

## On Weakly Quasi-Prime Module

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### Abstract

In this work we shall introduce the concept of weakly quasi-prime modules and give some properties of this type of modules.

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### 1- Introduction

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unity, and let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module, we introduce that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called weakly quasi-prime module if  $\text{ann}_R M = \text{ann}_R rM$  for every  $r \notin \text{ann}_R M$ , where  $\text{ann}_R M = \{r: r \in R \text{ and } rM = 0\}$ .

The main purpose of this work is to investigate the properties of weakly quasi-prime modules, and we give several characterizations of weakly quasi-prime modules. Recall that an  $R$ -module is called prime if  $\text{ann}_R M = \text{ann}_R N$  for every non-zero submodule  $N$  of  $M$  and  $\text{ann}_R M = \{r: r \in R \text{ and } rM = 0\}$ , [1].

A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is said to be prime if  $a m \in N$  for  $a \in R, m \in M$ , then either  $m \in N$  or  $a \in [N:M]$  where  $[N:M] = \{r: r \in R, rM \subseteq N\}$ , [1], [2].

It was shown that in [1]  $M$  is prime module iff  $(0)$  is prime submodule.

The concept of quasi-prime module is introduced in [3] where an  $R$ -module  $M$  is quasi-prime module if  $\text{ann}_R N$  is prime ideal for every nonzero submodule  $N$  of  $M$ . If  $M$  is quasi-prime module then  $\text{ann}_R M = \text{ann}_R rM \forall r \notin \text{ann}_R M$ , [3]. But the converse is not true for example:

Let  $M = Z_{p^\infty}$  as  $Z$ -module is not quasi-prime module since if  $N = \langle 1/p^2 + z \rangle \leq Z_{p^\infty}$ . So  $\text{ann}_R N = p^2 z$  is not prime ideal in  $Z$ .

But  $\text{ann} Z_{p^\infty} = 0$  and  $\forall r \neq 0$ , let  $a \in \text{ann} r Z_{p^\infty}$  so  $a r Z_{p^\infty} = 0$ , so  $a r \in \text{ann} Z_{p^\infty}$ .

$a r = 0$ , but  $r \neq 0$  so  $a = 0$  so  $\text{ann} r Z_{p^\infty} = 0$ . Then  $\text{ann} Z_{p^\infty} = \text{ann} r Z_{p^\infty}$ .

### 2- Weakly Quasi-Prime Module

In this section we introduce the concept of weakly quasi-prime module and give several results about it.

#### 2.1 Definition:

An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called weakly quasi-prime module (briefly W.q.p) if  $\text{ann}_R M = \text{ann}_R rM$  for every  $r \notin \text{ann}_R M$ .

Recall that if  $R$  is an integral domain, an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be divisible iff  $rM = M$  for every nonzero element  $r$  in  $R$ , [4,p.35].

#### 2.2 Examples and Remarks:

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1. If  $M$  is divisible over integral domain then  $M$  is W.q.p.
2. Every quasi-prime is W.q.p but the converse is not true (see the example in the introduction).
3.  $Z$  as  $Z$ -module is W.q.p module since  $\text{ann}_R Z = 0 = \text{ann}_R rZ, \forall r \notin \text{ann}_R Z$ .
4.  $Z_4$  as  $Z$ -module is not W.q.p module Since  $\text{ann}_R Z_4 = 4Z$  and  $\text{ann}_R 2Z = \text{ann}_R(\bar{2}) = 2Z$ . Thus  $Z_4$  as  $Z$ -module is not W.q.p module.
5.  $Z_6$  as  $Z$ -module is not W.q.p module since  $\text{ann} Z_6 = 6Z$  and  $\text{ann} 2Z_6 = \text{ann}(\bar{2}) = 3Z$ , so  $\text{ann} Z_6 \neq \text{ann} 2Z_6$ .
6.  $Z_n$  as  $Z$ -module is W.q.p module iff  $n$  is prime.
7. Let  $M = Z \oplus Z_p$ ;  $p$  is prime number is W.q.p module since  $\text{ann} M = \text{ann} rM = 0$  for each  $r \notin \text{ann}(Z \oplus Z_p)$ .
8.  $Z_{p^\infty}$  is W.q.p module since  $\text{ann} Z_{p^\infty} = \text{ann} r Z_{p^\infty} = 0$ .

### 2.3 Note:

Let  $M$  be W.q.p over integral domain in  $R$ . Then every divisible submodule of W.q.p module. Recall that a proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called semi-prime submodule if every  $r \in R, x \in M, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+, \text{ such that } r^k x \in N, \text{ then } rx \in N, [4, p.50].$

### 2.4 Proposition:

Let  $M$  be divisible and  $(0)$  submodule of  $M$  is semi-prime submodule, then the following statements are equivalent

1.  $M$  is prime module,
2.  $M$  is q.p module,
3.  $M$  is W.q.p module.

Proof : (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2), by [2, p10]

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (3), by [2, p20]

(3)  $\rightarrow$  (1) To prove  $M$  is prime module, i.e. to show that  $(0)$  is prime submodule.

Let  $rm = 0, r \in R, m \in M$ , to prove either  $m = 0$  or  $r \in \text{ann}_R M$ . Suppose  $r \notin \text{ann}_R M$ , so we must prove that  $m = 0$ . Since  $r \notin \text{ann}_R M, rM \neq 0$ . Hence  $rM = M$ , because  $M$  is divisible. Thus  $m = rm_1$  for some  $m_1 \in M$ . Since  $rm = r(rm_1) = 0$ , that is  $r^2 m_1 = 0$  which implies that  $rm_1 = 0$ , since  $(0)$  submodule of  $M$  is semi-prime. Thus  $m = 0$ .

### 2.5 Remark:

The condition in proposition 2.4 is necessary as the following example shows:

$Z_{p^\infty}$  is not q.p since if  $N = \frac{1}{p^2} + Z$  then  $\text{ann} N = p^2 Z$  is not prime ideal, but  $Z_{p^\infty}$  is

W.q.p module (see the example in the introduction).

### 2.6 Theorem:

Let  $M$  be a module over an integral domain  $R$  and every submodule of  $M$  is divisible then  $\text{ann}(rm) = \text{ann}(m)$ , for each  $r \notin \text{ann}(m)$ .

Proof: Since  $(rm) \subseteq (m)$ , so

$$\text{ann}(m) \subseteq \text{ann}(rm) \quad \dots(1)$$

To prove  $\text{ann}(rm) \subseteq \text{ann}(m)$

Let  $x \in \text{ann}(rm)$  so  $x(rm) = 0$ . Since every submodule of  $M$  is divisible,  $(rm) = (m)$  and so  $xm = 0$  which implies  $x \in \text{ann}(m)$ . Thus

$$\text{ann}(rm) \subseteq \text{ann}(m) \quad \dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2), we have  $\text{ann}(m) = \text{ann}(rm)$ , for each  $r \notin \text{ann}(m)$ .

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called multiplication  $R$ -module if for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , there exists an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $IM = N$ .

## 2.7 Theorem:

Let  $M$  be multiplication  $W.q.p$   $R$ -module. Then every submodule of  $M$  is  $W.q.p$  module.  
 Proof: Let  $N$  be submodule of  $M$ , since  $M$  is multiplication  $R$ -module, so  $N = IM$ ;  $I$  be ideal of ring  $R$ . To prove  $N$  is  $W.q.p$  module.

To prove  $\text{ann}_R N = \text{ann}_R rN$ ,  $\forall r \notin \text{ann}_R N$  since  $rN \subseteq N$  so

$$\text{ann}_R N \subseteq \text{ann}_R rN \quad \dots(1)$$

To prove  $\text{ann}_R rN \subseteq \text{ann}_R N$ . Let  $x \in \text{ann}_R rN$  so  $xrN = 0$ . Since  $M$  is multiplication so there exists an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $N = IM$ . Thus  $xrIM = 0$ ; that is  $xI \subseteq \text{ann}_R rM = \text{ann}_R M$ , hence  $xIM = 0$ ; so  $xN = 0$  which implies  $x \in \text{ann}_R N$ . Thus

$$\text{ann}_R rN \subseteq \text{ann}_R N \quad \dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2) we have  $\text{ann}_R N = \text{ann}_R rN$  so  $N$  is  $W.q.p$  module.

## 2.8 Proposition:

Let  $M$  be cyclic  $W.q.p$   $R$ -module. Then  $M$  is  $q.p$  module.

Proof: Let  $M$  be cyclic so there exist  $x \in M$ ;  $M = (x)$ , let  $y \in M$ , to prove  $\text{ann}_R y$  is prime ideal, so  $y = rx$ ;  $r \in R$ , let  $a, b \in \text{ann}_R y$ , to prove either  $a \in \text{ann}_R y$  or  $b \in \text{ann}_R y$ . Since  $ab \in \text{ann}_R y = \text{ann}_R rx$ , so  $abr x = 0$ . Suppose  $b \notin \text{ann}_R y = \text{ann}_R rx$ , i.e  $brx \neq 0$ , so  $ab \in \text{ann}_R(rx) = \text{ann}_R(x)$ , since  $M$  is  $W.q.p$  module, so  $abx = 0$  which implies that  $a \in \text{ann}_R bx = \text{ann}_R(x)$  (since  $M$  is  $W.q.p$ ). Thus  $ax = 0$  which implies  $rax = r.0 = 0$  so  $a \in \text{ann}(rx)$  which means  $a \in \text{ann}_R y$ .

## 2.9 Theorem:

Let  $M$  be cyclic  $R$ -module then the following statements are equivalent

1.  $M$  is prime module
2.  $\text{ann}_R M = \text{ann}_R IM$ ;  $I \not\subseteq \text{ann}_R M$
3.  $M$  is  $W.q.p$  module.

Proof: To prove (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2)

It is clear by definition of prime submodules.

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (3) it is obvious.

To prove (3)  $\rightarrow$  (1), to prove  $M$  is prime module.

By proposition (2.8) we have  $M$  is  $q.p$  module which implies that  $\text{ann}_R M$  is prime ideal, see [3,p.14] and by [3,p.8] we get  $M$  is a prime module.

## 2.10 Theorem:

The direct sum of two  $W.q.p$   $R$ -module is also  $W.q.p$   $R$ -module.

Proof: Let  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are two  $W.q.p$  module, to prove  $M$  is  $W.q.p$  module, i.e to prove  $\text{ann}_R M = \text{ann}_R rM$ , for all  $r \notin \text{ann}_R M$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ann}_R rM &= \text{ann}_R r(M_1 \oplus M_2) \\ &= \text{ann}_R(rM_1 \oplus rM_2) \quad , \text{ see [2, p.80]} \\ &= \text{ann}_R rM_1 \cap \text{ann}_R rM_2 \quad , \text{ see [2, p.83]} \\ &= \text{ann}_R M_1 \cap \text{ann}_R M_2 \quad , \text{ since } M_1 \text{ and } M_2 \text{ are } W.q.p \\ &= \text{ann}_R(M_1 \oplus M_2) \\ &= \text{ann}_R M \end{aligned}$$

## 2.11 Corollary:

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module if  $M$  is  $W.q.p$  module then for any positive integer  $n$ ,  $M^n$  is  $W.q.p$  module where  $M^n$  is the direct sum of  $n$  copies of  $M$ .

## 2.12 Remark:

A direct summand of W.q.p module is need not be W.q.p module.

For example: Let  $M = Z \oplus Z_4$  so  $\text{ann}_R M = \text{ann}_R rM \forall r \notin \text{ann}_R M$ . But  $Z_4$  is not W.q.p module, (see remarks and examples (2.2(4)).

### 2.13 Theorem:

Let  $M_1; M_2$  then  $M_1$  is W.q.p iff  $M_2$  is W.q.p.

Proof:  $\Rightarrow$  Let  $f: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be 1-1 and onto and homomorphism and  $M_2$  is W.q.p. To prove  $M_1 = f^{-1}(M_2)$  is W.q.p module, that is to prove  $\text{ann}_R f^{-1}(M_2) \subseteq \text{ann}_R f^{-1}(M_2); r \notin \text{ann}_R f^{-1}(M_2)$ , let  $x \in \text{ann}_R r f^{-1}(M_2)$  so  $xr f^{-1}(M_2) = 0$  and since  $f^{-1}$  is homomorphism so  $f^{-1}(xr f^{-1}(M_2)) = f^{-1}(0)$  and since  $f^{-1}$  is 1-1 so  $xr M_2 = 0$  which mean  $x \in \text{ann}_R r M_2$  but  $M_2$  is W.q.p module and  $r \notin \text{ann}_R M_2$  then  $x M_2 = 0$  which implies  $f^{-1}(x M_2) = f^{-1}(0)$ , but  $f^{-1}$  is homomorphism so  $x f^{-1}(M_2) = 0$  implies  $x \in \text{ann}_R f^{-1}(M_2)$  so

$$\text{ann}_R r f^{-1}(M_2) \subseteq \text{ann}_R f^{-1}(M_2) \quad \dots(1)$$

and since  $r f^{-1}(M_2) \subseteq f^{-1}(M_2)$ , so

$$\text{ann}_R f^{-1}(M_2) \subseteq \text{ann}_R r f^{-1}(M_2) \quad \dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2) we have  $\text{ann}_R f^{-1}(M_2) = \text{ann}_R r f^{-1}(M_2)$ . So  $f^{-1}(M_2)$  is W.q.p module.

$\Leftarrow$  clearly.

### 2.14 Note:

The condition "isomorphism" in theorem 2.13 is necessary as the following example shows

Example: Let  $\pi: Z \rightarrow Z/(4); Z_4$ , where  $Z$  is W.q.p, but  $Z_4$  is not W.q.p.

It is known that, if  $M$  is an  $R$ -module and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  which is contained in  $\text{ann}_R M$  then  $M$  is  $R/I$ -module, by taking  $(r+1)x = rx \forall x \in M, r \in R$ , see [5,p.40].

Now, we give the following result.

### 2.15 Theorem:

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ , which is contained in  $\text{ann}_R M$ . Then  $M$  is W.q.p  $R$ -module iff  $M$  is W.q.p  $R/I$ -module.

Proof:  $\Rightarrow$  To prove  $M$  is W.q.p  $R/I$ -module, i.e. to prove  $\text{ann}_{R/I} M = \text{ann}_{R/I}(r+1)M$ . Since  $(r+1)M \subseteq M$  so

$$\text{ann}_{R/I} M \subseteq \text{ann}_{R/I}(r+1)M \quad \dots(1)$$

To prove  $\text{ann}_{R/I}(r+1)M \subseteq \text{ann}_{R/I} M$

Let  $x \in \text{ann}_{R/I}(r+1)M$  so  $x(r+1)M = 0$ , which implies  $(xr+1)M = 0$  so  $(xr)M = 0$  (by definition), so  $x \in \text{ann}_R M = \text{ann}_R M$  (since  $M$  is W.q.p  $R$ -module).

$x \in \text{ann}_{R/I} M$  (since  $I \subseteq \text{ann}_R M$ ), so

$$\text{ann}_{R/I}(r+1)M \subseteq \text{ann}_{R/I} M \quad \dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2) we have  $\text{ann}_{R/I} M = \text{ann}_{R/I}(r+1)M$ .

$\Leftarrow$  If  $M$  is W.q.p  $R/I$ -module then  $M$  is W.q.p  $R$ -module, i.e. to prove  $\text{ann}_R M = \text{ann}_R rM$ ,  $\forall r \notin \text{ann}_R M$ . Since  $rM \subseteq M$  so

$$\text{ann}_R M \subseteq \text{ann}_R rM \quad \dots(1)$$

To prove  $\text{ann}_R rM \subseteq \text{ann}_R M$

Let  $x \in \text{ann}_R rM$  so  $(xr)M = 0$  implies that  $(xr+1)M = 0$ , so  $x(r+1)M = 0$ , hence  $x \in \text{ann}_{R/I}(r+1)M = \text{ann}_{R/I} M$  (since  $M$  is W.q.p  $R/I$ -module). Thus  $x \in \text{ann}_{R/I} M$ , which implies that  $x \in \text{ann}_R M$  (since  $I \subseteq \text{ann}_R M$ ), so

$$\text{ann}_R rM \subseteq \text{ann}_R M \quad \dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2) we have  $\text{ann}_R M = \text{ann}_R rM$ .

So  $M$  is W.q.p module.

Recall that a subset  $S$  of a ring  $R$  is called multiplicatively closed if  $1 \in S$  and  $a \cdot b \in S$  for every  $a, b \in S$ . We know that every proper ideal  $P$  in  $R$  is prime if and only if  $R-P$  is multiplicatively closed, see [4,p.42].

Let  $M$  be a module on the ring  $R$  and  $S$  be a multiplicatively closed on  $R$  such that  $S \neq 0$  and let  $R_S$  be the set of all fractional  $r/s$  where  $r \in R$  and  $s \in S$  and  $M_S$  be the set of all fractional  $x/s$  where  $x \in M$ ,  $s \in S$ ;  $x_1/s_1 = x_2/s_2$  if and only if there exists  $t \in S$  such that  $t(s_1x_2 - s_2x_1) = 0$ . So, can make  $M_S$  into  $R_S$ -module by setting  $x/s + y/t = (tx + sy)/st$ ,  $r/t \cdot x/s = rx/ts$  for every  $x, y \in M$  and for every  $r \in R, s, t \in S$ . If  $S = R-P$  where  $P$  is a prime ideal we use  $M_P$  instead of  $M_S$  and  $R_P$  instead of  $R_S$ . A ring in which there is only one maximal ideal is called local ring, see [4,p.50], hence  $R_P$  is often called the localization of  $R$ , similar  $M_P$  is the localization of  $M$  at  $P$ . So we can define the two maps  $\psi: R \rightarrow R_S$ , such that  $\psi(r) = r/1, \forall r \in R, \phi: M \rightarrow M_S$ , such that  $\phi(m) = m/1, \forall m \in M$ , see [5,p.69]. Through this paper  $S^{-1}R$  and  $S^{-1}M$  represent  $R_S$  and  $M_S$  respectively.

### 2.16 Proposition:

Let  $M$  be W.q.p  $R$ -module then  $S^{-1}M$  is W.q.p  $S^{-1}R$ -module for each multiplicatively closed set  $S$  of  $R$ .

Proof: To prove  $\text{ann}_{S^{-1}R} S^{-1}M = \text{ann}_{S^{-1}R} r/t S^{-1}M \forall \frac{r}{t} \notin \text{ann}_{S^{-1}R} S^{-1}M$ , since  $r/t S^{-1}M \subseteq S^{-1}M$

$$\text{so } \text{ann}_{S^{-1}R} S^{-1}M \subseteq \text{ann}_{S^{-1}R} r/t S^{-1}M \quad \dots(1)$$

To prove  $\text{ann}_{S^{-1}R} r/t S^{-1}M \subseteq \text{ann}_{S^{-1}R} S^{-1}M$

Let  $y/t' \in \text{ann}_{S^{-1}R} r/t S^{-1}M$  so  $y/t' \cdot r/t S^{-1}M = 0$  which implies that  $yr/tt' S^{-1}M = 0$  where  $yr \in M, tt' \in S$  so  $yr/tt' S^{-1}M = 0$  which implies that  $yr/tt' M/S = 0$  so  $yrM = 0$ . Hence  $y \in \text{ann}_R rM = \text{ann}_R M$ .

Since  $y \in \text{ann}_R M$  so  $yM = 0$ . Thus  $yM/ts = 0$  so  $y/t S^{-1}M = 0, y/t \in \text{ann}_R S^{-1}M$ , hence

$$\text{ann}_{S^{-1}R} r/t S^{-1}M \subseteq \text{ann}_{S^{-1}R} S^{-1}M \quad \dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2) we have  $\text{ann}_{S^{-1}R} S^{-1}M = \text{ann}_{S^{-1}R} r/t S^{-1}M$ , so  $S^{-1}M$  is W.q.p module.

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