

S -prime and S -weakly Prime Submodules

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Abstract. In this study, all rings are commutative with non-zero identity and all modules are considered to be unital. Let M be a left R -module. A proper submodule N of M is called an S -weakly prime submodule if $0_M \neq f(m) \in N$ implies that either $m \in N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$, where $f \in S = \text{End}(M)$ and $m \in M$. Some results concerning S -prime and S -weakly prime submodules are obtained. Then we study S -prime and S -weakly prime submodules of multiplication modules. Also for R -modules M_1 and M_2 , we examine S -prime and S -weakly prime submodules of $M = M_1 \times M_2$, where $S = S_1 \times S_2$, $S_1 = \text{End}(M_1)$ and $S_2 = \text{End}(M_2)$.

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1. Introduction

Throughout this paper R will denote a commutative ring with a non-zero identity and M is considered to be unital left R -module. A proper ideal P of R is said to be *prime* if $ab \in P$ implies $a \in P$ or $b \in P$, [3]. Weakly prime ideals in a commutative ring with non-zero identity have been introduced and studied by D. D. Anderson and E. Smith in [2]. A proper ideal P of R is said to be *weakly prime* if $0_R \neq ab \in P$ implies $a \in P$ or $b \in P$. Several authors have extended the notion of prime ideals to modules, see, for example, [5, 9, 11]. In [1], a proper submodule N of a module M over a commutative ring R is said to be *prime* submodule if whenever $rm \in N$ for some $r \in R, m \in M$, then $m \in N$ or $rM \subseteq N$. Then in [6], S. Ebrahimi and F. Farzalipour introduced weakly prime submodules over a commutative ring R as following: A proper submodule N of M is called *weakly prime* if for $r \in R$ and $m \in M$ with $0_M \neq rm \in N$, then $m \in N$ or $rM \subseteq N$. Clearly, every prime submodule of a module is a weakly prime submodule. However, since 0_M is always weakly prime, a weakly prime submodule need not be prime. Various properties of weakly prime submodules are considered in [6].

Now we define the concepts the residue of N by M . If N is a submodule of an R -module M , the ideal $\{r \in R : rM \subseteq N\}$ is called the residue of N by M and it is denoted by $(N :_R M)$. In particular, $(0_M :_R M)$ is called the *annihilator* of M and denoted by $\text{Ann}(M)$, see [7]. If the annihilator of M equals to 0_R , then M is called a *faithful module*. Also, for a proper submodule N of M , the *radical* of N , denoted by \sqrt{N} , is defined to be the intersection of all prime submodules of M containing N . If there is no prime submodule containing N , then $\sqrt{N} = M$, see [7].

An R -module M is called a *multiplication module* if every submodule N of M has the form IM for some ideal I of R , see [7]. Note that, since $I \subseteq (N :_R M)$ then $N = IM \subseteq (N :_R M)M \subseteq N$.

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So, if M is multiplication, $N = (N :_R M)M$, for every submodule N of M . Let N and K be submodules of a multiplication R -module M with $N = I_1M$ and $K = I_2M$ for some ideals I_1 and I_2 of R . The product of N and K denoted by NK is defined by $NK = I_1I_2M$. Then by [1, Theorem 3.4], the product of N and K is independent of presentations of N and K . Note that, for $m, m' \in M$, by mm' , we mean the product of Rm and Rm' . Clearly, NK is a submodule of M and $NK \subseteq N \cap K$, see [1]. Also, if M is multiplication module, in Theorem 3.13 of [1], R. Ameri showed that $\sqrt{N} = \{m \in M : m^k \subseteq N \text{ for some positive integer } k\}$.

This paper is inspired by the notion of S -prime submodule which appears in [8, 4]. The authors defined the concept as following: A proper submodule N of an R -module M is said to be S -prime submodule of M if $f(m) \in N$ implies that either $m \in N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$, where $f \in S = \text{End}(M)$ and $m \in M$. Every S -prime submodule is prime, see [8]. For more information one can examine [4].

In this study we introduce the concept of S -weakly prime submodule as following: A proper submodule N of an R -module M is said to be S -weakly prime submodule of M if $0_M \neq f(m) \in N$ implies that either $m \in N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$, where $f \in S = \text{End}(M)$ and $m \in M$. Clearly, every S -prime submodule is an S -weakly prime submodule. In Proposition 2.1, it is obtained that every S -weakly prime submodule of an R -module M is a weakly prime submodule. However, we show that the opposite of Proposition 2.1 is not correct, see Example 2.1. Then we prove in Proposition 2.2 (Proposition 2.4) that N is an S -prime (S -weakly prime) submodule if and only if $f(K) \subseteq N$ ($0_M \neq f(K) \subseteq N$) implies that either $K \subseteq N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$, where $f \in S = \text{End}(M)$ and K is a submodule of M . Also, we give characterizations of S -prime submodule and S -weakly prime submodule (Theorem 2.2, Theorem 2.1, respectively). In Corollary 2.4, by the help of Proposition 2.6, it is proved that when N is an S -weakly prime submodule, then $(N :_R M)$ is an S -weakly prime ideal of R . In multiplication module, we obtain another characterizations for S -prime submodule and S -weakly prime submodule (Theorem 2.3, Theorem 2.4, respectively). Among the other results, some properties of S -prime and S -weakly prime submodules in multiplication modules are obtained. Moreover, we characterize S -prime and S -weakly prime submodules of $M = M_1 \times M_2$ over R -module, where M_1, M_2 be R -modules, see Theorem 2.7, Theorem 2.8, Proposition 2.7, Proposition 2.8. Finally, we obtain a relation between S -prime and S -weakly prime submodules of $M = M_1 \times M_2$ over $R = R_1 \times R_2$ -module, where M_1, M_2 are R_1 -module and R_2 -module, respectively, see, Theorem 2.9 and Theorem 2.10.

2. S -prime and S -weakly Prime Submodules

Throughout this study $\text{End}(M)$ is denoted by S .

Definition 2.1. A proper submodule N of an R -module M is said to be S -weakly prime submodule of M if $0_M \neq f(m) \in N$ implies that either $m \in N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$, where $f \in S = \text{End}(M)$ and $m \in M$.

It is clear that every S -prime submodule is an S -weakly prime submodule. However, since $\{0_M\}$ is an S -weakly prime submodule of M , then an S -weakly prime submodule may not be an S -prime submodule.

Note that if we consider any R as an R -module, then a proper ideal I of R is said to be S -prime (S -weakly prime) ideal if $f(a) \in I$ ($0_R \neq f(a) \in I$) implies that either $a \in I$ or $f(R) \subseteq I$, where $f \in S = \text{End}(R)$ and $a \in R$.

Proposition 2.1. Every S -weakly prime submodule of an R -module M is a weakly prime submodule.

Proof. Let N be an S -weakly prime submodule of an R -module M . Suppose that for some $r \in R$ and $m \in M$ such that $0_M \neq rm \in N$ and $m \notin N$. We show that $r \in (N :_R M)$.

Define $h : M \rightarrow M$ such that $h(x) = rx$ for all $x \in M$. Clearly, $h \in \text{End}(M)$. Since definition of h and our assumption, then $0_M \neq h(m) = rm \in N$. Then as $m \notin N$ and N is an S -weakly prime submodule, we get $h(M) \subseteq N$. Thus $h(M) = rM \subseteq N$, i.e., $r \in (N :_R M)$.

Note that generally a weakly prime submodule is not an S -weakly prime submodule. For this one can see the following example:

Example 2.1. Let consider the submodule $N = 2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ of \mathbb{Z} -module $M = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$. Since N is a maximal submodule, N is a prime, so weakly prime submodule. But N is not an S -weakly prime submodule. Indeed, let define $f : M \rightarrow M$ such that $f((x, y)) = (y, x)$ for all $(x, y) \in M$. Then we get $f \in S = \text{End}(M)$. Thus we can easily see $0_M \neq f((1, 2)) = (2, 1) \in N$, but $(1, 2) \notin N$ and $f(M) = M \not\subseteq N$. Consequently, N is not S -weakly prime.

Proposition 2.2. Let M be an R -module and N be a proper submodule of M . Then the followings are equivalent:

- (i) N is an S -prime submodule.
- (ii) $f(K) \subseteq N$ implies that either $K \subseteq N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$, where $f \in S$ and K is a proper submodule of M .

Proof. (1) \implies (2) : Let N be an S -prime submodule. Assume that $f(K) \subseteq N$ and $K \not\subseteq N$. Then there exists $k \in K - N$. Thus $f(k) \in f(K) \subseteq N$. Since N is S -prime, $f(M) \subseteq N$.

(2) \implies (1) : Let $f(m) \in N$. We show that either $m \in N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$. Since $f(Rm) \subseteq N$, by our hypothesis we obtain either $Rm \subseteq N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$. Consequently, $m \in N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$.

Corollary 2.1. Let M be an R -module and N be a proper submodule of M . Then the followings are equivalent:

- (i) N is an S -prime submodule.
- (ii) $f(Rm) \subseteq N$ implies that either $Rm \subseteq N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$, where $f \in S$ and $m \in M$.

Proof. By Proposition 2.2.

Proposition 2.3. Let M be an R -module and N be a proper submodule of M . Then N is an S -prime submodule if and only if $f^{-1}(N) = M$ or $f^{-1}(N) \subseteq N$, for all $f \in S$.

Proof. \implies : Let N be an S -prime submodule. Assume that $f(M) \subseteq N$. Then it is clear that $f^{-1}(N) = M$. So suppose that $f(M) \not\subseteq N$. Take $m \in f^{-1}(N)$. Then $f(m) \in N$. Since N is an S -prime submodule and $f(M) \not\subseteq N$, we have $m \in N$. Consequently, $f^{-1}(N) \subseteq N$.

\Leftarrow : Assume that $f^{-1}(N) \subseteq N$ or $f^{-1}(N) = M$ for all $f \in \text{End}(M)$. Let $f(m) \in N$. If $f^{-1}(N) \subseteq N$, then $m \in f^{-1}(N) \subseteq N$, so we are done. On the other hand, if $f^{-1}(N) = M$, then we get $f(M) \subseteq N$. Thus N is an S -prime submodule.

Corollary 2.2. The zero submodule $\{0_M\}$ of M is an S -prime submodule if and only if f is one-to-one, for all $0 \neq f \in S$.

Proof. By Proposition 2.3.

Theorem 2.1. *Let M be an R -module and N be a proper submodule of M . For all $f \in S$, the followings are equivalent:*

- (i) N is an S -weakly prime submodule of M .
- (ii) $(N :_R f(x)) = (N :_R f(M)) \cup (0_M :_R f(x))$ for all $x \notin N$.
- (iii) $(N :_R f(x)) = (N :_R f(M))$ or $(N :_R f(x)) = (0_M :_R f(x))$ for all $x \notin N$.

Proof. (1) \implies (2) : Assume that N is S -weakly prime. Let $r \in (N :_R f(x))$ and $x \notin N$. Then we get $rf(x) \in N$. If $rf(x) = 0_M$, then $r \in (0_M :_R f(x))$. Suppose that $rf(x) \neq 0_M$. Define $h : M \rightarrow M$ such that $h(m) = rf(m)$, for all $m \in M$. Clearly $h \in \text{End}(M)$, also $0_M \neq h(x) = rf(x) \in N$. Since N is an S -weakly prime submodule and $x \notin N$, then we obtain $h(M) \subseteq N$. Thus $h(M) = rf(M) \subseteq N$ and so $r \in (N :_R f(M))$.

(2) \implies (3) : Clear.

(3) \implies (1) : Suppose that $h \in \text{End}(M)$ and $m \notin N$ such that $0_M \neq h(m) \in N$. We prove that $h(M) \subseteq N$. Since $0_M \neq h(m)$, we get $(N :_R h(m)) \neq (0_M :_R h(m))$. Indeed, if $(N :_R h(m)) = (0_M :_R h(m))$, then we obtain $(N :_R h(m)) = R = (0_M :_R h(m))$, i.e., $1_R h(m) = 0_M$, a contradiction. Thus we have $(N :_R h(m)) = (N :_R h(M))$, by our hypothesis (3). Since $(N :_R h(m)) = R$, we get $h(M) \subseteq N$.

Proposition 2.4. *Let M be an R -module and N be a proper submodule of M . Then the followings are equivalent:*

- (i) N is an S -weakly prime submodule.
- (ii) $0_M \neq f(K) \subseteq N$ implies that either $K \subseteq N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$, where $f \in S$ and K is a submodule of M .

Proof. (1) \implies (2) : Let N be an S -weakly prime submodule. Suppose that $f(K) \subseteq N$, $K \not\subseteq N$ and $f(M) \not\subseteq N$. Then we show $f(K) = 0_M$. For every $k \in K$, we have 2 cases:

Case 1: Let $k \in K - N$. By Theorem 2.1, we can see that $(N :_R f(k)) = (N :_R f(M))$ or $(N :_R f(k)) = (0_M :_R f(k))$. Since $f(k) \in f(K) \subseteq N$, one get $1_R \in (N :_R f(k))$. Thus either $1_R \in (N :_R f(M))$ or $1_R \in (0_M :_R f(k))$. The first one contradicts our assumption. Thus we obtain $f(k) = 0_M$.

Case 2: Let $k \in K \cap N$. If $f(k) = 0_M$, we are done. Let suppose $f(k) \neq 0_M$. Since $K \not\subseteq N$, there exists $0_M \neq y \in K - N$. Then $f(y) \in f(K) \subseteq N$, one get $1_R \in (N :_R f(y))$. Thus either $1_R \in (N :_R f(M))$ or $1_R \in (0_M :_R f(y))$. The first one contradicts our assumption. Thus we obtain $f(y) = 0_M$. Then one can see $0_M \neq f(y+k) = f(y) + f(k) \in f(K) \subseteq N$. Since N is S -weakly prime, we get $y+k \in N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$. So, $y \in N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$, i.e., contradiction.

Consequently, for every $k \in K$, we obtain $f(k) = 0_M$.

(2) \implies (1) : Let $0_M \neq f(m) \in N$. We show that either $m \in N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$. Since $0_M \neq f(Rm) \subseteq N$, by our hypothesis we obtain either $Rm \subseteq N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$. Consequently, $m \in N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$.

Corollary 2.3. *Let M be an R -module and N be a proper submodule of M . Then the followings are equivalent:*

- (i) N is an S -weakly prime submodule.
- (ii) $0_M \neq f(Rm) \subseteq N$ implies that either $Rm \subseteq N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$, where $f \in S$ and $m \in M$.

Proof. By Proposition 2.4.

Theorem 2.2. *Let M be an R -module and N be a proper submodule of M . For all $f \in S$, the followings are equivalent:*

- (i) N is an S -prime submodule of M .
- (ii) $(N :_R f(x)) = (N :_R f(M))$ for all $x \notin N$.

Proof. (1) \implies (2) : Assume that N is S -prime and $x \notin N$. Let $r \in (N :_R f(x))$. Then we get $rf(x) \in N$. Define $h : M \rightarrow M$ such that $h(m) = rf(m)$ for all $m \in M$. Clearly $h \in \text{End}(M)$, also $h(x) = rf(x) \in N$. Since N is an S -prime submodule and $x \notin N$, then we obtain $h(M) \subseteq N$. Thus $h(M) = rf(M) \subseteq N$ and so $r \in (N :_R f(M))$. The other containment is always hold.

(2) \implies (1) : Suppose that $h \in \text{End}(M)$ and $m \notin N$ such that $h(m) \in N$. We prove that $h(M) \subseteq N$. Since $1_R h(m) \in N$, we get $1_R \in (N :_R h(m)) = (N :_R h(M))$. Thus $h(M) \subseteq N$ by the assumption.

To avoid losing the integrity, we give the following proposition.

Proposition 2.5. ([6], Proposition 2.1) *Let M be a faithful cyclic R -module. If N is a weakly prime submodule, then $(N :_R M)$ is a weakly prime ideal of R .*

However, Proposition 2.5 is not true for " S -weakly prime situation". So we mean if N is an S -weakly prime submodule, then $(N :_R M)$ may not be an S -weakly prime ideal of R .

Note that for a subset A of M , we denote the submodule generated by A in M as $\langle A \rangle$. In particular, if $X = \{a\}$, then it is denoted by $\langle a \rangle$. If M is an R -module such that $M = \langle a \rangle$, then M is called cyclic module. It is clear that every cyclic module is a multiplication module, see [13].

Proposition 2.6. *Let M be a cyclic R -module such that $M = \langle a \rangle$ and N be a proper submodule of M . Then the followings are equivalent:*

- (i) N is a weakly prime submodule.
- (ii) N is an S -weakly prime submodule.

Proof. (1) \implies (2) : Assume that N is a weakly prime submodule. Let choose $m \in M$ and $f \in \text{End}(M)$ such that $0_M \neq f(m) \in N$ and $m \notin N$. We prove that $f(M) \subseteq N$. Let $f(x) \in f(M)$. Since $M = \langle a \rangle$, there exist $r_1, r_2 \in R$ such that $x = r_1 a$ and $m = r_2 a$. Then we get $0_M \neq f(m) = f(r_2 a) = r_2 f(a) \in N$. Since N is weakly prime, then $r_2 \in (N :_R M)$ or $f(a) \in N$. If $r_2 \in (N :_R M)$, then we get $m = r_2 a \in N$, i.e., a contradiction. Thus $f(a) \in N$, so $f(x) = r_1 f(a) \in N$. As x is an arbitrary element of M , we obtain $f(M) \subseteq N$.

(2) \implies (1) : By Proposition 2.1.

Corollary 2.4. *Let M be a faithful cyclic R -module. If N is an S -weakly prime submodule, then $(N :_R M)$ is an S -weakly prime ideal of R .*

Proof. Assume that N is an S -weakly prime submodule. Then N is an weakly prime submodule. By Proposition 2.5, $(N :_R M)$ is a weakly prime ideal of R . Since R is a cyclic R -module, $(N :_R M)$ is an S -weakly prime ideal of R by Proposition 2.6.

For the integrity of our study, we give the following Lemma:

Lemma 2.1. ([13], Corollary in page 231) Let I, J be two ideals of R and M be a finitely generated multiplication R -module. Then $IM \subseteq JM$ if and only if $I \subseteq J + \text{Ann}(M)$.

Theorem 2.3. Let M be a finitely generated multiplication R -module and N be a proper submodule of M . Then the followings are equivalent:

- (i) N is an S -prime submodule.
- (ii) $(N :_R M)$ is an S -prime ideal of R .
- (iii) $N = IM$, for some S -prime ideal I of R with $\text{Ann}(M) \subseteq I$.

Proof. (1) \implies (2) : By Corollary 2.1.5 in [4].

(2) \implies (3) : Since M is a multiplication module, $N = (N :_R M)M$, so we are done.

(3) \implies (1) : Suppose that $N = IM$, for some S -prime ideal I of R with $\text{Ann}(M) \subseteq I$. To use Proposition 2.2, assume that K is a submodule of M such that $f(K) \subseteq N$, for any $f \in S$. Since M is a multiplication module, there exist two ideals J_1, J_2 of R such that $K = J_1M$ and $f(M) = J_2M$. Then $f(J_1M) = J_1f(M) = J_1J_2M \subseteq N = IM$. By Lemma 2.1, $J_1J_2 \subseteq I + \text{Ann}(M) = I$. As I is an S -prime ideal, so prime, we get $J_1 \subseteq I$ or $J_2 \subseteq I$. It implies $J_1M \subseteq N$ or $J_2M \subseteq N$. Consequently, $K \subseteq N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$.

Theorem 2.4. Let M be a cyclic faithful R -module and N be a proper submodule of M . Then the followings are equivalent:

- (i) N is an S -weakly prime submodule.
- (ii) $(N :_R M)$ is an S -weakly prime ideal of R .
- (iii) $N = IM$, for some S -weakly prime ideal I of R .

Proof. (1) \implies (2) : By Corollary 2.4.

(2) \implies (3) : Since M is a multiplication module, $N = (N :_R M)M$, so we are done.

(3) \implies (1) : By the help of Proposition 2.4 and Lemma 2.1, as the previous proof one can prove easily.

Definition 2.2. ([4], Definition 2.1.1) A proper submodule N of an R -module M is said to be fully invariant submodule of M if $f(N) \subseteq N$, for every $f \in S$.

Theorem 2.5. Let M be an R -module and N be a fully invariant and S -weakly prime submodule of M that is not S -prime. If I is an ideal of R such that $I \subseteq (N :_R M)$, then $If(N) = 0_M$, for any $f \in S$. In particular, $(N :_R M)f(N) = 0_M$.

Proof. Suppose that $If(N) \neq 0_M$. We show that N is an S -prime submodule. Let $f(m) \in N$, where $f \in \text{End}(M)$ and $m \in M$. If $f(m) \neq 0_M$, since N is S -weakly prime, we are done. So, assume that $f(m) = 0_M$. Then we have 2 cases for $f(N)$.

Case 1: $f(N) \neq 0_M$. Then there exists $n \in N$ such that $f(n) \neq 0_M$. Thus $0_M \neq f(n+m)$. As N is fully invariant, one see $0_M \neq f(n+m) \in N$. Since N is S -weakly prime, $m+n \in N$, i.e., $m \in N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$.

Case 2: $f(N) = 0_M$. As $If(N) \neq 0_M$, contradiction.

Corollary 2.5. Let M be an R -module and N be a fully invariant and S -weakly prime submodule of M that is not S -prime. If M is multiplication, then $f(N)^2 = 0_M$, for any $f \in S$.

Proof. Let M be multiplication. Then $f(N)^2 = (f(N) :_R M)M(f(N) :_R M)M = (f(N) :_R M)(f(N) :_R M)M = (f(N) :_R M)f(N) \subseteq (N :_R M)f(N)$, since N is fully invariant. By Theorem 2.5, $(N :_R M)f(N) = 0_M$, so $f(N)^2 = 0_M$.

Corollary 2.6. *Let M be a multiplication R -module and N, K be fully invariant and S -weakly prime submodules of M that are not S -prime. Then $f(N)f(K) \subseteq \sqrt{0_M}$.*

Proof. Assume that $f(b) \in f(K)$. Then $f(b)^2 = Rf(b)Rf(b) \subseteq f(K)^2 = 0_M$, by Corollary 2.5. Then we get $f(K) \subseteq \sqrt{0_M}$. Similarly, $f(N) \subseteq \sqrt{0_M}$. Then we obtain $f(N)f(K) \subseteq \sqrt{0_M}$.

For the next proof, we will need the following Lemma:

Lemma 2.2. (*[6], Lemma 2.5*) *Let M be a multiplication module over R . Let N and K be submodules of M . Then the followings are hold:*

- (i) *If for every $a \in N, aK = 0_M$, then $NK = 0_M$.*
- (ii) *If for every $b \in K, Nb = 0_M$, then $NK = 0_M$.*
- (iii) *If for every $a \in N, b \in K, ab = 0_M$, then $NK = 0_M$.*

Theorem 2.6. *Let M be a finitely generated faithful multiplication R -module and N be a fully invariant and S -weakly prime submodule of M that is not S -prime. If $f \in S$ is onto, then $f(N)f(\sqrt{0_M}) = 0_M$.*

Proof. Let $y = f(x) \in f(\sqrt{0_M})$ such that $x \in \sqrt{0_M}$. Then there exists two ideals I, J in R such that $f(N) = IM$ and $Rx = JM$. Then as f is onto, one see that $Rf(x) = f(Rx) = f(JM) = Jf(M) = JM$. For $f(x)$, we have 2 cases :

Case 1: Let $f(x) \in f(N)$. Then $Rf(x) \subseteq f(N)$. By Lemma 2.1, we get $J \subseteq I$. Thus with Corollary 2.5, we have $f(N)Rf(x) = IJM \subseteq f(N)^2 = 0_M$. By Lemma 2.2, $f(N)f(\sqrt{0_M}) = 0_M$.

Case 2: Let $f(x) \notin f(N)$. Then we get $x \notin N$. By Theorem 2.1, $(N :_R f(x)) = (0_M :_R f(x))$ or $(N :_R f(x)) = (N :_R f(M))$.

Assume that $(N :_R f(x)) = (0_M :_R f(x))$. Thus $(N :_R M)M \subseteq (N :_R f(x))M = (0_M :_R f(x))M$, so, as N is fully invariant, $f(N) \subseteq (0_M :_R f(x))M$. Then $f(N)Rf(x) \subseteq (0_M :_R f(x))Rf(x) = 0_M$, i.e., $f(N)f(x) = 0_M$. By Lemma 2.2, $f(N)f(\sqrt{0_M}) = 0_M$.

Now, suppose that $(N :_R f(x)) = (N :_R f(M))$. As $x \in \sqrt{0_M}$, there exists a smallest positive integer n such that $x^n = 0_M$ and $x^{n-1} \neq 0_M$. Then we see $Rx^n = J^n M = 0_M$ and $Rx^{n-1} = J^{n-1} M \neq 0_M$. Hence, since $Rf(x) = JM$, one get $Rf(x)^n = J^n M = 0_M$ and $Rf(x)^{n-1} = J^{n-1} M \neq 0_M$. Moreover, we have $J^n M = 0_M$ implies $J^n = 0_R$, by Lemma 2.1. Then it is clear that $J^{n-1} \subseteq (I :_R J)$. Hence, as N is fully invariant, $0_M \neq Rf(x)^{n-1} = J^{n-1} M \subseteq (IM :_R JM)M = (f(N) :_R Rf(x))M \subseteq (N :_R Rf(x))M$. Then by our hypothesis and as f is onto, $0_M \neq Rf(x)^{n-1} \subseteq (N :_R Rf(x))M = (N :_R f(M))M = (N :_R M)M = N$, this implies $0_M \neq f(x^{n-1}) \subseteq N$. Since N is S -weakly prime, we get $0_M \neq x^{n-1} \subseteq N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$. The second one contradicts with $f(x) \notin N$. As every S -weakly prime is a weakly prime submodule and by Theorem 2.6 in [6], $0_M \neq Rx^{n-1} \subseteq N$ implies $Rx \subseteq N$, so $f(x) \in f(N)$, a contradiction.

Corollary 2.7. *Let M be a finitely generated faithful multiplication R -module and N, K be fully invariant and S -weakly prime submodules of M that are not prime. If $f \in S$ is onto, then $f(N)f(K) = 0_M$.*

Proof. Assume that $f(b) \in f(K)$. Then $f(b)^2 \subseteq f(K)^2 = 0_M$, by Corollary 2.5. Then we get $f(K) \subseteq \sqrt{0_M}$. As N is fully invariant, one see $f(N)f(K) \subseteq f(N)\sqrt{0_M} \subseteq N\sqrt{0_M}$. Since N is S -weakly prime (so weakly prime) and not prime, we know $N\sqrt{0_M} = 0_M$, by the help of Theorem 2.7 in [6]. Consequently, $f(N)f(K) = 0_M$.

Corollary 2.8. *Let M be a finitely generated faithful multiplication module over R with unique maximal submodule K and every prime of M is maximal. Let N be a fully invariant and S -weakly prime submodule of M . If $f \in S$ is onto, then $N = K$ or $f(N)f(K) = 0_M$.*

Proof. If N is S -prime, so prime, by our hypothesis $N = K$. If N is not S -prime, one see $\sqrt{0_M} = \bigcap_{N_i \in \text{Spec}(M)} N_i = K$, where $\text{Spec}(M)$ is the set of all prime submodules of M . Then we obtain $f(\sqrt{0_M}) = f(K)$. Thus $f(N)f(K) = f(N)f(\sqrt{0_M}) = 0_M$, by Theorem 2.6.

Corollary 2.9. *Let M be a finitely generated faithful module over a local ring R with unique maximal submodule K and every prime of M is maximal. Let N be a fully invariant and S -weakly prime submodule of M . If $f \in S$ is onto, then $N = K$ or $f(N)f(K) = 0_M$.*

Proof. By Corollary 1 in [10], M is cyclic. Thus M is multiplication R -module. By Corollary 2.8, it is done.

Let M_1, M_2 be R -modules and we know that $M = M_1 \times M_2$ is an R -module. For every $f_i \in \text{End}(M_i)$, let define $f : M \rightarrow M$ with $f((m_1, m_2)) = (f_1(m_1), f_2(m_2))$, for every $(m_1, m_2) \in M$, $i = 1, 2$. Then one can easily see, $f \in \text{End}(M)$ and $f(M) = f_1(M_1) \times f_2(M_2)$. Also, we use the following notations: $S_1 = \text{End}(M_1)$, $S_2 = \text{End}(M_2)$ and $S = S_1 \times S_2$.

Theorem 2.7. *Let M_1, M_2 be R -modules and N_1 be a proper submodule of M_1 . Then the followings are equivalent:*

- (i) $N = N_1 \times M_2$ is an S -prime submodule of $M = M_1 \times M_2$.
- (ii) N_1 is an S_1 -prime submodule of M_1 .

Proof. (1) \implies (2) : Suppose that $N = N_1 \times M_2$ is an S -prime submodule of $M = M_1 \times M_2$. Let $f_1(m_1) \in N_1$, for some $m_1 \in M_1$ and $f_1 \in \text{End}(M_1)$. Then for every $m_2 \in M_2$ and $f_2 \in \text{End}(M_2)$, we get $f((m_1, m_2)) = (f_1(m_1), f_2(m_2)) \in N_1 \times M_2 = N$. So, as $N = N_1 \times M_2$ is an S -prime submodule of $M = M_1 \times M_2$, we get $(m_1, m_2) \in N$ or $f(M_1 \times M_2) \subseteq N$. Thus, by $f(M) = f_1(M_1) \times f_2(M_2)$, one see $m_1 \in N_1$ or $f_1(M_1) \subseteq N_1$, i.e., N_1 is S_1 -prime.

(2) \implies (1) : Let N_1 be an S_1 -prime submodule of M_1 . Assume that $f((m_1, m_2)) = (f_1(m_1), f_2(m_2)) \in N = N_1 \times M_2$, for some $(m_1, m_2) \in M$, $f_1 \in \text{End}(M_1)$ and $f_2 \in \text{End}(M_2)$. Then $f_1(m_1) \in N_1$. As N_1 is S_1 -prime, we have $m_1 \in N_1$ or $f_1(M_1) \subseteq N_1$. Thus $(m_1, m_2) \in N$ or $f(M_1 \times M_2) = f_1(M_1) \times f_2(M_2) \subseteq N = N_1 \times M_2$.

Theorem 2.8. *Let M_1, M_2 be R -modules and N_1 be a proper submodule of M_1 . Then the followings are equivalent:*

- (i) $N = N_1 \times M_2$ is an S -weakly prime submodule of $M = M_1 \times M_2$.
- (ii) N_1 is S_1 -weakly prime and for every $(m_1, m_2) \in M$, $f_1 \in S_1$ and $f_2 \in S_2$, if $f_1(m_1) = 0_{M_1}$, $m_1 \notin N_1$ and $f_1(M_1) \not\subseteq N_1$, then $f_2(m_2) = 0_{M_2}$.

Proof. (1) \implies (2) : Assume that $N = N_1 \times M_1$ is an S -weakly prime submodule of $M = M_1 \times M_2$. Firstly, we show that N_1 is S_1 -weakly prime. Let $0_{M_1} \neq f_1(m_1) \in N_1$, for some $m_1 \in M_1$. Then for every $m_2 \in M_2$, we get $0_M \neq f((m_1, m_2)) = (f_1(m_1), f_2(m_2)) \in N$. So, as $N = N_1 \times M_2$ is an S -weakly prime submodule of $M = M_1 \times M_2$, we get $(m_1, m_2) \in N$ or $f(M_1 \times M_2) \subseteq N$. Thus $m_1 \in N_1$ or $f_1(M_1) \subseteq N_1$, i.e., N_1 is S_1 -weakly prime. Let $0_{M_1} = f_1(m_1) \in N_1$ such that $m_1 \notin N_1$ and $f_1(M_1) \not\subseteq N_1$. Then for every $m_2 \in M_2$, we say $(m_1, m_2) \notin N$ and $f(M_1 \times M_2) \not\subseteq N$. Moreover, if $f_2(m_2) \neq 0_{M_2}$, we have $0_M \neq f((m_1, m_2)) = (f_1(m_1), f_2(m_2)) \in N$, so $(m_1, m_2) \in N$ or $f(M_1 \times M_2) \subseteq N$, a contradiction. Consequently, $f_2(m_2) = 0_{M_2}$.

(2) \implies (1) : Suppose that the condition (2) is true.

Let $0_M \neq f((m_1, m_2)) = (f_1(m_1), f_2(m_2)) \in N$, for some $(m_1, m_2) \in M$. Then for $f_1(m_1)$, we have 2 cases:

Case 1: Let $0_{M_1} \neq f_1(m_1)$. Since $f_1(m_1) \in N_1$ and N_1 is S_1 -weakly prime, we get $m_1 \in N_1$ or $f_1(M_1) \subseteq N_1$, i.e., $(m_1, m_2) \in N$ or $f(M_1 \times M_2) \subseteq N$. Thus, it is done.

Case 2: Let $0_{M_1} = f_1(m_1)$. Then $0_{M_2} \neq f_2(m_2)$. Assume that $m_1 \notin N_1$ and $f_1(M_1) \not\subseteq N_1$. Then by (2), $f_2(m_2) = 0_{M_2}$, a contradiction. So $m_1 \in N_1$ or $f_1(M_1) \subseteq N_1$. Thus $(m_1, m_2) \in N$ or $f(M) \subseteq N$.

Proposition 2.7. *Let M_1, M_2 be R -modules and N_1, N_2 be a proper submodule of M_1, M_2 , respectively. If $N = N_1 \times N_2$ is an S -prime submodule of $M = M_1 \times M_2$, then N_1 is an S_1 -prime submodule of M_1 and N_2 is an S_2 -prime submodule of M_2 .*

Proof. Suppose that $N = N_1 \times N_2$ is an S -prime submodule of $M = M_1 \times M_2$. Now, we will show that N_1 is an S_1 -prime submodule. Take $f_1 \in S_1$ such that $f_1(m_1) \in N_1$ for some $m_1 \in M_1$. Also take $f_2 \in S_2$. Then $f((m_1, 0_{M_2})) = (f_1(m_1), f_2(0_{M_2})) = (f_1(m_1), 0_{M_2}) \in N_1 \times N_2 = N$. Since N is S -prime, $(m_1, 0_{M_2}) \in N$ or $f(M_1 \times M_2) \subseteq N$. This implies that $m_1 \in N_1$ or $f_1(M_1) \subseteq N_1$. Similar argument shows that N_2 is an S_2 -prime submodule.

Proposition 2.8. *Let M_1, M_2 be R -modules and N_1, N_2 be a proper submodule of M_1, M_2 , respectively. If $N = N_1 \times N_2$ is an S -weakly prime submodule of $M = M_1 \times M_2$, then N_1 is an S_1 -weakly prime submodule of M_1 and N_2 is an S_2 -weakly prime submodule of M_2 .*

Proof. Assume that $N = N_1 \times N_2$ is an S -weakly prime submodule of $M = M_1 \times M_2$. Let $f_1 \in S_1$ such that $0_{M_1} \neq f_1(m_1) \in N_1$ for some $m_1 \in M_1$. Take $f_2 \in S_2$. Then $0_M \neq f((m_1, 0_{M_2})) \in N$. Since N is S -weakly prime, we get either $(m_1, 0_{M_2}) \in N$ or $f(M_1 \times M_2) \subseteq N$. This yields that $m_1 \in N_1$ or $f_1(M_1) \subseteq N_1$. Similarly, one can see that N_2 is S_2 -weakly prime.

Let R_i be a commutative ring with identity and M_i be an R_i -module for $i = 1, 2$. Let $R = R_1 \times R_2$. Then $M = M_1 \times M_2$ is an R -module and each submodule of M is in the form of $N = N_1 \times N_2$, for some submodules N_1 of M_1 and N_2 of M_2 , see [12].

Theorem 2.9. *Let $R = R_1 \times R_2$ be a decomposable ring and $M = M_1 \times M_2$ be an R -module, where M_1 is an R_1 -module and M_2 is an R_2 -module. Suppose that $N = N_1 \times M_2$ is a proper submodule of M . Then the followings are equivalent:*

- (i) N_1 is an S_1 -prime submodule of M_1 .
- (ii) N is an S -prime submodule of M .
- (iii) N is an S -weakly prime submodule of M .

Proof. (1) \implies (2) : Let N_1 be an S_1 -prime submodule of M_1 .

Assume that $f((m_1, m_2)) = (f_1(m_1), f_2(m_2)) \in N = N_1 \times M_2$ for some $(m_1, m_2) \in M$. Then $f_1(m_1) \in N_1$. As N_1 is S_1 -prime, we have $m_1 \in N_1$ or $f_1(M_1) \subseteq N_1$. Thus $(m_1, m_2) \in N$ or $f(M_1 \times M_2) \subseteq N$.

(2) \implies (3) : It is clear.

(3) \implies (1) : Suppose that N is an S -weakly prime submodule of M . Let $0_{M_1} \neq f_1(m_1) \in N_1$ for some $m_1 \in M_1$. Put $f_2 = id_{M_2}$, where id_{M_2} denotes the identity homomorphism of M_2 . Then for every $m_2 \in M_2$, we get $f((m_1, m_2)) = (f_1(m_1), f_2(m_2)) \in N_1 \times M_2 = N$. As $0_{M_1} \neq f_1(m_1)$, we get $0_M \neq (f_1(m_1), f_2(m_2))$. By our hypothesis, $(m_1, m_2) \in N$ or $f(M_1 \times M_2) \subseteq N$. Consequently, $m_1 \in N_1$ or $f_1(M_1) \subseteq N_1$.

Theorem 2.10. *Let $R = R_1 \times R_2$ be a decomposable ring and $M = M_1 \times M_2$ be an R -module, where M_1 is an R_1 -module and M_2 is an R_2 -module. Suppose that N_1, N_2 be a proper submodule of M_1, M_2 , respectively. Then the followings are hold:*

- (i) *If $N = N_1 \times N_2$ is an S -prime submodule of $M = M_1 \times M_2$, then N_1 is an S_1 -prime submodule of M_1 and N_2 is an S_2 -prime submodule of M_2 .*
- (ii) *If $N = N_1 \times N_2$ is an S -weakly prime submodule of $M = M_1 \times M_2$, then N_1 is an S_1 -weakly prime submodule of M_1 and N_2 is an S_2 -weakly prime submodule of M_2 .*

Proof. (1) : It can be easily proved similar to Proposition 2.7.

(2) : Similar to Proposition 2.8.

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