



ON GRADED WEAK MULTIPLICATION MODULES

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Abstract. Let G be a group with identity e , and let R be a G -graded commutative ring, and let M be a graded R -module. In this paper we characterize graded weak multiplication modules.

1. Introduction

Let G be a group. A commutative ring (R, G) is called a G -graded commutative ring if there exists a family $\{R_g : g \in G\}$ of additive subgroups of R such that $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$ such that $1 \in R_e$ and $R_g R_h \subseteq R_{gh}$ for each g and h in G . For simplicity, we will denote the graded ring (R, G) by R . If R is G -graded, then an R -module M is said to be G -graded if it has a direct sum decomposition $M = \bigoplus_{g \in G} M_g$ such that for all $g, h \in G$; $R_g M_h \subseteq M_{gh}$. An element of some R_g or M_g is said to be homogeneous element of degree g . A submodule $N \subseteq M$, where M is G -graded, is called G -graded if $N = \bigoplus_{g \in G} (N \cap M_g)$ or if, equivalently, N is generated by homogeneous elements. Moreover, M/N becomes a G -graded module with g -component $(M/N)_g = (M_g + N)/N$ for $g \in G$. We write $h(R) = \bigcup_{g \in G} R_g$ and $h(M) = \bigcup_{g \in G} M_g$. A graded commutative ring R is called graded integral domain, if $ab = 0$ for $a, b \in h(R)$, then $a = 0$ or $b = 0$. A graded commutative ring R is called graded field, if every homogeneous element of R is unit. A graded ideal I of R is said to be graded prime ideal if $I \neq R$; and whenever $ab \in I$, we have $a \in I$ or $b \in I$, where $a, b \in h(R)$ (see, [6]). A graded ideal I of R is said to be graded maximal if $I \neq R$ and there is no graded ideal J of R such that $I \subsetneq J \subsetneq R$. If R is a graded ring and M a graded R -module, the subset $T(M)$ of M is defined by $T(M) = \{m \in M : rm = 0 \text{ for some } 0 \neq r \in h(R)\}$. If R is a graded integral domain, then $T(M)$ is a graded submodule of M (see [1]). If $T(M) = 0$, M is called graded torsion free, if $T(M) = M$, M is called graded torsion. A graded module M over a G -graded ring R is called to be graded multiplication if for each graded submodule N of M ; $N = IM$ for some graded ideal I of R . One can easily show that if N is graded submodule of a graded multiplication module M , then $N = (N : M)M$ [see, 4]. Let R be a G -graded ring and $S \subseteq h(R)$ be a multiplicatively closed subset of R . Then

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the ring of fraction $S^{-1}R$ is a graded ring which is called the graded ring of fractions. Indeed, $S^{-1}R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} (S^{-1}R)_g$ where $(S^{-1}R)_g = \{r/s : r \in h(R), s \in S \text{ and } g = (\text{deg}s)^{-1}(\text{deg}r)\}$.

Let M be a graded module over a G -graded ring R and $S \subseteq h(R)$ be a multiplicatively closed subset of R ($0 \notin S, 1 \in S$ and for any $a, b \in S, ab \in S$). The module of fraction $S^{-1}M$ over a graded ring $S^{-1}R$ is a graded module which is called the module of fractions, if $S^{-1}M = \bigoplus_{g \in G} (S^{-1}M)_g$ where $(S^{-1}M)_g = \{m/s : m \in M, s \in S \text{ and } g = (\text{deg}s)^{-1}(\text{deg}m)\}$. We write $h(S^{-1}R) = \bigcup_{g \in G} (S^{-1}R)_g$ and $h(S^{-1}M) = \bigcup_{g \in G} (S^{-1}M)_g$. Let $M = \bigoplus_{g \in G} M_g$ and $N = \bigoplus_{g \in G} N_g$ are two graded modules, then a mapping $\eta : M \rightarrow N$ is graded homomorphism if $\eta(M_g) \subseteq N_g$ for all $g \in G$. Consider the graded homomorphism $\eta : M \rightarrow S^{-1}M$ defined by $\eta(m) = m/1$. For any graded submodule N of M , the submodule of $S^{-1}M$ generated by $\eta(N)$ is denoted by $S^{-1}N$. Similar to non graded case, one can prove that $S^{-1}N = \{\beta \in S^{-1}M : \beta = m/s \text{ for } m \in N \text{ and } s \in S\}$ and that $S^{-1}N \neq S^{-1}M$ if and only if $S \cap (N : M) = \emptyset$. Let P be any graded prime ideal of a graded ring R and consider the multiplicatively closed subset $S = h(R) - P$. We denote the graded ring of fraction $S^{-1}R$ of R by R_P^g and we call it the graded localization of R . This ring is graded local with the unique graded maximal $S^{-1}P$ which will be denoted by PR_P^g . Moreover, R_P^g -module $S^{-1}M$ is denoted by M_P^g . For graded submodules N and K of M , if $N_P^g = K_P^g$ for every graded prime (graded maximal) ideal P of R , then $N = K$.

Moreover, similar to non graded case, we have the following properties for graded submodules N and K of M :

- (1) $S^{-1}(N \cap K) = S^{-1}N \cap S^{-1}K$.
- (2) $S^{-1}(N : K) = (S^{-1}N : S^{-1}K)$ if K is finitely generated.

If K is a graded submodule of $S^{-1}R$ -module $S^{-1}M$, then $K \cap M$ will denote the graded submodule $\eta^{-1}(K)$ of M . Moreover, similar to the non graded case one can prove that $S^{-1}(K \cap M) = K$. In this paper, we study properties of graded prime submodules and define graded weak multiplication module. Also, we characterize graded weak multiplication modules.

2. Graded prime submodules

A proper graded submodule N of a graded R -module M is defined to be graded prime if $rm \in N$ where $r \in h(R)$ and $m \in h(M)$, then $m \in N$ or $r \in (N : M)$ (see [3]).

The set of all graded prime submodules of a graded R -module M is denoted by $G\text{Spec}_R(M)$.

The following Lemma is known, but we write it here for the sake of references.

Lemma 2.1. *Let M be a graded module over a graded ring R . Then the following hold:*

- (i) *If I and J are graded ideals of R , then $I + J$ and $I \cap J$ are graded ideals.*

- (ii) If N is a graded submodule, $r \in h(R)$ and $x \in h(M)$, then Rx , IN and rN are graded submodules of M .
- (iii) If N and K are graded submodules of M , then $N + K$ and $N \cap K$ are also graded submodules of M and $(N :_R M)$ is a graded ideal of R .
- (iv) Let N_λ be a collection of graded submodules of M . Then $\sum_\lambda N_\lambda$ and $\bigcap_\lambda N_\lambda$ are graded submodules of M .

Theorem 2.2. *Let R be a graded ring and $M \neq 0$ a graded R -module, then R is a graded field if and only if every proper graded submodule of M is a graded prime submodule of M and $T(M) \neq M$.*

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Let N be a proper graded submodule of M . Suppose that $r_g m_h \in N$ where $r_g \in h(R)$ and $m_h \in h(M)$. If $r_g = 0$, then $r_g = 0 \in (N : M)$, so let $r_g \neq 0$. Hence $m_h = r_g^{-1}(r_g m_h) \in N$ since R is graded field. So N is a graded prime submodule.

Now we show that $T(M) \neq M$. Let $T(M) = M$, and $0 \neq m \in M$. Then $r_g m = 0$ for some $0 \neq r_g \in h(R)$. So $m = 0$ since R is graded field, a contradiction.

(\Leftarrow) Let $m_g \in M - T(M)$, so $Ann(m_g) = 0$. It is easy to see that every proper graded submodule of Rm_g is a graded prime submodule, and $Rm_g \cong R/Ann(m_g) = R$ as graded R -modules. Therefore, every proper graded ideal of R is a graded prime ideal, hence R is a graded field (see, [2]). □

Lemma 2.3. *Let M be a graded R -module, $S \subseteq h(R)$ a multiplicatively closed set and N a graded prime submodule of M such that $S \cap (N : M) = \emptyset$. Then $S^{-1}(N : M) = (S^{-1}N : S^{-1}M)$.*

Proof. Let $r/s \in (S^{-1}N : S^{-1}M)$. Let $m \in M$, so $m = \sum_{g \in G} m_g$. We show that for any $g \in G$, $r m_g \in N$. $r/s.m_g/1 \in S^{-1}N$. Hence $r m_g/s = n/t$ for some $n \in N$ and $t \in S$. So $s' t r m_g = s s' n \in N$ for some $s' \in S$ and since $s' t \notin (N : M)$, so N graded prime submodule gives $r m_g \in N$. Therefore, $r m \in N$, so $(S^{-1}N : S^{-1}M) \subseteq S^{-1}(N : M)$. It is clear that $S^{-1}(N : M) \subseteq (S^{-1}N : S^{-1}M)$. Thus $S^{-1}(N : M) = (S^{-1}N : S^{-1}M)$. □

Theorem 2.4. *Let P be a graded prime ideal of R , $S \subseteq h(R)$ a multiplicatively closed set such that $S = h(R) - P$ and M a graded R -module. Then there exists a one-to-one correspondence between the graded P -prime submodules of M and the PR_p^g -prime R_p^g -submodules of M_p^g .*

Proof. Let N be a graded P -prime submodule of M . suppose $r/s.m/t \in N_p^g$ and $m/t \notin N_p^g$ where $r/s \in h(R_p^g)$ and $m/t \in h(M_p^g)$. Hence $r m \in N$ and $m \notin N$ where $r \in h(R)$ and $m \in h(M)$, so $r \in (N : M)$ since N is graded prime. Hence $r/s \in (N :_R M)_p^g = (N_p^g :_{R_p^g} M_p^g) = PR_p^g$ by Lemma 2.3. Hence N_p^g is a graded PR_p^g -prime R_p^g -submodule of M_p^g . Let N_p^g be a graded prime submodule of M_p^g . Let $r m \in N$ where $r \in h(R)$ and $h(M)$. So $r/1.m/1 \in N_p^g$ where

$r/1 \in h(R_P^g)$ and $m/1 \in h(M_P^g)$. Thus $m/1 \in N_P^g$ or $r/1 \in (N_P^g : M_P^g) = (N :_R M)_P^g = PR_P^g$ since N_P^g is a graded prime. Hence $r \in (N : M) = P$ or $m \in N$. Therefore, N is a graded P -prime submodule of M . \square

3. Graded weak multiplication modules

Definition 3.1. Let M be a graded R -module. M is called a graded weak multiplication module if $GSpec_R M = \emptyset$ or for every graded prime submodule N of M , we have $N = IM$ where I is a graded ideal of R .

One can easily show that if M is a graded weak multiplication module, then $N = (N : M)M$ for every graded prime submodule N of M .

Theorem 3.2. A graded R -module M is a graded weak multiplication module if and only if the graded R_P -module M_P is a graded weak multiplication module for every graded prime (or graded maximal) ideal P of R .

Proof. Let M be a graded weak multiplication R -module and K a graded prime submodule of M_P where P is a graded prime ideal of R . So $K = N_P^g$ for some graded prime submodule N of M . So $N = IM$ for some graded ideal I of R . Hence $K = N_P^g = (IM)_P^g = I_P^g M_P^g$ because if $x/s \in (IM)_P^g$, then $x/s = am/t$ for some $a \in I$, $m \in M$ and $t \in S = R - P$, then $x/s = a/t \cdot m/t \in I_P^g M_P^g$, so $(IM)_P^g \subseteq I_P^g M_P^g$, and clearly, $I_P^g M_P^g \subseteq (IM)_P^g$, so $(IM)_P^g = I_P^g M_P^g$. Thus M_P^g is a graded weak multiplication R_P^g -module.

Conversely, let N be a graded prime submodule of M . We show that $(N/(N : M)M)_P^g = 0$ for every graded maximal ideal P of R . If $(N : M) \subseteq P$, then by Theorem 2.4, N_P^g is a graded prime submodule of M_P^g . So $N_P^g = (N_P^g : M_P^g)M_P^g$, and by Lemma 2.3, $(N_P^g : M_P^g) = (N : M)_P^g$. Hence $(N/(N : M)M)_P^g = N_P^g / (N : M)_P^g M_P^g = N_P^g / (N_P^g :_{R_P^g} M_P^g) M_P^g = 0$. If $(N : M) \not\subseteq P$, then clearly $N_P^g = M_P^g$ and $(N : M)_P^g = R_P^g$. So $(N/(N : M)M)_P^g = N_P^g / (N : M)_P^g M_P^g = M_P^g / M_P^g = 0$. Hence $(N/(N : M)M)_P^g = 0$ for every graded maximal ideal P of R . So $N/(N : M)M = 0$, as needed. \square

Remark 3.3. Let R be a graded integral domain. The quotient field Q of R is defined by $Q = S^{-1}R$ where $S = h(R) - \{0\}$. Indeed $Q = \bigoplus_{g \in G} Q_g$ where $Q_g = \{r/s : r, s \in h(R), s \neq 0 \text{ and } g = (deg s)^{-1}(deg r)\}$ that is a graded field which is called the graded quotient field.

Definition 3.4. Let R be a graded domain with the graded quotient field Q , the $Grank(M)$ is defined to be the maximal number of homogeneous elements of M linearly independent over M . In fact, $Grank(M)$ is the dimension of the graded vector space QM over graded field Q , that is $Grank(M) = Grank_Q(QM)$.

Theorem 3.5. *Let M be a graded weak multiplication module over a graded domain, then*

- (i) *If M is a non-zero graded torsion free module, then $\text{Grank}(M) = 1$.*
- (ii) *If M is a graded torsion module, then $\text{Grank}(M) = 0$.*
- (iii) *M is either graded torsion or graded torsion free.*

Proof. (i) First, Let R is a graded field, so $0 \neq M$ is a graded vector space which is a graded weak multiplication module. If $\text{Grank}(M) > 1$, then let $0 \neq W \subset M$. According to Theorem 2.2, W is a graded prime submodule of M , so $W = IM$ for some graded ideal I of the graded field R . So $I = 0$ or $I = R$, a contradiction. Hence $\text{Grank}(M) \leq 1$, and since $M \neq 0$, then $\text{Grank}(M) = 1$. Now let M be a non-zero graded torsion free R -module, then $QM \neq 0$, which Q is a graded quotient field of R . By Theorem 3.2, QM is a graded weak multiplication Q -module, and since we have proved in above $\text{Grank}_Q(QM) = 1$, so $\text{Grank}(M) = \text{Grank}_Q(QM) = 1$.

(ii) Suppose that M is a graded torsion module, then $QM = 0$ and therefore $\text{Grank}(M) = \text{Grank}_Q(QM) = 0$.

(iii) Let $T(M) \neq M$. Then $T(M)$ is a graded prime submodule and $(T(M) : M) = 0$ by [1, Proposition 2.5]. Therefore since M is graded weak multiplication, we have $T(M) = (T(M) : M)M = 0$, so the proof is complete. \square

A graded module M over a G -graded ring R is called locally graded cyclic if M_P^g is graded cyclic R_P^g -module for all graded maximal ideal P of R .

A graded module M over a G -graded ring R is called to be graded finitely generated if $M = \sum_{i=1}^n Rx_{g_i}$ where $x_{g_i} \in h(M)$. A graded R -module M is called graded cyclic if $M = Rx_g$ where $x_g \in h(M)$.

Theorem 3.6. *A graded finitely generated module is a graded multiplication module if and only if it is locally graded cyclic.*

Proof. See [4, Proposition 2.4]. \square

Theorem 3.7. *Every graded finitely generated graded weak multiplication module is graded multiplication module.*

Proof. Suppose that M is a graded finitely generated graded weak multiplication R -module. We show that M is locally graded cyclic, and by Theorem 3.5, M is a graded multiplication module. By localization and Theorem 3.2, we can assume that M is a graded finitely generated graded weak multiplication R -module where R is a graded local ring. Let m be the only graded maximal ideal of R . Obviously M/mM is a graded finitely generated graded weak multiplication R/m -module. If $M = mM$, then by Nakayama Lemma for graded case (see [4]), we have $M = 0$, so it is graded cyclic.

If $mM \neq M$, then $Grank_{R/m}(M/mM) = 1$, by Theorem 3.5 (i), so M is graded cyclic. \square

The graded dimension of a G -graded R is the supremum of the lengths of all chains of graded prime ideals in R and denoted by $Gdim(R)$.

Theorem 3.8. *Let R is a graded domain. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (i) $Gdim(R)=0$.
- (ii) For every graded weak multiplication R -module M , if $T(M) = 0$, then M is graded cyclic.
- (iii) For every graded weak multiplication R -module M , if $T(M) = 0$, then M is graded multiplication.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) First let R be a graded field. Let M a graded torsion-free graded weak multiplication R -module. If $M = 0$, then M is graded cyclic. So let $M \neq 0$. Hence M is a non-zero graded weak multiplication vector space over the graded field R . By Theorem 3.5, $Grank(M) = 1$. That is $M \cong R$, so M is graded cyclic.

Now we prove the general case. Let $0 \neq M$. By [1, Proposition 2.5], $T(M) = 0$ is a graded prime submodule of M . Hence $(T(M) : M)$ is a graded prime ideal of R and since $Gdim(R) = 0$, $R/(T(M) : M)$ is a graded field. Since $T(M) = 0$, so $M \cong M/0 = M/T(M)$ is a graded torsion-free graded weak multiplication $R/(T(M) : M)$ -module. So M is a graded torsion-free graded weak multiplication module over a graded field $R/(T(M) : M)$. Therefore as we have proved in above M is a graded cyclic $R/(T(M) : M)$ -module and by the fact $(r + (T(M) : M))m = rm$ for all $r \in R$ and $m \in M$, then M is a graded cyclic R -module.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) By [4, Proposition 2.4].

(iii) \Rightarrow (i) Let P be a graded prime ideal of R . It is enough to prove that R/P is a graded field. If Q is the graded quotient field of R , then 0 is the only graded prime ideal of R/P -module Q . Hence Q is a graded torsion-free graded weak multiplication R/P -module. Therefore by assumption Q is a graded multiplication module. Since R/P is a graded submodule of Q , so $R/P = IQ$ for some graded ideal I of R/P . Clearly, $IQ = Q$, so $Q = R/P$, hence P is a graded maximal ideal of R . Therefore, $Gdim(R) = 0$. \square

Corollary 3.9. *Let R is a graded integral domain. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (i) R is a graded field.
- (ii) Every graded weak multiplication R -module is graded cyclic.
- (iii) Every graded weak multiplication R -module is graded multiplication.

Proof. If R is graded field, and since every graded weak multiplication R -module is a graded vector space, it is a graded torsion-free graded weak multiplication R -module, so the proof follow by Theorem 3.8. \square

Corollary 3.10. *If m is a graded maximal ideal of the graded ring R which is a minimal graded prime ideal and $m \neq m^2$, then the following are equivalent.*

- (i) *m is a graded weak multiplication R -module.*
- (ii) *There is no graded ideal between m^2 and m .*
- (iii) *$GSpec_R m = \{m^2\}$.*

Proof. By localization and Theorem 3.2 we can assume that R is a graded local ring with the only graded prime ideal m .

(i) \Rightarrow (ii) Let m be a graded weak multiplication R -module. If $m^2 \subseteq I \subseteq m$ where I is graded ideal of R , we show that I is a graded prime submodule of m . Let $ra \in I$ where $r \in h(R)$ and $a \in h(m)$. Suppose that $a \notin I$, then r is not unit, hence $r \in m$. Therefore $rm \subseteq m^2 \subset I$, that is I is a graded prime submodule of m .

Since m is graded weak multiplication module, and I a graded prime submodule, then $I = mm_1$ for some graded ideal m_1 of R . If $m_1 = R$, then $I = mR = m$, which is a contradiction. So $m_1 \subseteq m$, that is $m^2 \subseteq I = mm_1 \subseteq m^2$, thus there is no graded ideal between m^2 and m .

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) Suppose that there is no graded ideal between m^2 and m . If I is a graded prime submodule of the graded R -module m , then $(I : m)$ is a graded prime ideal by [3, Proposition 2.5]. Since m is the only graded prime ideal of R , then $(I : m) = m$. Therefore, $m^2 \subseteq I \subseteq m$, and by assumption $I = m^2$, hence $GSpec_R m = \{m^2\}$. \square

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