



## On 2-Absorbing Submodules

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### Abstract

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with  $1 \neq 0$  and  $M$  is a unitary  $R$ -module . In this paper , our aim is to continue studying 2-absorbing submodules which are introduced by A.Y. Darani and F. Soheilina . Many new properties and characterizations are given .

**Key words:** prime submodule , 2-absorbing submodule , quasi- prime submodule, multiplication module , P-primary submodule , pure submodule .

## Introduction

The concept of 2-absorbing ideal which is a generalization of prime ideal was introduced by Ayman Badawi , where "a nonzero proper ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is called a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$  if whenever  $a, b, c \in R$  ,  $abc \in I$  then  $ab \in I$  or  $ac \in I$  or  $bc \in I$ " , [1] . This definition can obviously be made for any proper ideal . A. Y. Darani and F. Soheilnia in [2] introduced the concept of 2-absorbing submodule where "a proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  if whenever  $a, b \in R$  ,  $m \in M$  and  $abm \in N$  , then  $am \in N$  or  $bm \in N$  or  $ab \in (N:M)$ "

Our concern in this paper is to give a comprehensive study of 2-absorbing submodule , where we give many new properties and characterizations .

## 1. 2-Absorbing Submodules – Basic Properties

### "Definition 1.1:

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module.  $N$  a proper submodule of  $M$  is called 2-absorbing submodule if whenever  $a, b \in R$  ,  $m \in M$  and  $abm \in N$ , then  $ab \in (N:R M)$  or  $am \in N$  or  $bm \in N$ ." [2]

Note that an 2-absorbing ideal of a ring  $R$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of the  $R$ -module  $R$  .

### Remarks and Examples.1.2 :

- (1) "The intersection of each pair of distinct prime submodules of  $R$ -module  $M$  is 2-absorbing" [2]
- (2) It is clear that every prime submodule is 2-absorbing. However the converse is not true in general, for example:

Consider  $Z_6$  as  $Z$ -module ,  $(\bar{0})$  not prime submodule of  $Z_6$  since  $2 \cdot \bar{3} = \bar{0} \in (\bar{0})$  but  $\bar{3} \notin (\bar{0})$  and  $2 \notin ((\bar{0}) : Z_6) = 6Z$  but  $(\bar{0}) = (\bar{2}) \cap (\bar{3})$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $Z_6$  as  $Z$ -module by part (1)

- (3) It is clear that every quasi-prime submodule is 2-absorbing, where" a proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called quasi-prime submodule if whenever  $a, b \in R$ ,  $m \in M$  and  $abm \in N$  , then  $am \in N$  or  $bm \in N$ " [3]

However a 2-absorbing submodule may not be quasi-prime , as the following example shown :

Consider the  $Z$ -module  $Z$  . The submodule  $N = 4Z$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $Z$  since , if  $a, b, c \in Z$  with  $abc \in 4Z = N$  , then at least two of  $a, b, c$  are even . Hence either  $ab \in N$  or  $ac \in N$  or  $bc \in N$

But  $4Z$  is not quasi-prime , since  $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \in 4Z$  but  $2 \cdot 1 \notin 4Z$ .

- (4) Let  $N, W$  be two submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$  and  $W < N$  .if  $N$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  then it is not necessary that  $W$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  , for example in  $Z_{24}$  as  $Z$ -module . Take  $N = (\bar{6})$  ,  $W = (1\bar{2})$ . Since  $N = (\bar{2}) \cap (\bar{3})$  and both of them are prime submodules then  $N$  is 2-absorbing submodule by part (1) . But  $2 \cdot 2 \cdot \bar{3} \in W$  ,  $2 \cdot \bar{3} \notin W$  and  $2 \cdot 2 = 4 \notin (W : Z_{24}) = 12Z$  . Thus  $W$  is not 2-absorbing submodule in  $M$  .

- (5) Let  $N, W$  be two submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$  and  $N < W$ . If  $N$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ , then  $N$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $W$

**Proof:**

If  $W = M$ , then nothing to prove

Let  $abx \in N$ , where  $a, b \in R$ ,  $x \in W$ . Since  $x \in W$  then  $x \in M$ . But  $N$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ , so either:  $ax \in N$  or  $bx \in N$  or  $ab \in (N:M)$  and since  $N < W$  implies  $(N:M) \leq (N:W)$ , then either  $ax \in W$  or  $bx \in W$  or  $ab \in (N:W)$

Hence  $N$  is 2-absorbing in  $W$  ■

- (6) The sum of 2-absorbing submodules is not necessary 2-absorbing. for example:  
Let  $N_1 = 2Z$ ,  $N_2 = 3Z$ , each of  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  is 2-absorbing submodule in the  $Z$ -module  $Z$ , but  $N_1 + N_2 = Z$  which is not 2-absorbing.

- (7) Let  $N$  and  $W$  be two submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$  such that  $N \cong W$   
If  $N$  is 2-absorbing submodule, it is not necessary that  $W$  is 2-absorbing submodule as the following example explains this:

Consider the  $Z$ -module  $Z$ , the submodule  $2Z$  is 2-absorbing submodule but  $2Z \cong 30Z$  and  $30Z$  is not 2-absorbing since  $2.3.5 = 30 \in 30$  but  $2.5 \notin 30Z$  and

$3.5 \notin 30Z$  and  $2.3 = 6 \notin 30Z$

- (8) The intersection of two 2-absorbing submodule need not be 2-absorbing submodule for example:  $6Z$  and  $5Z$  are 2-absorbing submodule in the  $Z$ -module  $Z$ , but  $6Z \cap 5Z = 30Z$  which is not 2-absorbing
- (9) Let  $N$  be a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ , then for each  $A \subseteq M$ , either  $A \subseteq N$  or  $A \cap N$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $A$

**Proof :**

Suppose  $A \not\subseteq N$ . Then  $A \cap N \cong A$ .

Let  $abx \in A \cap N$ , and  $x \in A$ ,  $a, b \in R$ . So  $abx \in N$ . Since  $N$  is 2-absorbing, either  $ax \in N$  or  $bx \in N$  or  $ab \in (N:M)$ , then  $ax \in A \cap N$  or  $bx \in A \cap N$  or  $ab \in (A \cap N:A)$ .

**Proposition .1.3 :**

Let  $\varphi : M \rightarrow M'$  be an  $R$ -epimorphism. If  $W$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $M'$ , then  $\varphi^{-1}(W)$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof :**

It is straight for word so it is omitted ■

**Proposition 1.4 :**

Let  $f : M \rightarrow M'$  be an epimorphism,  $N < M$  such that  $\ker f \subseteq N$ , then  $N$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $f(N)$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $M'$

**Proof:**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $abm \in f(N)$ , where  $m \in M$ ,  $a, b \in R$ .  $m = f(m)$  for some  $m \in M$ , since  $f$  is onto.

Then  $abf(m) \in f(N)$ , so  $abf(m) = f(n)$  for some  $n \in N$  and hence  $f(abm) - f(n) = 0$ . Thus we get that  $abm - n \in \ker f \subseteq N$  which implies that  $abm \in N$ . But  $N$  is 2-absorbing so either  $am \in N$  or  $bm \in N$  or  $ab \in (N :_R M)$ .

If  $am \in N$ , then  $f(am) \in f(N)$ , that is  $a f(m) \in f(N)$  so  $a m \in f(N)$ .

Similarly,  $bm \in N$  implies that  $b m \in f(N)$ .

If  $ab \in (N :_R M)$ , then  $abM \subseteq N$  and so  $f(abM) \subseteq f(N)$  which implies that  $abM' \subseteq f(N)$  and we get that  $ab \in (f(N) :_R M')$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $abm \in N$  then  $f(abm) \in f(N)$  so  $abf(m) \in f(N)$ . Since  $f(N)$  is 2-absorbing either  $af(m) \in f(N)$  or  $bf(m) \in f(N)$  or  $ab \in (f(N) :_R M')$ .

1) If  $af(m) \in f(N)$  then  $f(am) = f(n)$  for some  $n \in f(N)$ , hence  $am - n \in \ker f \subseteq N$  so  $am \in N$ .

2) If  $bf(m) \in f(N)$  then Similarly that  $bm \in N$ .

3) If  $ab \in (f(N) :_R M')$  then  $abM' \subseteq f(N)$  so  $abf(x) \in f(N)$  for each  $x \in M$ .

so that  $f(abx) = f(n)$  for some  $n \in N$  and hence  $abx \in N$  for each  $x \in M$ . Thus  $ab \in (N :_R M)$ . ■

By using Proposition 1.4 we can get the following result which is given in [2] as a direct consequence

**"Corollary 1.5 :**

Let  $R$  be a ring,  $M$  an  $R$ -module and  $N, K$  submodules of  $M$  with  $K \subseteq N$ . Then  $N$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $\frac{N}{K}$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $\frac{M}{K}$ .

A.Y. Darani and F. Soheilina in [2] introduced the following:

**"Proposition 1.6 :**

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring,  $M$  is a cyclic  $R$ -module and  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ . Then  $N$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $(N :_R M)$  is a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$ .

Sh. Payrovi and S. Babaei in [4] and S. moradi and A. Azizi in [5] introduced the following:

**Theorem 1.7 :**

"If  $N$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ , then  $(N :_R M)$  is a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$ ".

Sh. Payrovi, Babaei in [4] proved the following " Let  $R$  be a Noetherian ring,  $M$  a finitely generated multiplication  $R$ -module and  $N$  a proper submodule of  $M$  such that  $\text{Ass}_R(M/N)$  is a totally ordered set. If  $(N :_R M)$  is a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$ , then  $N$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ ", where  $R$  is a commutative ring with non zero identity.

However we get the same conclusion under the class of multiplication modules . Before giving our result , recall that "An  $R$ -module is called a multiplication module if for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , there exists an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $IM = N$  . Equivalently ,  $M$  is a multiplication module if for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  ,  $N=(N :_R M)M$ " . [6]

### **Theorem 1.8 :**

Let  $M$  be a multiplication  $R$ -module and  $N$  is a proper submodule of  $M$  , If  $(N :_R M)$  is a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$  , then  $N$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$

### **Proof:**

Let  $abm \in N$  where  $a, b \in R$  ,  $m \in M$  then  $ab(m) \subseteq N$  .

But  $(m) = IM$  for some  $I \leq R$  since  $M$  is a multiplication  $R$ -module , so  $abIM \subseteq N$  .

Hence  $abI \subseteq (N :_R M)$  , so we get that  $(a)(b)I \subseteq (N :_R M)$  . Since  $(N :_R M)$  is a 2-absorbing ideal , therefore  $(a)I \subseteq (N :_R M)$  or  $(b)I \subseteq (N :_R M)$  or  $(a)(b) \subseteq (N :_R M)$  by [1]

- 1) If  $(a)I \subseteq (N :_R M)$  , then  $(a)IM \subseteq N$  so  $(a)(m) \subseteq N$  thus  $am \in N$
- 2) If  $(b)I \subseteq (N :_R M)$  , then similarly  $bm \in N$ .
- 3) If  $(a)(b) \subseteq (N :_R M)$  , then  $ab \in (N :_R M)$  ■

### **Corollary 1.9 :**

Let  $M$  be a multiplication  $R$ -module and  $N$  is a proper submodule of  $M$  , then  $N$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $(N :_R M)$  is 2-absorbing ideal.

### **Remark 1.10 :**

The condition  $M$  is a multiplication  $R$ -module can't be dropped from Theorem 1.8 .

Consider the following example :

Let  $M$  be the  $Z$ -module  $Z_{p^\infty}$  and  $N = (\bar{0})$  .  $N$  is not 2-absorbing since :

$p.p.\left(\frac{1}{p^2} + Z\right) = \bar{0}$  but  $p.\left(\frac{1}{p^2} + Z\right) \neq \bar{0}$  and  $P^2 \notin \left(\frac{1}{p^2} + Z :_R Z\right) = (\bar{0})$  , Also notice that  $(N :_R Z_{p^\infty}) = (0)$  , and  $(0)$  is a prime ideal in  $Z$  , so  $(0)$  is 2-absorbing ideal in  $Z$  .

Recall that " A proper submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a  $P$ -primary submodule of  $M$  if whenever  $a \in R$  and  $m \in M$  and  $am \in N$  , then  $m \in N$  or  $a \in \sqrt{N :_R M} = P$  " [7]

Darani in [7] proved the following :

" Let  $N$  be a  $P$ -primary submodule of a cyclic  $R$ -module. Then  $N$  is 2-absorbing if and only if  $(pM)^2 \subseteq N$  "

However we improve this Theorem as follows .

### **Proposition 1.11 :**

Let  $N$  be a  $p$ -primary submodule of a multiplication  $R$ -module  $M$  . Then  $N$  is 2-absorbing if and only if  $(pM)^2 \subseteq N$  (where  $(pM)^2 = p^2M$ ) .

**Proof :**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Since  $M$  is a multiplication  $R$ -module ,  $M\text{-rad}N = \sqrt{N:M} M$  by [7, Th 2.10]

But  $N$  is  $P$ -primary , so  $P = \sqrt{N:M}$  is a prime ideal . ; that is  $M\text{-rad}N = PM$  .

It follows that  $P^2 \subseteq (N:M)$  by [1] Th. 2.4 . Thus  $P^2M \subseteq N$  .

Hence  $(PM)^2 \subseteq N$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $abm \in N$  where  $a, b \in R, m \in M$

Assume that  $am \notin N$  and  $bm \notin N$  . As  $N$  is primary with  $abm \in N$  and  $bm \notin N$  , we get  $a \in \sqrt{N:M} = P$

Also  $abm \in N$  and  $am \notin N$  , we get  $b \in \sqrt{N:M} = P$

Thus  $ab \in P^2 \subseteq (N:M)$  and consequently  $N$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  ■

Recall that " A proper submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a 2-absorbing primary submodule of  $M$  if whenever  $a; b \in R$  and  $m \in M$  and  $abm \in N$  , then  $am \in M\text{-rad}(N)$  or  $bm \in M\text{-rad}(N)$  or  $ab \in (N :_R M)$ " [8]

It is clear that 2-absorbing submodule implies 2-absorbing primary , but the converse may be not hold , as the example shows

Let  $M$  be the  $Z$ -module  $Z$  , let  $N=8Z$  , so  $N$  is 2-absorbing primary ,but it is not 2-absorbing submodule .

Babaei in [4] proved the following :

"Let  $R$  be a Noetherian ring ,  $I$  a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$  , and  $M$  a faithful multiplication  $R$ -module such that  $\text{Ass}_R(M/IM)$  is a non-empty totally ordered set . Then  $abm \in IM$  implies that  $am \in IM$  or  $bm \in IM$  or  $ab \in I$  whenever  $a; b \in R$  and  $m \in M$  " [4] , that  $IM$  is 2-absorbing . where  $R$  is a commutative ring with nonzero identity .

However we get the same conclusion of this theorem but with less conditions and also we give a simple proof .

**Proposition 1.12 :**

Suppose  $M$  is a finitely generated multiplication  $R$ -module . If  $I$  is 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$  such that  $\text{ann}M \subseteq I$  , then  $IM$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $abm \in IM$  where  $a, b \in R, m \in M$  , hence  $ab(m) \in IM$  . Since  $M$  is multiplication , then  $(m) = JM$  for some ideal  $J$  of  $R$  . Thus  $abJM \subseteq IM$  and so  $abJ \subseteq I + \text{ann}M = I$  . But  $I$  is a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$  , so either  $ab \in I$  or  $aJ \subseteq I$  or  $bJ \subseteq I$  , it follows that  $ab \in (IM :_R M)$  or  $aJM \subseteq IM$  or  $bJM \subseteq IM$  ; that is either  $ab \in (IM :_R M)$  or  $a(m) \subseteq IM$  or  $b(m) \subseteq IM$  Thus  $ab \in (IM :_R M)$  or  $am \in IM$  or  $bm \in IM$  and so  $IM$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  ■

**Corollary 1.13 :**

Suppose  $M$  is a faithful finitely generated multiplication  $R$ -module . If  $I$  is a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$ , then  $IM$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:**

It follows directly by Proposition 1.12 ■

**Corollary 1.14 :**

Let  $M$  be a faithful finitely generated multiplication  $R$ -module . Then every proper submodule of  $M$  is 2-absorbing if and only if every proper ideal of  $R$  is 2-absorbing .

**Proof :**

( $\Leftarrow$ ) It follows directly by Corollary (1.13) .

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $R$  . Then  $N=IM$  is a proper submodule of  $M$

So it is 2-absorbing and hence by Theorem (1.7) ,  $(N:M)$  is 2-absorbing ideal . But  $M$  is faithful finitely generated multiplication  $R$ -module , so  $(N:M)=I$  by ([6],Th.3.1) ■

**" Proposition 1.15 :** [4,Th 2.4]

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module ,  $N$  a proper submodule of  $M$  , if  $N$  is 2-absorbing then  $(N \dot{\vdash}_R (m))$  is 2-absorbing ideal for each  $m \in M-N$  "

**Proof:**

First  $(N \dot{\vdash}_R (m)) \neq R$  for any  $m \notin N$

Let  $abc \in (N \dot{\vdash}_R (m))$  then  $ab(cm) \in N$  , but  $N$  is 2-absorbing submodule then

$a(cm) \in N$  or  $b(cm) \in N$  or  $ab \in (N \dot{\vdash}_R M)$ , so that  $acm \in N$  or  $bcm \in N$  or  $abM \subseteq N$  that is  $ac \in (N \dot{\vdash}_R (m))$  or  $bc \in (N \dot{\vdash}_R (m))$  or  $ab \in (N \dot{\vdash}_R (m))$  hence  $(N \dot{\vdash}_R (m))$  is 2-absorbing ideal ■

Recall that "a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called a pure submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  if  $IM \cap N = IN$  for any ideal  $I$  of  $R$ " [9]

**Proposition 1.16 :**

Let  $N$  be a proper pure submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  , If  $(0)$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  , then  $N$  is 2-absorbing .

**Proof:**

Let  $abm \in N$  where  $a, b \in R, m \in M$

Put  $I=(ab)$  then  $abm \in IM \cap N$  , but  $IM \cap N = IN$  , so  $abm = abn$  for some  $n \in N$  , then  $ab(m-n) = 0$  , but  $(0)$  is 2-absorbing then  $a(m-n) = 0$  or  $b(m-n) = 0$  or  $ab \in \text{ann}M \subseteq (N : M)$  . So we get  $am=an \in N$  or  $bm=bn \in N$  or  $ab \in (N : M)$  ,

Thus  $N$  is a 2-absorbing submodule ■

**2. 2-absorbing Submodules Characterizations .**

In this section we give some characterizations of 2-absorbing submodules . We start with the following proposition:

**Proposition 2.1 :**

Let  $N$  a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . Then  $N$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $abK \subseteq N$  for some  $a, b \in R, K \subseteq M$ . implies  $ab \in (N:M)$ , or  $aK \subseteq N$  or  $bK \subseteq N$

**Proof :**

Suppose that  $ab \notin (N:M)$  and  $aK \not\subseteq N$  and  $bK \not\subseteq N$ . Then there exist  $m_1, m_2$  in  $K$  such that  $am_1 \notin N$  and  $bm_2 \notin N$ .

Since  $abm_1 \in N$  and  $ab \notin (N:M)$ ,  $am_1 \notin N$ , we get  $bm_1 \in N$ .

Also since  $abm_2 \in N$  and  $ab \notin (N:M)$ ,  $bm_2 \notin N$ , we get  $am_2 \in N$ .

Now, since  $ab(m_1 + m_2) \in N$  and  $ab \notin (N:M)$  we have  $a(m_1 + m_2) \in N$  or  $b(m_1 + m_2) \in N$ .

If  $a(m_1 + m_2) \in N$ ; i.e.  $am_1 + am_2 \in N$  and since  $am_2 \in N$  we get  $am_1 \in N$  which is contradiction!

If  $b(m_1 + m_2) \in N$ ; i.e.  $bm_1 + bm_2 \in N$  and since  $bm_2 \in N$  we get  $bm_1 \in N$  which is contradiction!

Then either  $ab \in (N:M)$  or  $aK \subseteq N$  and  $bK \subseteq N$

the converse is clear ■

The following theorem give a useful characterization of 2-absorbing submodule.

**Theorem 2.2 :**

Let  $N$  a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ , then the following statement are equivalent :

- (1)  $N$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$
- (2) If  $IJK \subseteq N$ , for some ideal  $I$  and  $J$  of  $R$  and some submodule  $K$  of  $M$  then either  $IK \subseteq N$  or  $JK \subseteq N$  or  $IJ \subseteq (N:M)$ .

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)

Suppose  $N$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  and  $IJK \subseteq N$  for some ideals  $I$  and  $J$  of  $R$  and some submodule  $K$  of  $M$  and  $IJ \not\subseteq (N:M)$ .

To show that  $IK \subseteq N$  or  $JK \subseteq N$ .

Suppose  $IK \not\subseteq N$  and  $JK \not\subseteq N$ . then there exist  $a_1 \in I$  and  $a_2 \in J$  such that  $a_1K \not\subseteq N$  and  $a_2K \not\subseteq N$ .

But  $a_1a_2K \subseteq N$  and neither  $a_1K \not\subseteq N$  nor  $a_2K \not\subseteq N$  and  $N$  is 2-absorbing, so we have  $a_1a_2 \in (N:M)$  by Proposition (2.1)

Since  $IJ \not\subseteq (N:M)$ , then there exist  $b_1 \in I$  and  $b_2 \in J$  such that  $b_1b_2 \notin (N:M)$ .

But  $b_1b_2K \subseteq N$ , so we have  $b_1K \subseteq N$  or  $b_2K \subseteq N$  by Proposition (2.1)

Now we have the following cases :

**Case (1)**  $b_1K \subseteq N$  and  $b_2K \not\subseteq N$



Since  $a_1b_2K \subseteq N$  and  $b_2K \not\subseteq N$  and  $a_1K \not\subseteq N$  so that  $a_1b_2 \in (N:M)$  by Proposition (2.1)

Since  $b_1K \subseteq N$  and  $a_1K \not\subseteq N$ , we conclude  $(a_1+b_1)K \not\subseteq N$ . On the other hand,  $(a_1+b_1)b_2K \subseteq N$  and neither  $(a_1+b_1)K \subseteq N$  nor  $b_2K \subseteq N$ , we get that  $(a_1+b_1)b_2 \in (N:M)$  by Proposition (2.1)

But  $((a_1+b_1)b_2 = a_1b_2 + b_1b_2 \in (N:M)$  and  $a_1b_2 \in (N:M)$ , we get  $b_1b_2 \in (N:M)$  which is a contradiction!

**Case(2)** If  $b_2K \subseteq N$  and  $b_1K \not\subseteq N$ . By a similar argument of case (1), we reach to a contradiction!

**Case(3)**  $b_1K \subseteq N$  and  $b_2K \subseteq N$

Since  $b_2K \subseteq N$  and  $a_2K \not\subseteq N$ , we conclude  $(a_2+b_2)K \not\subseteq N$ . But  $a_1(a_2+b_2)K \subseteq N$  and neither  $a_1K \subseteq N$  nor  $(a_2+b_2)K \subseteq N$ , hence  $a_1(a_2+b_2) \in (N:M)$  by Proposition (2.1)

Since  $a_1a_2 \in (N:M)$  and  $a_1a_2 + a_1b_2 \in (N:M)$ , we have  $a_1b_2 \in (N:M)$ . Since  $(a_1+b_1)a_2K \subseteq N$  and neither  $a_2K \subseteq N$  nor  $(a_1+b_1)K \subseteq N$ , we conclude  $(a_1+b_1)a_2 \in (N:M)$  by Proposition (2.1)

But  $(a_1+b_1)a_2 = a_1a_2 + b_1a_2$ , so  $a_1a_2 + b_1a_2 \in (N:M)$  and since  $a_1a_2 \in (N:M)$ , we get  $b_1a_2 \in (N:M)$ . Now, since  $(a_1+b_1)(a_2+b_2)K \subseteq N$  and neither  $(a_1+b_1)K \subseteq N$  nor  $(a_2+b_2)K \subseteq N$ ,

We have  $(a_1+b_1)(a_2+b_2) = a_1a_2 + a_1b_2 + b_1a_2 + b_1b_2 \in (N:M)$  by Proposition (2.1)

But  $a_1a_2, a_1b_2, b_1a_2 \in (N:M)$ , so  $b_1b_2 \in (N:M)$  which is a contradiction! . Consequently  $I_1K \subseteq N$  or  $I_2K \subseteq N$

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) It is clear ■

Recall that ". for any two submodules  $N, K$  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  $N$  and  $K$  denoted by  $NK$  is defined by  $NK = I_1I_2M$ ." [2]

By using this definition of product of submodules, we give the following characterization of 2-absorbing submodules.

### **Theorem 2.3 :**

Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of a multiplication  $R$ -module  $M$ , then

$N$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $N_1N_2N_3 \subseteq N$  implies that  $N_1N_2 \subseteq N$  or  $N_1N_3 \subseteq N$  or  $N_2N_3 \subseteq N$ , where  $N_1, N_2, N_3$  are submodules of  $M$ .

### **Proof :**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Since  $M$  is multiplication, then  $N_1 = I_1M, N_2 = I_2M, N_3 = I_3M$  for some ideals  $I_1, I_2, I_3$  of  $R$ . It follows that :

$N_1N_2N_3 = I_1I_2I_3M \subseteq N$ . Hence  $I_1I_2I_3 \subseteq (N:M)$ . But  $N$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  implies that  $(N:M)$  is 2-absorbing ideal by [Theorem 1.7].

So by [1, Th 2.13] either  $I_1I_2 \subseteq (N:M)$  or  $I_1I_3 \subseteq (N:M)$  or  $I_2I_3 \subseteq (N:M)$ . Then  $I_1I_2M \subseteq N$  or  $I_1I_3M \subseteq N$  or  $I_2I_3M \subseteq N$ . Thus  $N_1N_2 \subseteq N$  or  $N_1N_3 \subseteq N$  or  $N_2N_3 \subseteq N$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $I_1 I_2 K \subseteq N$  where  $I_1, I_2$  are ideals of  $R$  and  $K \subseteq M$ . Since  $M$  is multiplication module,  $K = JM$  for some  $J$  of  $R$ . Thus  $I_1 I_2 J M \subseteq N$ . Put  $N_1 = I_1 M$   $N_2 = I_2 M$ .

It follows that  $N_1 N_2 K = I_1 I_2 J M \subseteq N$ . So by hypotheses either  $N_1 K \subseteq N$  or  $N_2 K \subseteq N$  or  $N_1 N_2 \subseteq N$  then  $I_1 J M \subseteq N$  or  $I_2 J M \subseteq N$  or  $I_1 I_2 \subseteq (N:M)$ ; that is  $I_1 K \subseteq N$  or  $I_2 K \subseteq N$  or  $I_1 I_2 \subseteq (N:M)$

Thus  $N$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  ■

### **Proposition 2.4 :**

Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . The following statements are equivalent :

- (1)  $N$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$
- (2)  $(N :_M I)$  is 2-absorbing, for each ideal  $I$  of  $R$  with  $IM \not\subseteq N$
- (3)  $(N :_M(r))$  is 2-absorbing submodule for each  $r \in R$  with  $rM \not\subseteq N$

### **Proof:**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  with  $IM \not\subseteq M$ , then  $(N :_M I)$  is a proper submodule of  $M$

Let  $a b m \in (N :_M I)$ , where  $a, b \in R, m \in M$ . Then  $ab(Im) \subseteq N$ .

But  $N$  is 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ , so by Proposition(2.1), either  $a(Im) \subseteq N$  or  $b(Im) \subseteq N$  or  $ab \in (N :_R M) \subseteq (N :_M I) : M$ . Hence either  $am \in (N :_M I)$  or  $bm \in (N :_M I)$  or  $ab \in ((N :_M I) : M)$ . Thus  $(N :_M I)$  is a 2-absorbing submodule.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) It is clear.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Take  $r=1$  then  $(N :_M(1)) = N$ , so  $N$  is 2-absorbing. ■

Now we have the following :

### **Theorem 2.5 :**

Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . Consider the following statements:

- 1)  $N$  is a 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$
- 2) For each  $a, b \in R, m \in M$ . If  $abm \notin N$ , then  $(N : abm) = (N : am) \cup (N : bm)$
- 3) For each  $a, b \in R, m \in M$  if  $abm \notin N$  then  $(N : abm) = (N : am)$  or  $(N : abm) = (N : bm)$

Then (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) and if  $M$  is cyclic, then (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1).

### **Proof:** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2)

Let  $c \in (N : abm)$  then  $abcm \in N$ . Since  $abm \notin N$  and  $N$  is 2-absorbing, so by (1.2), either  $acm \in N$  or  $bcm \in N$ . Then  $c \in (N : am)$  or  $c \in (N : bm)$

Thus  $(N : abm) \subseteq (N : am) \cup (N : bm)$ . To prove reverse inclusion:

Let  $c \in (N : am) \cup (N : bm)$ , then  $c \in (N : am)$  or  $c \in (N : bm)$  so that  $acm \in N$  or  $bcm \in N$

It follows that  $abcm \in bN \subseteq N$  or  $abcm \in aN \subseteq N$

Thus  $abcm \in N$  and hence  $c \in (N : abm)$ .

Then  $(N:am) \cup (N:bm) \subseteq (N:abm)$ . So we get  $(N:abm) = (N:am) \cup (N:bm)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Since  $(N : abm)$  is an ideal of  $R$ , and  $(N:abm) = (N:am) \cup (N:bm)$ .

So either  $(N : bm) \subseteq (N : am)$  or  $(N : am) \subseteq (N : bm)$ . Then  $(N : abm) = (N : am)$  or  $(N : abm) = (N : bm)$

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Now suppose that  $M = (m_1)$  for some  $m_1 \in M$

Let  $abm \in N$ . But  $m = rm_1$  for some  $r \in R$  then  $abrm_1 \in N$  and suppose that  $a b \notin (N : M) = (N : (m_1))$ ,  $abm_1 \notin N$  and  $r \in (N : abm_1)$ .

By (3)  $(N : abm_1) = (N : a m_1)$  or  $(N : ab m_1) = (N : b m_1)$ . Since  $r \in (N : abm_1)$ , so either  $r \in (N : a m_1)$  or  $r \in (N : b m_1)$ . Then  $a r m_1 \in N$  or  $b r m_1 \in N$ , we get  $a m \in N$  or  $b m \in N$ . Hence  $N$  is 2-absorbing ■

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