

## المقاسات الجزئية الأولية المضادة

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## الخلاصة

لتكن  $R$  حلقة ابدالية ذو محايد وليكن  $M$  مقاساً أحادياً على  $R$ . ليكن  $N$  مقاس جزئي فعلي من  $M$ . يقال عن

$N$  مقاساً جزئياً أولي مضاد اذا كان المقاس  $\frac{M}{N}$  اولي مضاد، حيث ان المقاس  $\frac{M}{N}$  يسمى اولي مضاد اذا كان لكل  $r$

$$\in R, \text{ اما } r \frac{M}{N} = O_{\frac{M}{N}} \text{ أو } r \frac{M}{N} = \frac{M}{N}$$

في هذا البحث درسنا المقاسات الجزئية الأولية المضادة واعطينا العديد من الخواص المتعلقة بهذا المفهوم.

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## Coprime Submodules

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### Abstract

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unity and let  $M$  be a unitary  $R$ -module. Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of  $M$ ,  $N$  is called a coprime submodule if  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module,

where  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module if for any  $r \in R$ , either  $r \frac{M}{N} = 0_{\frac{M}{N}}$  or  $r \frac{M}{N} = \frac{M}{N}$ .

In this paper we study coprime submodules and give many properties related with this concept.

**Key words:** Coprime submodules, second submodule, second (coprime) module, secondary module.

### Introduction

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unity and let  $M$  be a unitary  $R$ -module. It is well-known that a proper submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called prime if whenever  $r \in R, x \in M, rx \in N$  implies  $x \in N$  or  $r \in [N:M]$ , where  $[N:M] = \{r \in R: rM \subseteq N\}$ .  $M$  is called a prime module if  $\text{ann}_R M = \text{ann}_R N$  for all nonzero submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , equivalently  $M$  is a prime module iff  $(0)$  is a prime submodule.

S.Yassem in [7], introduced the notions of second submodules and second modules, where a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called second if for any  $r \in R$ , the homothety  $r^* \in \text{End } M$ , is either zero or surjective, where  $r^*(m) = r m, \forall m \in M$ . It follows that  $N$  is a second submodule iff for each  $r \in R$ , either  $rN = 0$  or  $rN = N$ .  $M$  is called a second module if  $M$  is a second submodule of itself.

For an  $R$ -module  $M$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $M$  is a second module.
- (2) For each  $r \in R$ , either  $rM = 0$  or  $rM = M$ .
- (3)  $\text{ann } M = \text{ann } \frac{M}{N}$  for all proper submodules  $N$  of  $M$ .
- (4)  $\text{ann } M = \text{ann } \frac{M}{N}$  for all fully invariant sub3
- (5) modules  $N$  of  $M$ .
- (6)  $\text{ann } M = W(M)$ , where  $W(M) = \{r \in R: r^* \in \text{End } M, r^* \text{ is not surjective}\}$ .

Notice (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) is clear, (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (5) [7, lemma 1.2], (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) [3, theorem 2.1.6], (3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4) [6, theorem 1.3.2].

Notice that statement (3) and statement (4) are used to define coprime module by S. Annin in [2] and I.E Wijayart in [6], respectively.

Moreover Rasha in [3] studied coprime modules and give some generalizations of these modules, (see [3]).

J.Abuhilail in [1], introduced the notion of coprime submodule, where a proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called coprime if  $\text{ann} \frac{M}{N} = W(\frac{M}{N})$ ; that is  $N$  is a coprime submodule if

$\frac{M}{N}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module.

Our aim in this paper is to study coprime submodules, we give the basic properties about this concept. Also, we study coprime submodules in certain classes of modules.

### 1- Coprime Submodules

We give the basic properties related with coprime submodules. Also, we study their behaviour in certain classes of modules.

Following J.Abuhilail in [1], a proper submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called coprime if  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module.

An ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is called coprime ideal iff  $\frac{R}{I}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module.

#### 1.1 Remarks and Examples:

(1)  $N$  is coprime submodule iff for each  $r \in R$  either  $r \frac{M}{N} = 0_{\frac{M}{N}} = N$  or  $r \frac{M}{N} = \frac{M}{N}$ , that is  $N$  is

a coprime submodule if for each  $r \in R$ , either  $r \in [N:M]$  or for any  $m \in M$ , there exists  $m' \in M$  such that  $m - r m' \in N$ .

(2)  $Z$  is a coprime submodule of the  $Z$ -module  $Q$ , since  $\frac{Q}{Z}$  is a coprime  $Z$ -module [4], [6].

Note that  $Z$  is not coprime  $Z$ -module, since when  $r = 2 \neq 0$ ,  $2Z \neq Z$ .

(3) Every submodule  $N$  of the  $Z$ -module  $Z_{p^\infty}$  is a coprime submodule, since  $Z_{p^\infty}/N \cong Z_{p^\infty}$  and  $Z_{p^\infty}$  is a coprime  $Z$ -module, hence  $Z_{p^\infty}/N$  is a coprime  $Z$ -module.

(4) Let  $M$  be a coprime  $R$ -module, then every proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is a coprime submodule.

**proof:** Since  $M$  is a coprime  $R$ -module, then by [3, cor. 2.1.12],  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module, for all  $N < M$ . Hence  $N$  is a coprime submodule.

(5) If  $N$  is a maximal submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ , then  $N$  is a coprime submodule.

**proof:** Since  $N$  is maximal,  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a simple  $R$ -module, hence  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module. Thus  $N$  is a coprime submodule.

(6) The converse of (4) is not true in general for example,  $Z$  is a coprime submodule of the  $Z$ -module  $Q$  (see 1.1 (2)) but  $Z$  is not a maximal submodule of  $Q$ .

(7) Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module, let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $I \subseteq \text{ann } M$ , let  $N < \overline{M}$ . Then  $\overline{N}$  is a coprime  $R$ -submodule of  $M \Leftrightarrow N$  is a coprime  $\overline{R}$ -submodule of  $\overline{M}$ , where  $\overline{R} = R/I$ .

**proof:** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $N$  be a coprime  $R$ -submodule. Then  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module and hence by

[3, cor. 2.1.9],  $\frac{M}{N}$  is coprime  $\bar{R}$ -module. Thus  $N$  is a coprime  $\bar{R}$ -module.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) The proof is similarly.

**1.2 Proposition:**

If  $N$  is a coprime submodule, then  $[N:M]$  is a prime ideal.

**proof:** Since  $N$  is a coprime submodule,  $\frac{M}{N}$  is coprime  $R$ -module. Hence  $\text{ann} \frac{M}{N}$  is a prime

ideal of  $R$  [3, note 2.1]. But  $\text{ann} \frac{M}{N} = [N:M]$ , so  $[N:M]$  is a prime ideal.

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called secondary if for each  $r \in R$ , either  $rm = 0$  or  $r^n M = M$ , for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . [7].

We have the following

**1.3 Proposition:**

Let  $M$  be a secondary  $R$ -module, let  $N < M$ . Then  $N$  is a coprime submodule iff  $[N:M]$  is a prime ideal of  $R$ .

**proof:** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) It follows by prop. 1.2.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Since  $M$  is a secondary  $R$ -module, then  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a secondary  $R$ -module. But  $[N:M] = \text{ann} \frac{M}{N}$  is a prime ideal, so by [3,prop.1.2.6],  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module, hence  $N$  is a coprime submodule.

**1.4 Proposition:**

Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . Then  $N$  is a coprime submodule iff  $[N:M]=[W:M]$  for all  $W \supset N$ .

**proof:** If  $N$  is a coprime submodule, then  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module. Hence  $\text{ann} \frac{M}{N} = \text{ann} \frac{M}{W}$

$\frac{M}{W}$  for all  $W \supset N$ . It follows that  $\text{ann} \frac{M}{N} = \text{ann} \frac{M}{W}$ ; that is  $[N:M] = [W:M]$ .

If  $[N:M] = [W:M]$ , for all  $W \supset N$ , then  $\text{ann} \frac{M}{N} = \text{ann} \frac{M}{W}$ . But  $\frac{M}{W} \cong \frac{\frac{M}{N}}{\frac{W}{N}}$ , so  $\text{ann} \frac{M}{N} = \text{ann} \frac{\frac{M}{N}}{\frac{W}{N}}$

$\frac{M}{N} = \text{ann} \frac{\frac{M}{N}}{\frac{W}{N}}$  and  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module. Thus  $N$  is a coprime submodule.

**1.5 Proposition:**

Let  $W$  be a coprime submodule of  $M$  and let  $N < M$  such that  $N \supset W$ . Then  $N$  is a coprime submodule of  $M$  and  $\frac{N}{W}$  is a coprime submodule of  $\frac{M}{W}$ .

**proof:** Since  $W$  is a coprime submodule, then  $\frac{M}{W}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module. Hence by [Rem and Ex. 1.1 (4)],  $\frac{N}{W}$  is a coprime submodule of  $\frac{M}{W}$ . Also  $\frac{M}{W}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module implies  $(M/W) / (N/W)$  is a coprime  $R$ -module [3,cor. 2.1.12]. But  $(M/W) / (N/W) \cong M / N$ , hence  $M / N$  is a coprime module by [3, Cor. 2.1.14]. Thus  $N$  is a coprime submodule of  $M$ .

**1.6 Proposition:**

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module, let  $N, W$  be proper submodules of  $M, N \supseteq W$  such that  $\frac{N}{W}$  is a coprime submodule of  $\frac{M}{W}$ . Then  $N$  is a coprime submodule of  $M$ .

**proof:** Since  $\frac{N}{W}$  is a coprime submodule of  $\frac{M}{W}$ , we have  $(M/W) / (N/W)$  is a coprime module. Thus  $M / N$  is a coprime module and so  $N$  is a coprime submodule of  $M$ .

The following results follow directly by proposition 1.5.

**1.7 Corollary:**

If  $N$  is a coprime submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $I$  an ideal of  $R$ . Then  $[N : I]_M$  is a coprime submodule of  $M$ .

**1.8 Corollary:**

Let  $A, B$  be proper submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . If  $A$  or  $B$  is a coprime submodule and  $A + B \neq M$ . Then  $A + B$  is a coprime submodule of  $M$ .

**1.9 Proposition:**

Let  $I$  be a proper ideal of a ring  $R$ . Then  $I$  is a coprime ideal iff  $I$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ .

**proof:** If  $I$  is a coprime ideal of  $R$ , then  $R/I$  is a coprime  $R$ -module. But  $R/I$  is a multiplication  $R$ -module, so by [3,Rem. And Ex. 2.1.3(5)]  $R/I$  is simple  $R$ -module. Thus  $I$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ .

The converse follows by (Rem. And Ex. 1.1.(5)).

**1.10 Corollary:**

Let  $R$  be a ring. The following are equivalent:

- (1)  $(0)$  is a coprime submodule of  $R$ .
- (2)  $R/(0) \sqcup R$  is a coprime ring (that is  $R$  is a field).
- (3)  $(0)$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ .

**1.11 Corollary:**

Let  $R$  be a PID, let  $I$  be a nonzero proper ideal of  $R$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $I$  is a coprime ideal of  $R$ .
- (2)  $I$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ .
- (3)  $I$  is a prime ideal of  $R$ .

**1.12 Note:**

If  $N$  is a coprime submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . Then it is not necessary that  $[N:M]$  is a coprime ideal of  $R$ , as the following example shows:

$Z$  is a coprime submodule of the  $Z$ -module  $Q$  but  $[Z:Q] = (0)$  is not a maximal ideal of  $Z$ , that is  $(0)$  is not coprime ideal of  $Z$ .

**1.13 Proposition:**

Let  $M$  be a multiplication  $R$ -module, let  $N$  be a proper submodule of  $M$ . Then  $N$  is a coprime submodule iff  $[N:M]$  is a coprime ideal of  $R$ .

**proof:** If  $N$  is a coprime submodule of  $M$ , then  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module. But  $M$  is a multiplication  $R$ -module implies  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a multiplication  $R$ -module. Hence by [3, Rem. and Ex.

2.1.3(5)]  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a simple  $R$ -module. Thus  $N$  is a maximal submodule of  $M$  which implies that  $[N:M]$  is a maximal ideal. Then by prop. 1.9,  $[N;M]$  is a coprime ideal.

Conversely, if  $[N:M]$  is a coprime ideal of  $R$ , then by prop. 1.9,  $[N:M]$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ . Now  $M$  is a multiplication module and  $[N;M]$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$  implies that  $N=[N;M]M$  is a maximal submodule of  $M$ . Thus by Rem. and Ex. 1.1 (5),  $N$  is a coprime submodule of  $M$ .

**1.14 Corollary:**

Let  $M$  be a multiplication  $R$ -module and let  $N < M$ . The following are equivalent:

- (1)  $N$  is a coprime submodule of  $M$ .
- (2)  $[N:M]$  is a coprime ideal of  $R$ .
- (3)  $[N:M]$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ .
- (4)  $N$  is a maximal submodule of  $M$ .

**proof:** (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) it follows by prop. 1.13.

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) it follows by prop. 1.9.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) by Rem. and Ex. 1.1 (5).

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Since  $M$  is multiplication, and  $[N:M]$  is a maximal ideal, then  $N$  is a maximal submodule of  $M$ .

The following result shows that a homomorphic image of a coprime submodule is a coprime submodule.

**1.15 Theorem:**

Let  $\psi:M \rightarrow M'$  be an  $R$ -epimorphism, let  $N < M$ . If  $N$  is a coprime submodule of  $M$ , then  $\psi(N)$  is a coprime submodule of  $M'$ .

**proof:** To prove  $\psi(N)$  is a coprime submodule of  $M'$ , we must prove  $\frac{M'}{\psi(N)}$  is a coprime  $R$ -

module, so we must show that  $r \frac{M'}{\psi(N)} = \frac{M'}{\psi(N)}$  for all  $r \notin \text{ann} \frac{M'}{\psi(N)}$ . First  $r \notin \text{ann} \frac{M'}{\psi(N)}$ , means that  $r \notin [\psi(N):M']$ . It is easy to check that  $[N:M] \subseteq [\psi(N):M']$ . Hence

$r \notin [N:M] = \text{ann} \frac{M}{N}$ . On the other hand  $N$  is a coprime submodule, implies  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a coprime

$R$ -module. Hence  $r \frac{M}{N} = \frac{M}{N}$  since  $r \notin \text{ann} \frac{M}{N} = [N:M]$ . Now, let  $y + \psi(N) \in \frac{M'}{\psi(N)}$ , so  $y =$

$\psi(m)$  for some  $m \in N$ , since  $\psi$  is an epimorphism. Thus  $y + \psi(N) = \psi(m) + \psi(N) = \psi(m + N)$ . Hence there exists  $m' \in M$  such that  $m + N = r m' + N$ , so  $y + \psi(N) = \psi(r m' + N) =$

$r (\psi(m') + N) \in r \frac{M'}{\psi(N)}$ . Thus  $r \frac{M'}{\psi(N)} = \frac{M'}{\psi(N)}$  and so  $\frac{M'}{\psi(N)}$  is a coprime  $R$ -

module. Hence  $\psi(N)$  is a coprime submodule of  $M'$ .

Now, we turn our attention to direct sum of coprime submodules.

**1.16 Theorem:**

Let  $M_1, M_2$  be  $R$ -modules, let  $N_1 < M_1, N_2 < M_2$  such that  $\text{ann} \frac{M_1}{N_1} = \text{ann} \frac{M_2}{N_2}$ . Then  $N = N_1 \oplus N_2$  is a coprime submodule of  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  iff  $N_1$  is a coprime submodule of  $M_1, N_2$  is a coprime submodule of  $M_2$ .

$N_1 \oplus N_2$  is a coprime submodule of  $M$  iff  $N_1$  is a coprime submodule of  $M_1, N_2$  is a coprime submodule of  $M_2$ .

**proof:** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $p_1: M_1 \oplus M_2 \rightarrow M_1, p_2: M_1 \oplus M_2 \rightarrow M_2$  be the natural projection. Hence  $p_1(N_1 \oplus N_2) = N_1, p_2(N_1 \oplus N_2) = N_2$  and so by theorem 1.15,  $N_1$  is a coprime submodule of  $M_1, N_2$  is a coprime submodule of  $M_2$ .

Conversely, to prove  $N_1 \oplus N_2$  is a coprime submodule of  $M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Since  $N_1, N_2$  are coprime submodules of  $M_1, M_2$  respectively, then  $\frac{M_1}{N_1}$  and  $\frac{M_2}{N_2}$  are coprime  $R$ -module and

since  $\text{ann} \frac{M_1}{N_1} = \text{ann} \frac{M_2}{N_2}$  it follows that  $\frac{M_1}{N_1} \oplus \frac{M_2}{N_2}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module (see [7], [3,prop.

2.3.3). But it is easy to check that  $\frac{M_1 \oplus M_2}{N_1 \oplus N_2} \cong \frac{M_1}{N_1} \oplus \frac{M_2}{N_2}$ . Hence by [3,cor. 2.1.14],

$\frac{M_1 \oplus M_2}{N_1 \oplus N_2}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module. Thus  $N_1 \oplus N_2$  is a coprime submodule of  $M_1 \oplus M_2$ .

**1.17 Remark:**

The condition  $\text{ann} \frac{M_1}{N_1} = \text{ann} \frac{M_2}{N_2}$  is necessary condition in Th. 14, as the following

example shows:

Consider the  $Z$ -module  $Z$ . Let  $N_1 = 2Z, N_2 = 3Z, N_1, N_2$  are maximal submodules of  $Z$ , so  $N_1, N_2$  are coprime submodules of  $Z$  (see Rem. 1.1(5)). Let  $N = N_1 \oplus N_2 = 2Z \oplus 3Z < Z \oplus Z$ . It is clear that  $\text{ann} \frac{Z}{N_1} \neq \text{ann} \frac{Z}{N_2}$ . Now  $\frac{Z \oplus Z}{N_1 \oplus N_2} \cong \frac{Z}{N_1} \oplus \frac{Z}{N_2} \cong Z_2 \oplus Z_3 \cong Z_6$ .

But  $Z_6$  is not a coprime  $Z$ -module, so  $\frac{Z \oplus Z}{N_1 \oplus N_2}$  is not a coprime  $Z$ -module. Thus  $N_1 \oplus N_2$  is not a coprime submodule of  $Z \oplus Z$ .

The following property explains the behaviour of coprime submodules under localization.

**1.18 Proposition:**

Let  $S$  be a multiplicative subset of a ring  $R$ . Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  such that  $S^{-1}N \neq S^{-1}M$ . If  $N$  is a coprime submodule of  $M$ , then  $S^{-1}N$  is coprime submodule of  $S^{-1}M$ .

**proof:**  $N$  is a coprime submodule of  $M$  implies  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module, then by

[3,prop.2.1.38],  $S^{-1}\left(\frac{M}{N}\right)$  is a coprime  $S^{-1}R$ -module. But [5,lemma 9.12,p.173],

$S^{-1}\left(\frac{M}{N}\right) \cong \frac{S^{-1}M}{S^{-1}N}$ , so  $\frac{S^{-1}M}{S^{-1}N}$  is a coprime  $S^{-1}R$ -module. Hence  $S^{-1}N$  is a coprime submodule of  $S^{-1}M$ .

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is antihopfian if  $M = M/N$  for all  $N \subsetneq M$  (4).

Hence we get the following result directly.

**1.19 Remark:**

Let  $M$  be an antihopfian  $R$ -module. Then every submodule of  $M$  is coprime submodule.

**proof:** Since  $M \cong \frac{M}{N}$ ,  $\text{ann } M = \text{ann } \frac{M}{N}$ , that is  $M$  is coprime  $R$ -module. Then by (Rem. and Ex. 1.1(4)) every proper submodule is coprime submodule.

**1.20 Proposition:**

Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module, let  $N \subsetneq M$ . If  $N$  is a coprime submodule, then  $N$  is prime.

**proof:** Since  $N$  is a coprime submodule,  $M/N$  is a coprime  $R$ -module. But  $M$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module, so  $M/N$  is finitely generated. Hence by [3,Th. 2.4.8],  $M/N$  is a prime  $R$ -module and hence  $O_{M/N} = N$  is a prime submodule of  $\frac{M}{N}$ . It follows that  $N$  is a prime submodule of  $M$ .

**1.21 Remark:**

The condition  $M$  is finitely generated in prop. 2.1 is necessary condition, as the following example shows.

$Z$  is a coprime submodule of the  $Z$ -module  $Q$  and  $Q$  is not finitely generated. Also  $Z$  is not a prime submodule of  $Q$ .

**1.22 Corollary:**

Let  $M$  be a Noetherian coprime  $R$ -module, then every proper submodule of  $M$  is prime.

**proof:** It follows directly by prop. 1.20.

**1.23 Proposition:**

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module such that  $rM \cap N = rN$  for all  $r \in R$  and for all  $N \subsetneq M$ . Then every prime submodule is a coprime submodule.

**proof:** Let  $N$  be a prime submodule of  $M$ . Let  $W \supsetneq N$ . We shall prove that:

$r \frac{M}{N} \cap \frac{W}{N} = r \frac{W}{N}$  as follows: let  $x \in r \frac{M}{N} \cap \frac{W}{N}$ , so  $x = w + N = r(m + N)$  for some  $w \in W, m \in M$ . Hence  $rm - w \in N \subset W$ . Thus  $rm \in W$ , which implies that  $rm \in rM \cap W = rW$  and hence  $rm = ry$  for some  $y \in W$ . Then  $rm + N = ry + N$ , that is  $r(m + N) = r(y + N) \in r \frac{W}{N}$ . Thus

$r \frac{M}{N} \cap \frac{W}{N} = r \frac{W}{N}$ . On the other hand,  $N$  is a prime submodule of  $M$  implies  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a prime  $R$ -

module. Then by [3,prop. 2.4.1,p.54]  $\frac{M}{N}$  is a coprime  $R$ -module and hence  $N$  is a coprime submodule.

**1.24 Corollary:**

Let  $R$  be a regular ring (in sence of Von Neumann), let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then every prime submodule of  $M$  is a coprime submodule of  $M$ .

**proof:** Since  $R$  is a regular ring, implies  $rM \cap N = rN$  for all  $r \in R$  and for all  $N \subset M$ , then the result is obtained by prop.1.23.

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