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## *I*-Nearly Prime Submodules

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### Abstract:

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity, and  $I$  a fixed ideal of  $R$  and  $M$  be an unitary  $R$ -module. In this paper we introduce and study the concept of  $I$ -nearly prime submodules as generalizations of nearly prime and we investigate some properties of this class of submodules. Also, some characterizations of  $I$ -nearly prime submodules will be given.

**Keywords:** Prime submodules, nearly prime submodules,  $I$ -prime submodules.

### المقاسات الجزئية الاولية تقريبا من النمط- $I$

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### الخلاصة

لتكن  $R$  حلقة ابدالية ذات عنصر محايد، وليكن  $I$  مثالي من  $R$ ،  $M$  مقاسا احاديا معرفا على الحلقة  $R$ . قدمنا ودرسنا في هذا البحث المفهوم: المقاسات الجزئية الاولية تقريبا من النمط- $I$  كاعمام للمقاسات الجزئية الاولية تقريبا. لقد درسنا واعطينا بعض خواص ومميزات هذا النوع من المقاسات الجزئية.

### Introduction

Throughout,  $R$  represents an associative ring with nonzero identity and  $I$  a fixed ideal of  $R$ . A proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called a prime submodule if whenever  $r \in R$  and  $x \in M$  with  $rx \in N$  implies that  $r \in [N:M]$  or  $x \in N$ , [1]. One of generalization of this concept was studied as nearly prime, [2]. A proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called nearly prime submodule if whenever  $r \in R, x \in M$  and  $rx \in N$  implies that either  $x \in N + J(M)$  or  $r \in [N + J(M):M]$ . Previous work [3] and [4] introduced the notions  $I$ -prime and  $I$ -primary submodules. A proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called  $I$ -prime submodule of  $M$  if  $rx \in N - IN$  for all  $r \in R, x \in M$  implies that either  $r \in [N:M]$  or  $x \in N$ . A proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called  $I$ -primary submodule of  $M$  if  $rx \in N - IN$  for all  $r \in R, x \in M$  implies that either  $r \in \sqrt{[N:M]}$  or  $x \in N$ . In this paper, we define and study  $I$ -nearly prime submodules which are generalizations of prime submodules and nearly prime submodules to  $I$ -nearly prime submodules. A proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called  $I$ -nearly prime submodule if  $rx \in N - IN$  for all  $r \in R, x \in M$  implies that either  $r \in [N + J(M):M]$  or  $x \in N + J(M)$ , where  $J(M)$  is the intersection of all maximal submodule of  $M$ . Here is a brief summary of the paper. In Theorem 1.4 we show that  $N$  is  $I$ -nearly prime submodule in  $M$  if and only if for any ideal  $J$  of  $R$  and submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $JK \subseteq N - IN$ , we have  $K \subseteq N + J(M)$  or  $J \subseteq [N + J(M):M]$ . In Proposition 1.6 we show that if  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M$  and  $[N:M]N \not\subseteq IN$ , then  $N$  is a nearly prime in  $M$ . In Theorem 1.8 we show that if  $N$  is a submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  then the following statements are

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equivalent: (1)  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M$ . (2) For  $r \in R \setminus [N + J(M):M]$ ,  $[N:r] = [N + J(M)] \cup [IN:r]$ . (3) For  $r \in R \setminus [N + J(M):M]$ ,  $[N:r] = N + J(M)$  or  $[N:r] = [IN:r]$ .

### 1. Main result

**Definition 1.1:** A proper submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $I$ -nearly prime submodule if and only if whenever  $r \in R$ ,  $x \in M$  and  $rx \in N - IN$  implies that either  $x \in N + J(M)$  or  $r \in [N + J(M):M]$ , where  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $J(M)$  is the Jacobson radical of  $M$ .

For examples: 1- Consider the ring of integers  $Z$  and the  $Z$ -module  $Z_{12}$ . Take

$I = 4Z$  as an ideal of  $Z$  and  $N = (4)$  be a submodule of  $Z_{12}$  generated by

4. Then  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of  $Z_{12}$  since  $N - IN = (4) - 4Z$ .  $(4) - (4) =$

$(4) - (4) = \emptyset$ . On the other side,  $N$  is not a prime submodule since  $\bar{4} = 2\bar{2} \in N$  but not  $\bar{2} \in N$  nor  $2 \in [N:Z_{12}]$ .

2- Let  $N = (\bar{0})$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of  $Z_6$  as a  $Z$ -module since if  $I = (0)$  is taken as an ideal of  $Z$ , then  $N - IN = (\bar{0}) - (0)$ .  $(\bar{0}) = \emptyset$ . On the other side,  $N$  is not a nearly prime submodule, see [2].

3- Consider the ring of integers  $Z$  and the  $Z$ -module  $Z_{40}$  and  $N = (\bar{8})$ . Take

$I = [N:M] = 8Z$  as an ideal of  $Z$ , then  $[N:M]N = N$ . Then  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of  $Z_{12}$  since  $N - IN = (\bar{8}) - 8Z$ .  $(\bar{8}) = \emptyset$ . On the other side, if  $I = (0)$  is taken as an ideal of  $Z$ , then  $[N:M]N = (0)$ , then  $N$  is not an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule since  $\bar{8} = 4\bar{2} \in N$  but not  $\bar{2} \in N$  nor  $4 \in [N:Z_{12}]$ .

### Proposition (1. 2):

1- If  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M$  and  $K$  is a submodule of  $M$  with  $J(M) \subseteq J(K)$ , then  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of  $K$ .

2- If  $I_1 \subseteq I_2$ . Then  $N$  is an  $I_1$ -nearly prime implies  $N$  is  $I_2$ -nearly prime.

**Proof.** (1): Suppose that  $am \in N - IN$  where  $a \in R$  and  $m \in K$ . Since  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ , so either  $m \in N + J(M)$  or  $a \in [N + J(M):M]$ . But  $J(M) \subseteq J(K)$ , so either  $m \in N + J(K)$  or  $a \in [N + J(K):K]$ . Therefore  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of  $K$ .

(2): Let  $m \in M$  and  $m \in M$  with  $am \in N - I_2N$ . Since  $I_1 \subseteq I_2$ ,  $N - I_2N \subseteq N - I_1N$ , then  $am \in N - I_1N$ . But  $N$  is an  $I_1$ -nearly prime. So  $a \in [N + J(M):M]$  or  $m \in N + J(M)$ . Thus  $N$  is an  $I_2$ -nearly prime.

**Proposition (1.3):** Let  $N$  be a submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ .

1- If  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime and  $J(M) \subseteq N$ , then  $N$  is an  $I$ -prime (and  $I$ -primary).

2- If  $N$  is a maximal an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of a local  $R$ -module  $M$ , then  $N$  is an  $I$ -prime (and  $I$ -primary) in  $M$ .

3- If  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of a semisimple  $R$ -module  $M$ , then  $N$  is an  $I$ -prime (and  $I$ -primary) in  $M$ .

**Proof.** (1). The proof is trivial.

(2). Suppose that  $am \in N - IN$  where  $a \in R$ ,  $m \in M$ . Since  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ , so either  $m \in N + J(M)$  or  $a \in [N + J(M):M]$ . But  $M$  be a local and  $N$  is a maximal, so  $J(M) = N$ , [5]. So either  $m \in N$  or  $a \in [N:M]$ . Therefore  $N$  is an  $I$ -prime (and  $I$ -primary) in  $M$ .

(3). Suppose that  $am \in N - IN$  where  $m \in M$  and  $a \in R$ . Because  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ , so either  $a \in [N + J(M):M]$  or  $m \in N + J(M)$ . But  $M$  be a semisimple an  $R$ -module, so  $J(M) = 0$ , [6]. So either  $m \in N$  or  $a \in [N:M]$ . Hence  $N$  is an  $I$ -prime (and  $I$ -primary) in  $M$ .

The following theorem gives a useful characterization for an  $I$ -nearly prime submodules.

**Theorem (1.4):** Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . Then  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule in  $M$  if and only if for any ideal  $J$  of  $R$  and submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $JK \subseteq N - IN$ , we have  $K \subseteq N + J(M)$  or  $J \subseteq [N + J(M):M]$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M$ . Let  $JK \subseteq N - IN$  for some ideal  $J$  of  $R$  and submodule  $K$  of  $M$ . If  $J \not\subseteq [N + J(M):M]$  and  $K \not\subseteq N + J(M)$ , so there exists  $r \in J \setminus [N + J(M):M]$  and  $x \in K \setminus [N + J(M)]$  such that  $rx \in N - IN$ .

By assuming that  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule in  $M$ , either  $x \in N + J(M)$  or  $r \in [N + J(M):M]$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $J \subseteq [N + J(M):M]$  or  $K \subseteq N + J(M)$ .

Conversely suppose that  $rm \in N - IN$  where  $r \in R$ ,  $m \in M$ . So  $(r)(m) = (rm)$

$\subseteq N - IN$ . So, either  $(r) \subseteq [N + J(M):M]$  or  $(m) \subseteq N + J(M)$ . Therefore  $r \in [N + J(M):M]$  or  $m \in N + J(M)$ . Thus  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ .

Let  $R$  be a ring. A subset  $S$  of  $R$  is called multiplicatively closed subset if  $1 \in S$  and  $ab \in S$ ,  $\forall a, b \in S$ , [7].

Let  $R_S$  be the set of all fractional  $r/s$  where  $r \in R$  and  $s \in S$  and  $M_S$  be the set of all fractional  $x/s$  where  $x \in M$  and  $s \in S$ . For  $x_1, x_2 \in M$  and  $s_1, s_2 \in S$ ,  $x_1/s_1 = x_2/s_2$  if and only if there exists  $t \in S$  such that  $t(s_1 x_1 - s_2 x_2) = 0$ .

So, we can make  $M_S$  into  $R_S$ -module by setting  $x/s + y/t = (tx + sy)/st$  and  $r/t \cdot x/s = rx/st$  for every  $x, y \in M$  and  $s, t \in S$ ,  $r \in R$ . And  $M_S$  is the module of fractions. If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ , so  $N_S = \{n/s; n \in N, s \in S\}$  is a submodule of  $M_S$ , [7].

The quotient and localization of prime submodules are again prime submodules. But in case of  $I$ -nearly prime submodules, we give a condition under which the quotient and localization become true.

**Proposition (1.5):** Suppose that  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M$ .

1) If  $N_S \neq M_S$  and  $(IN)s \subseteq INs$ . Then  $N_S$  is an  $I_S$ -nearly prime submodule of an  $R_S$ -module  $M_S$ .

2) If  $K \subseteq N$  and  $N/K + J(M/K) = N + J(M)/K$ , then  $N/K$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M/K$ .

**Proof (1):** For all  $r/s \in R_S$  and  $x/t \in M_S$ , let  $r/s \cdot x/t = rx/st \in Ns - INs \subseteq N_S - (IN)s = (N - IN)s$ . Then  $rx/st = m/u$  for  $m \in N - IN$  and  $u \in S$ . So for some  $v \in S$ ,  $vurx = vstm \in N - IN$ . As  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule, so either  $vur \in [N + J(M):M]$  or  $x \in N + J(M)$ . So  $ruv/suv = r/s \in [N + J(M):M]_S = [N_S + J(M_S):M_S]$  or  $\frac{x}{t} \in [N + J(M)]_S = N_S + J(M_S)$  by [8]. Hence  $N_S$  is an  $I_S$ -nearly prime in  $M_S$ .

(2): Suppose that  $m \in M$  and  $a \in R$  with  $a(m + K) = am + K \in N/K - I(N/K)$ .

Then  $am + K \in [N - IN]/K$ . So  $am \in N - IN$ . Since  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ , so either  $m \in N + J(M)$  or  $a \in [N + J(M):M]$ . Therefore  $m + K \in N/K + J(M/K)$  or  $a \in [N/K + J(M/K):M/K]$ . Therefore  $N/K$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M/K$ .

**Proposition (1.6):** If  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M$  and  $[N:M]N \not\subseteq IN$ , then  $N$  is a nearly prime in  $M$ .

**Proof:** We show that  $N$  is a nearly prime. Suppose that  $am \in N$  where  $m \in M, a \in R$ .

If  $am \notin IN$ , then  $N, I$ -nearly prime gives  $m \in N + J(M)$  or  $a \in [N + J(M):M]$ . So assume that  $am \in IN$ . First suppose that  $aN \not\subseteq IN$ , say  $an \notin IN$  where  $n \in N$ . Then  $a(m + n) \in N - IN$ , so  $a \in [N + J(M):M]$  or  $(m + n) \in N + J(M)$ . Hence  $a \in [N + J(M):M]$  or  $m \in N + J(M)$ . Now, if  $m[N:M] \not\subseteq IN$ . So  $\exists b \in [N:M]$  such that  $mb \notin IN$ . So  $(a+b)m \in N$ . Therefore  $m \in N + J(M)$  or  $(a + b) \in [N + J(M):M]$ . Then  $m \in N + J(M)$  or  $a \in [N + J(M):M]$ . Suppose that  $m[N:M] \subseteq IN$ . Since  $[N:M]N \not\subseteq IN$ , there exists  $r \in [N:M], x \in N$  with  $rx \notin IN$ . Then  $(a + r)(m + x) \in N - IN$ . Then  $(a + r) \in [N + J(M):M]$  or  $(m + x) \in N + J(M)$ . Hence  $a \in [N + J(M):M]$  or  $m \in N + J(M)$ . So  $N$  be a nearly prime in  $M$ .

**Corollary (1.7):** If  $N$  is an 0-nearly prime in  $M$  and  $[N:M]N \neq 0$ . Then  $N$  is a nearly prime in  $M$ .

In what follows we give some characterizations for an  $I$ -nearly prime.

**Theorem (1.8):** Suppose that  $N$  is a submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

(1)  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M$ .

(2) For  $r \in R \setminus [N + J(M):M]$ ,  $[N:r] = [N + J(M)] \cup [IN:r]$ .

(3) For  $r \in R \setminus [N + J(M):M]$ ,  $[N:r] = N + J(M)$  or  $[N:r] = [IN:r]$ .

**Proof:** (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2): Suppose that  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$  such that  $r \notin [N + J(M):M]$ . Let  $m \in [N:r]$ . So  $rm \in N$ . If  $rm \notin IN$ , then  $m \in N + J(M)$ .

Because  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule in  $M$ . If  $rm \in IN$ , so  $m \in [IN:r]$ . Hence  $[N:r] \subseteq [N + J(M)] \cup [IN:r]$ . Now since  $IN \not\subseteq N$ , the other inclusion is hold.

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (3): Because  $[N:r]$  is a submodule of  $M$ , so it is clear.

(3)  $\rightarrow$  (1): Suppose that  $rm \in N - IN$  where  $r \in R, m \in M$ . If  $r \notin [N + J(M):M]$ , so either  $[N:r] = N + J(M)$  or  $[N:r] = [IN:r]$ . Since  $rm \notin IN$ , so  $m \notin [IN:r]$ . But  $rm \in N$ , so  $m \in [N:r]$ . Then  $[N:r] = N + J(M)$ . Therefore  $m \in N + J(M)$ . Thus  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proposition (1.9):** Suppose that  $M_1$  be an  $R_1$ -module and  $M_2$  be an  $R_2$ -module. Then we have :

(1) If  $N_1$  is an  $I_1$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M_1$  such that  $IN_1 \times M_2 \subseteq I(N_1 \times M_2)$  and  $J(M_1) \times M_2 \subseteq J(M_1 \times M_2)$ , then  $N_1 \times M_2$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M_1 \times M_2$ .

(2): If  $N_2$  is an  $I_2$ -nearly prime in  $M_2$  such that  $IN_2 \times M_1 \subseteq I(N_2 \times M_1)$  and  $J(M_2) \times M_1 \subseteq J(M_2 \times M_1)$ , then  $M_1 \times N_2$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M_1 \times M_2$ .

**Proof: (1):** Suppose that  $(a, b) \in R_1 \times R_2$  and  $(m_1, m_2) \in M$  with  $(a, b)(m_1, m_2) = (am_1, bm_2) \in N_1 \times M_2 - I(N_1 \times M_2)$ , and  $N_1 \times M_2 - I(N_1 \times M_2) \subseteq N_1 \times M_2 - IN_1 \times M_2 = (N_1 - IN_1) \times M_2$ . We have  $am_1 \in N_1 - IN_1$  but  $N_1$  is an  $I_1$ -nearly prime in  $M_1$ . So  $a \in [N_1 + J(M_1): M_1]$  or  $m_1 \in N_1 + J(M_1)$ . So  $(a, b) \in [N_1 + J(M_1): M_1] \times R_2 = [(N_1 + J(M_1)) \times M_2 :_{R_1 \times R_1} M_1 \times M_2] = [N_1 \times M_2 + J(M_1) \times M_2 :_{R_1 \times R_1} M_1 \times M_2] \subseteq [N_1 \times M_2 + J(M_1 \times M_2) :_{R_1 \times R_1} M_1 \times M_2]$  or  $(m_1, m_2) \in [N_1 + J(M_1)] \times M_2 = N_1 \times M_2 + J(M_1) \times M_2 \subseteq N_1 \times M_2 + J(M_1 \times M_2)$ . Hence  $N_1 \times M_2$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M_1 \times M_2$ .

The proof of (2) is similar to proof (1).

**Proposition (1.10):** Let  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  be ideals of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , respectively, with  $I = I_1 \times I_2$ .

1.  $N_1 \times N_2$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M_1 \times M_2$  where  $I_i N_i = N_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .
2. If  $N_1$  is a prime in  $M_1$ , then  $N_1 \times M_2$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M_1 \times M_2$ .
3. If  $N_1$  is an  $I_1$ -nearly prime in  $M_1$  with  $I_2 M_2 = M_2$ , then  $N_1 \times M_2$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M_1 \times M_2$ .
4. If  $N_2$  is a prime in  $M_2$ , then  $M_1 \times N_2$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M_1 \times M_2$ .
5. If  $N_2$  is an  $I_2$ -nearly prime in  $M_2$  with  $I_1 M_1 = M_1$ , then  $M_1 \times N_2$ .

**Proof (1):** Since  $I_1 N_1 = N_1$  and  $I_2 N_2 = N_2$ . Then  $I_1 N_1 \times I_2 N_2 = (I_1 \times I_2)(N_1 \times N_2) = I(N_1 \times N_2) = N_1 \times N_2$ . So  $N_1 \times N_2 - I(N_1 \times N_2) = \emptyset$ . Thus there is nothing to prove.

2. Let  $N_1$  is a prime in  $M_1$ . Then  $N_1 \times M_2$  is a prime in  $M_1 \times M_2$ , [9] and hence  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M_1 \times M_2$ .

3. Let  $N_1$  is an  $I_1$ -nearly prime in  $M_1$  and  $I_2 M_2 = M_2$ . Suppose that  $(r_1, r_2) \in R$  and  $(m_1, m_2) \in M$  with  $(r_1, r_2)(m_1, m_2) = (r_1 m_1, r_2 m_2) \in N_1 \times M_2 - I(N_1 \times M_2) = N_1 \times M_2 - (I_1 \times I_2)(N_1 \times M_2) = (N_1 \times M_2 - (I_1 N_1 \times I_2 M_2)) = (N_1 \times M_2 - (I_1 N_1 \times M_2)) = (N_1 - I_1 N_1) \times M_2$ . Then  $r_1 m_1 \in N_1 - I_1 N_1$  and  $N_1$  is an  $I_1$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M_1$ , so  $r_1 \in [N_1 + J(M_1): M_1]$  or  $m_1 \in N_1 + J(M_1)$ .

Therefore  $(r_1, r_2) \in [N_1 + J(M_1): M_1] \times R_2 = [(N_1 + J(M_1)) \times M_2 :_{R_1 \times R_1} M_1 \times M_2] = [N_1 \times M_2 + J(M_1) \times M_2 :_{R_1 \times R_1} M_1 \times M_2] \subseteq [N_1 \times M_2 + J(M_1 \times M_2) :_{R_1 \times R_1} M_1 \times M_2]$  or  $(m_1, m_2) \in [N_1 + J(M_1)] \times M_2 = N_1 \times M_2 + J(M_1) \times M_2 \subseteq N_1 \times M_2 + J(M_1 \times M_2)$ . So  $N_1 \times M_2$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M_1 \times M_2$ .

The proofs of (4) and (5) are similar to parts (2), (3), respectively.

**Proposition (1.11):** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and let  $N$  be a proper submodule of  $M$  such that  $N/IN + J(M/IN) = N + J(M)/IN$ . Then  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M$  if and only if  $N/IN$  is 0-nearly prime in  $M/IN$ .

**Proof:** Let  $N$  be an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M$ . Suppose that  $0 \neq ax + IN = a(x + IN) \in N/IN$  in  $M/IN$  where  $a \in R, x \in M$ . Then  $ax \in N - IN$ . Since  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ , so either  $x \in N + J(M)$  or  $a \in [N + J(M): M] = [(N + J(M))/IN : M/IN]$ . Therefore  $x + IN \in [N + J(M)]/IN = N/IN + J(M/IN)$  or  $a \in [N/IN + J(M/IN): M/IN]$ . Hence  $N/IN$  is 0-nearly prime in  $M/IN$ .

Conversely, let  $N/IN$  is an 0-nearly prime in  $M/IN$ . Assume that  $a \in R, x \in M$  with  $ax \in N - IN$ . So  $0 \neq a(x + IN) = ax + IN \in N/IN$ . But  $N/IN$  is an 0-nearly prime in  $M/IN$ . Thus  $x + IN \in [N + J(M)]/IN = N/IN + J(M/IN)$  or  $a \in [N/IN + J(M/IN): M/IN] = [(N + J(M))/IN : M/IN]$  and so  $x \in N + J(M)$  or  $a \in [N + J(M): M]$ . Hence  $N$  is an 0-nearly prime.

**Theorem (1.12):** If  $M$  is an  $R$ -module and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then the following statements are equivalent.

- 1-  $IM$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule  $M$ ;
- 2- For  $x \in [M \setminus (IM + J(M))]$ ;  $[IM : x] = [I(IM): x] \cup [IM + J(M): M]$ ;
- 3- For  $x \in [M \setminus (IM + J(M))]$ ,  $[IM : x] = [I(IM): x]$  or  $[IM : x] = [IM + J(M): M]$ .
- 4- If  $JK \subsetneq IM - I(IM)$ , then  $J \subsetneq [IM + J(M): M]$  or  $K \subsetneq IM + J(M)$  for each an ideal  $J$  of  $R$  and submodule  $K$  of  $M$ .

**Proof :** (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2): Suppose that  $x \in M - IM, r \in [IM : x]$ . So  $rx \in IM$ . If  $rx \notin I(IM)$ , but  $IM$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime and  $x \notin IM + J(M)$ , so  $r \in [IM + J(M): M]$ . If  $rx \in I(IM)$ , so  $r \in [I(IM): x]$ . Thus,  $[IM : x] \subseteq [IM + J(M): M] \cup [I(IM): x]$ . On the other hand  $I(IM) \subsetneq IM$ , so  $[I(IM): x] \cup [IM + J(M): M] \subsetneq [IM : x]$ .

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (3): It follows directly by the fact that if an ideal is a union of two ideals, then it is equal to one of them.

(3)  $\rightarrow$  (4): Suppose that  $JK \subsetneq IM$ . Let  $J \not\subseteq [IM + J(M): M]$  and  $K \not\subseteq IM + J(M)$ . Assume that  $x \in K$ . If  $x \notin IM + J(M)$ . So  $Jx \subsetneq IM$  and hence  $J \subsetneq [IM: x]$ . But  $J \not\subseteq [IM + J(M): M]$ , so  $J \subsetneq [IM: x] = [I(IM): x]$ . Thus,  $xJ \subsetneq I(IM)$ , so  $KJ \subsetneq I(IM)$ . Suppose that  $x \in IM$ . Let  $m \in K - IM$ . Then  $(x + m) \in K - IM$ . So  $(x + m)J \subsetneq I(IM)$ . Let  $r \in J$ . Then  $x = (x + m)r - mr \in I(IM)$ . So  $xJ \subsetneq I(IM)$ . Thus  $JK \subsetneq I(IM)$ . (4)  $\rightarrow$  (1): By theorem (1.4).

**Proposition (1.13):**

1- Let  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are two submodules of the  $R$ -modules  $M_1, M_2$ , respectively. If  $N_1 \oplus N_2$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime and small submodule of  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  such that  $J(M_1 \oplus M_2) \subseteq [J(M_1) \oplus M_2]$  and  $J(M_1 \oplus M_2) \subseteq [M_1 \oplus J(M_2)]$ , then  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M_1, M_2$  respectively.

2- Let  $N$  be a small submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be any two modules with  $J(M_1) \oplus M_2$  is small in  $M$ . If  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime, then  $N \oplus M_2$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M_1 \oplus M_2$ .

**Proof. (1).** Let  $am_1 \in N_1 - IN_1$  where  $a \in R, m_1 \in M_1$ . Then  $a(m_1, 0) \in (N_1 \oplus N_2) - I(N_1 \oplus N_2)$ . Since  $(N_1 \oplus N_2)$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime and small, then either  $(m_1, 0) \in (N_1 \oplus N_2) + J(M) = J(M_1 \oplus M_2) = J(M_1) \oplus J(M_2)$ , [10] and so  $m_1 \in J(M_1) \subseteq N_1 + J(M_1)$  or  $a \in [(N_1 \oplus N_2) + J(M_1 \oplus M_2): M_1 \oplus M_2] = [J(M_1 \oplus M_2): M_1 \oplus M_2] \subseteq [J(M_1) \oplus M_2: M_1 \oplus M_2]$  and so  $a \in [J(M_1): M_1] \subseteq [N_1 + J(M_1): M_1]$ . It follows that either  $m_1 \in N_1 + J(M_1)$  or  $a \in [N_1 + J(M_1): M_1]$ . Hence  $N_1$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M_1$ .

By a similar proof,  $N_2$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M_2$ .

**(2).** Let  $a(m_1, m_2) \in (N \oplus M_2) - I(N \oplus M_2)$ , where  $a \in R, (m_1, m_2) \in M$ . Then  $am_1 \in N - IN$ . Since  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime and small in  $M_1$ , then either  $m_1 \in N + J(M_1) = J(M_1)$  or  $a \in [N + J(M_1): M_1]$ , [10]. So that

If  $m_1 \in N + J(M_1) = J(M_1)$ , then  $(m_1, m_2) \in J(M_1) \oplus M_2 \subseteq J(M_1 \oplus M_2) \subseteq N \oplus M_2 + J(M_1 \oplus M_2)$ .

If  $a \in [N + J(M_1): M_1]$  and since  $N$  is small in  $M_1$ , then  $a \in [J(M_1) \oplus M_2: M_1 \oplus M_2]$ . But  $J(M_1) \oplus M_2$  is small in  $M_2$ , so  $[J(M_1) \oplus M_2: M_1 \oplus M_2] \subseteq [J(M_1 \oplus M_2): M_1 \oplus M_2] \subseteq [N \oplus M_2 + J(M_1 \oplus M_2): M_1 \oplus M_2]$ , so  $N \oplus M_2$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime in  $M_1 \oplus M_2$ .

**Corollary (1.14):**

1- If  $N_1 \oplus N_2$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime of a hollow module  $M_1 \oplus M_2$  with  $J(M_1 \oplus M_2) \subsetneq [J(M_1) \oplus M_2]$  and  $J(M_1 \oplus M_2) \subsetneq [M_1 \oplus J(M_2)]$ , then  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are  $I$ -nearly primes in  $M_1, M_2$  respectively.

2- If  $N$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of a hollow  $R$ -module  $M_1, M_2$  is any module such that  $M_1 \oplus M_2$  be a hollow  $R$ -module, then  $N \oplus M_2$  is an  $I$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M_1 \oplus M_2$ .

**Proof:** (1): Since  $M_1 \oplus M_2$  is a hollow, so all submodules are small, [11]. Therefore the result follows (1.13,1).

(2): Since  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are hollow modules, so every submodule of them is small, [11]. Therefore the result follows (1.13,2).

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