0$ , thus there exists that  $b \in B$  and  $n \in N$  such that  $cb=n$ , this means  $N=0$ , which is a contradiction. So B is a Prime.

**Proposition (3.3)**

Let B be a coprime C-module, then the following statements are equivalent:

- 1- B is a quasi-prime module.
- 2- B is a quasi-semiprime modul.
- 3- B is a prime module.

**Proof**

- 1 → 2 by Theorem(2.7).
- 2 → 3 by Theorem (3.2).
- 3 → 1 by [3].

**Corollary (3.4)**

If B is a coprime C-module, then B is a quasi-semiprime C-Module ↔ (0) is a prime C-submodule.

**Proof**

It is clear.

**Conclusion**

From this research, we introduced a new definition of quasi-semiprime modules and studied the relationship between quasi-semiprime modules and other modules, such as quasi-prime modules and prime modules. If we put the condition coprime, the cocept quasi-prime module, quasi-semiprime module, and prime module are equivalent.

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