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## Z-Essential Submodules

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### Abstract:

We define and investigate Z- essential submodules as a generalization of essential submodules. Various characterizations and properties of Z-essential submodules are given. Moreover we introduce the concepts of Z-singular submodule and Z-closed submodules.

**Keywords :** Z- small submodule , Z-essential submodule, Z-singular submodule, Z-closed submodules , Z - nonsingular submodule .

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### 1- Introduction:

Throughout this paper all modules are unitary right R-modules, where R is commutative ring with unity. It is known that a submodule N of an R- module M is said to be small (superfluous), ( nationally “ $N \ll M$ ” ), if whenever  $W \leq M$ ,  $N + W = M$ , then  $W = M$  . A submodule N of an R-module M is called essential (large) (notationally  $N \leq_e M$ ) if whenever  $N \cap W = (0)$ ,  $W \leq M$  then  $W = (0)$  [1], [2]. Some authors used the notation  $N \leq_o M$  for small submodule and  $N \leq_* M$  or  $N \leq \triangle M$  for essential submodule. We shall use  $N \ll M$  for (N is small submodule of M) and  $N \leq_{ess} M$  for (N is essential submodule of M).

Many generalizations of small submodules and essential submodules were introduced by researchers. Some of these generalizations are  $\delta$ -small submodules [3], semismall submodules [4],  $p$ -small submodules [5],  $e$ -small submodules [6],  $J$ -small submodules [7],  $e^*$ -essential submodules [8],  $t$ -essential submodules [9], [10], small essential submodules [10],  $P$ -essential submodules [11].

K.R.Goodearl in [1] introduce the concept  $Z_2(M)$  (the second singular submodule of  $M$ ) by  $\frac{Z_2(M)}{Z(M)} = Z(\frac{M}{Z(M)})$ , where  $Z(M)$  is the singular submodule of  $M$  and  $Z(M) = \{m \in M : mI = 0 \text{ for some } I \leq_{ess} R\} = \{m \in M : ann(m) \leq_{ess} R\}$ , where  $ann(m) = \{r \in R : mr = 0\}$ .

If  $Z(M) = M$  ( $Z(M) = (0)$ )  $M$  is called singular. Asgari and Haghany in [12] used the notion of  $Z_2(M)$  and presented the concept “ $t$ -essential submodules”, where a submodule  $A$  of  $M$  is called  $t$ -essential (briefly,  $A \leq_{tes} M$ ), if whenever  $B \leq M$ ,  $A \cap B \subseteq Z_2(M)$  implies  $B \subseteq Z_2(M)$ . Equivalently  $A \leq_{tes} M$  if  $A + Z_2(M) \leq_{ess} M$ . Hence it is clear that every essential submodule is  $t$ -essential, but not conversely, see [12]. However the two concepts are equivalent in class of nonsingular modules. Also Asgari in [12] proved that  $Z_2(M) = \{m \in M : ann(m) \leq_{tes} R\} = \{m \in M : mI = 0 \text{ for some } I \leq_{tes} R\}$ . For more information about  $Z_2(M)$ , you can see [12], [13], [14].

At 2021, A mina in [15] introduced and studied  $Z$ -small submodules, where a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called  $Z$ -small (denoted by  $N \leq_Z M$ ) if whenever  $N + W = M$ ,  $W \leq M$ ,  $W \supseteq Z_2(M)$ , then  $W = M$ . Note that  $W \supseteq Z_2(M)$  implies  $Z_2(W) = Z_2(M)$ .

In this paper, we present and study the concept  $Z$ - essential submodule ( as a dual of notion of  $Z$ -small submodule), where a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called  $Z$  - essential (briefly  $N \leq_{zes} M$ ) if whenever  $N \cap W = 0$ ,  $W \leq M$ ,  $W \subseteq Z_2(M)$  then  $W = (0)$ .

In S. 2, we study  $Z$ -essential submodules and present many properties related with this concept.

In S. 3, we introduce the concept of  $Z$ -singular submodules, where for any  $R$  - module  $M$ , the set  $\{m \in M : ann(m) \leq_{zes} R\}$  is denoted by  $ZS(M)$ . It is clear that  $ZS(M)$  is submodule of  $M$ .  $M$  is called  $Z$ -singular ( $Z$ -nonsingular) if  $ZS(M) = M$  ( $ZS(M) = (0)$ ). Many properties related with this concept are given.

In S. 4, we define  $Z$ -closed submodule, where a submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $Z$ -closed (brifely  $N \leq_{ZC} M$ ) if  $N$  has no proper  $Z$ -essential extension in  $M$ , that is if  $N \leq_{zes} W \leq M$ , then  $N = W$ . It is clear that every  $Z$ -closed submodule is closed but the converse is not true, see Remark 4.3(1). Several other results are introduced.

**2-Z- essential submodules:**

**2.1 Definition:** A submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ - module  $M$  is called  $Z$ -essential (briefly  $N \leq_{zes} M$ ) if whenever  $W \leq Z_2(M)$ ,  $N \cap W = (0)$ , then  $W = (0)$ . Note that  $W \leq Z_2(M)$  is equivalent to  $Z_2(W) = W$ , that is  $N \leq_{zes} M$  if whenever  $N \cap W = (0)$ ,  $Z_2(W) = W$  ( $W$  is  $Z_2$ -torsion submodule), then  $W = (0)$ .

It clear that every essential submodule is  $Z$ -essential, but the converse may be not true, (see Rem. 2.2.(2)).

**2.2 Remarks and Examples:**

1- If  $Z_2(M)=M, N \leq M$ , then  $N \leq_{\text{ess}} M$  if and only  $N \leq_{\text{zes}} M$ ; that is essential and Z-essential submodules are coincident .

2- If  $Z_2(M)=(0)$ , then it is clear that every submodule of  $M$  is Z- essential.

In particular, if  $M = Z_6$  as  $Z_6$  – module; every submodule of  $Z_6$  is Z -essential, but  $(\bar{2}) (\bar{3}), (\bar{0})$  are not essential in  $Z_6$ .

3- If  $(0) \leq_{\text{zes}} M$ , then  $Z_2(M) = 0$ , and the converse hold by part (2)

**Proof:** Since  $(0) \cap Z_2(M) = (0)$ , so  $Z_2(M) = (0)$  since  $(0) \leq_{\text{zes}} M$ .

4- Consider  $Z_4$  as  $Z_4$ -module ,  $Z_2(Z_4) = (\bar{2})$  ,  $Z_4$  and  $(\bar{2})$  are essential in  $Z_4$  , so they are Z– essential. But  $(0)$  is not Z–essential, since  $(0) \cap Z_2(Z_4) = (\bar{0}) \cap (\bar{2}) = (\bar{0})$  and  $(\bar{2}) \neq (\bar{0})$

5- Z-essential submodules and t-essential submodules are independent concepts.

For examples: in the Z-module  $Z_{12}$  .The submodule  $A=(\bar{4}) \leq_{\text{tes}} Z_{12}$ , see [14, Ex.1.1.16 ]].

However by (1) essential and Z-essential are coincide in  $Z_{12}$ , hence  $(\bar{4}) \leq_{\text{tes}} Z_{12}$  . In  $Z_6$  as  $Z_6$  – module, every submodule of  $Z_6$  is Z–essential by part (2). But  $(\bar{2}) \leq Z_6$  is not t–essential in  $Z_6$  since  $(\bar{2}) \cap (\bar{3})=(\bar{0}) \subseteq Z_2(Z_6)$  , but  $(\bar{3}) \not\subseteq (\bar{0}) = Z_2(Z_6)$ .

6- For every module  $M$  ,  $M \leq_{\text{zes}} M$  ,  $Z_2(M) \leq_{\text{zes}} M$

**2.3 Proposition:** Let  $M$  be an R-module .Then

1- If  $N \leq W \leq M$  and  $N \leq_{\text{zes}} M$ , then  $W \leq_{\text{zes}} M$  .

**proof:** Let  $B \subseteq Z_2(M)$  and  $W \cap B = (0)$ . Since  $N \subseteq W, N \cap B = (0)$  .But  $N \leq_{\text{zes}} M$ , so  $B=0$ . Thus  $W \leq_{\text{zes}} M$ .

2- If  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are Z-essential of an R-module  $M$  , then  $N_1 \cap N_2$  is Z-essential in  $M$ .

**Proof:** Let  $B \subseteq Z_2(M)$  and  $(N_1 \cap N_2) \cap B = (0)$ . Then  $N_1 \cap (N_2 \cap B) = (0)$ . But  $N_2 \cap B \subseteq N_2 \cap Z_2(M) \subseteq Z_2(M)$ , so that  $N_2 \cap B = (0)$ , since  $N_2 \leq_{\text{zes}} M$ . Also  $N_2 \leq_{\text{zes}} M$  ,  $B \subseteq Z_2(M)$ , hence  $B=(0)$

3- Let  $f :M \rightarrow M'$  be an R-homomorphism,  $N \leq_{\text{zes}} M'$ . Then  $f^{-1}(N) \leq_{\text{zes}} M$ .

**Proof:** let  $f^{-1}(N) \cap B=(0)$ ,  $B \subseteq Z_2(M)$ . Then  $f(f^{-1}(N) \cap B) = (0)$  and so  $N \cap f(B)=(0)$  . As  $B \subseteq Z_2(M)$  ,  $f(B) \subseteq f(Z_2(M)) \subseteq Z_2(f(M)) \subseteq Z_2(M')$ . Thus  $f(B) = (0)$ , since  $N \leq_{\text{zes}} M'$  . This implies  $B \subseteq \text{Ker } f = f^{-1}(0) \subseteq f^{-1}(N)$  and so  $B \cap f^{-1}(N) = B$ , that is  $(0) = B$ .

4- Let  $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be a monomorphism ,  $N \leq_{\text{zes}} M$ . Then  $f(N) \leq_{\text{zes}} f(M_1)$ .

**Proof:** Assume  $f(N) \cap B=(0)$ ,  $B \subseteq Z_2(f(M_1)) \subseteq Z_2(M_2)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(f(N) \cap B) = f^{-1}(0) = (0)$ . This implies  $f^{-1} f(N) \cap f^{-1}(B) = (0)$ . But  $f^{-1} f(N) = N$ , since  $f$  is monomorphism , Hence  $N \cap f^{-1}(B) = (0)$ , but we can show that  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq Z_2(M_1)$  as follows :-

Let  $x \in f^{-1}(B)$ , then  $f(x) \in B \subseteq Z_2(M_2)$ . Hence  $\text{ann}_R f(x) \leq_{\text{tes}} R$ . But  $\text{ann}_R f(x) \subseteq \text{ann}_R(x)$  since  $f$  is 1-1 and hence  $\text{ann}(x) \leq_{\text{tes}} R$  which implies that  $x \in Z_2(M_1)$ . Therefore  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq Z_2(M_1)$ . This implies  $f^{-1}(B) = (0)$  since  $N \leq_{\text{zes}} M_1$ . Then  $(0) = f f^{-1}(B) = B \cap f(M_1) = B$ . Thus  $f(N) \leq_{\text{zes}} f(M_1)$ .

5- If “  $A \leq B \leq M'$  , then  $A \leq_{\text{zes}} B$  and  $B \leq_{\text{zes}} M$  if and only if  $A \leq_{\text{zes}} M$ .

**Proof :**  $\implies$  Assume  $A \cap K = (0)$  and  $K \subseteq Z_2(M)$ . Then  $A \cap (K \cap B) = (0)$ . As  $K \subseteq Z_2(M)$ ,  $K \cap B \subseteq Z_2(M) \cap B = Z_2(B)$ . But  $A \leq_{\text{zes}} B$ . So that  $K \cap B = (0)$ . Also  $B \leq_{\text{zes}} M$ , and  $K \subseteq Z_2(M)$ , so that  $K = (0)$ .

$\impliedby$  To prove  $A \leq_{\text{zes}} B$  and  $B \leq_{\text{zes}} M$ . Assume  $A \cap K = (0)$ ,  $K \subseteq Z_2(B)$ . But  $Z_2(B) \subseteq Z_2(M)$ . So that  $A \cap K = (0)$ ,  $K \subseteq Z_2(M)$ , hence  $K=0$ , since  $A \leq_{\text{zes}} M$ . Now let  $B \cap W = (0)$  and  $W \subseteq Z_2(M)$ . Then  $A \cap W = (0)$  since  $A \subseteq B$  .But  $A \leq_{\text{zes}} B$ , so  $W = (0)$ .

The following is a characterization of Z-essential submodules.

**2.4 Proposition:** Let  $N$  be a submodule of an  $R$ - module  $M$ . Then  $N \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{Z}{\text{zes}}} M$  if and only if for each  $U \subseteq Z_2(M)$ ,  $U \neq 0$ ,  $N \cap U \neq 0$ .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$  It is clear.

$\Leftarrow$  Let  $U \subseteq Z_2(M)$  and  $N \cap U = 0$ . Suppose  $U \neq 0$  then  $N \cap U \neq 0$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $U = 0$  and  $N \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{Z}{\text{zes}}} M$ .

**2.5 Corollary:** Let  $N \subseteq M$ ,  $N \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{Z}{\text{zes}}} M$  if and only if for each  $x \in Z_2(M)$ ,  $x \neq 0$ ,  $\exists r \in R - \{0\}$  such that  $0 \neq xr \in N$ .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$  By Proposition 2.4,  $N \cap (x) \neq (0)$ , Hence there exists  $0 \neq r \in R$  such that  $0 \neq xr \in N$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Let  $0 \neq U \subseteq Z_2(M)$ . Then for each  $0 \neq x \in U$ ,  $\exists r \in R - \{0\}$  such that  $0 \neq xr \in N$ , so that  $xr \in N \cap U$ . Therefore  $N \cap U \neq 0$  for each  $0 \neq U \subseteq Z_2(M)$ . Therefore  $N \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{Z}{\text{zes}}} M$  by Proposition 2.4 .

**2.6 Definition:** A monomorphism  $f: M \rightarrow M'$  is called Z-essential monomorphism if  $\text{Im } f \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{Z}{\text{zes}}} M'$ .

**2.7 Proposition :** An  $R$ - module monomorphism “ $f: L \rightarrow M$ ” is Z-essential if and only if for each homomorphism  $h: M \rightarrow N$  such that  $\text{Ker } h \subseteq Z_2(M)$ ,  $h \circ f$  is monomorphism implies  $h$  is monomorphism.

**proof:**  $\Rightarrow$  Since  $f: L \rightarrow M$  is Z-essential,  $\text{Im } f \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{Z}{\text{zes}}} M$ . As  $h \circ f$  is monomorphism,  $0 = \text{Ker } (h \circ f) = f^{-1}(\text{Ker } h)$ . So  $\text{Ker } h \cap \text{Im } f = 0$  (because if  $x \in \text{ker } h \cap \text{Im } f$ , then  $h(x) = 0$ ,  $x = f(\ell)$  for some  $\ell \in L$ . So  $(h \circ f)(\ell) = 0$ , and hence  $\ell = 0$  and  $x = 0$ ). But  $\text{Im } f \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{Z}{\text{zes}}} M$  and  $\text{Ker } h \subseteq Z_2(M)$ , so that  $\text{Ker } h = 0$ . Thus  $h$  is monomorphism.

$\Leftarrow$  Assume  $K$  is monomorphism. To prove  $\text{Im } f \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{Z}{\text{zes}}} M$ . Let  $\text{Im } f \cap K = 0$ ,  $K \subseteq Z_2(M)$ . Consider  $L \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{\pi} M/K$ , where  $\pi$  is the natural epimorphism. Hence  $\pi \circ f$  is monomorphism. To see this Let  $x \in \text{ker } (\pi \circ f)$ ,  $(\pi \circ f)(x) = 0_{M/K}$ , hence  $f(x) \in K$ ; that is  $f(x) \in \text{Im } f \cap K = 0$ . Thus  $f(x) = 0$  and  $x \in \text{Ker } f = \{0\}$ . Then “ $\text{Ker } (\pi \circ f) = 0$ ”; that is  $\pi \circ f$  is monomorphism. Hence by assumption,  $\pi$  is monomorphism and as  $\text{Ker } \pi = K$ , so that  $K = 0$ .

**2.8 Proposition:** Let  $f: K \rightarrow L$  be a monomorphism  $g: L \rightarrow M$  be a monomorphism. Then  $f, g$  are Z-essential monomorphism if and only if  $g \circ f$  is Z-essential monomorphism.

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$  Let  $(g \circ f)(K) \cap U = 0$ ,  $U \subseteq Z_2(M)$ . To prove  $U = (0)$ ,  $g^{-1}((g \circ f)(K) \cap U) = g^{-1}(0) = \text{Ker } g = \{0\}$ .

This implies  $f(K) \cap g^{-1}(U) = (0)$ .

We claim that  $g^{-1}(U) \subseteq Z_2(L)$ . Assume  $x \in g^{-1}(U)$ , hence  $x \in L$  and  $g(x) \in U \subseteq Z_2(M)$ , so that  $\text{ann } g(x) \subseteq_{\text{tes}} R$ . But  $\text{ann } (x) \supseteq \text{ann } g(x)$ , since  $g$  is 1-1. Hence  $\text{ann } (x) \subseteq_{\text{tes}} R$ ; that is  $x \in Z_2(L)$ . Thus  $g^{-1}(U) \subseteq Z_2(L)$ , and so  $f(K) \cap g^{-1}(U) = 0$ ,  $g^{-1}(U) \subseteq Z_2(L)$  which implies  $g^{-1}(U) = 0$ , since  $f(K) \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{Z}{\text{zes}}} L$ .

It follows that  $g g^{-1}(U) = g(0) = 0$ . But  $g g^{-1}(U) = U \cap \text{Im } g$ . Hence  $U = 0$ , since  $\text{Im } g \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{Z}{\text{zes}}} M$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $f(K) \cap B = (0)$ ,  $B \subseteq Z_2(L)$ . To prove  $B = (0)$ . Then  $(g \circ f)(K) \cap g(B) = (0)$ , But  $g(B) \subseteq g(Z_2(L)) \subseteq Z_2(g(L)) \subseteq Z_2(M)$ . Hence  $g(B) = (0)$ . Since  $(g \circ f)(K) \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{Z}{\text{zes}}} M$ .

It follows that  $B = (0)$  since  $g$  is 1-1. Thus  $f(K) \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{Z}{\text{zes}}} L$ .

Now since  $(g \circ f)(K) \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{Z}{\text{zes}}} M$  and  $(g \circ f)(K) = g(f(K)) \subseteq g(L) \subseteq M$ . Hence  $g(L) \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{Z}{\text{zes}}} M$ .

Recall that an  $R$  - module  $M$  is called a multiplication  $R$ -module if for any  $N \leq M$ , there exists an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $N = MI$ . Equivalently  $M$  is a generation  $R$ -module if for each  $N \leq M$ ,  $N = M(N :_R M)$ , where  $(N :_R M) = \{ r \in R : Mr \subseteq N \}$  [16].

**2.9 Proposition:** Let  $M$  be a faithful finitely generated multiplication  $R$ -module, let  $N \leq M$ . Then  $N \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{zes}{\leq}} M$  if and only if  $(N :_R M) \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{zes}{\leq}} R$ .

**proof:**  $\Rightarrow$  Assume  $(N:M) \cap I = (0)$ ,  $I \subseteq Z_2(R)$ . Then  $M[(N:M) \cap I] = M(0) = (0)$  Hence by [2, Th.1.6],  $M[(N:M) \cap I] = M(N:M) \cap MI = (0)$ , that is  $N \cap MI = (0)$ . But  $MI \subseteq MZ_2(R) = Z_2(M)$ . Hence  $MI = (0)$ , since  $N \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{zes}{\leq}} M$ . So that  $I \subseteq \text{ann } M = (0)$ , thus  $I = (0)$  and  $(N:M) \leq R$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Assume  $N \cap W = (0)$ ,  $W \subseteq Z_2(M)$ . Then  $(N \cap W : M) = (0 : M) = \text{ann } M = (0)$ , so  $(N:M) \cap (W:M) = (0)$ . But  $W \subseteq Z_2(M)$ , hence  $M(W:M) = W \subseteq Z_2(M) = MZ_2(R)$ .

As  $M$  is a faithful finitely generated multiplication  $R$ -module, then by [2, Th 3.1],  $(W:M) \subseteq Z_2(R)$ . Hence  $(N:M) \cap (W:M) = (0)$ ,  $(W:M) \subseteq Z_2(R)$  and  $(N:M) \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{zes}{\leq}} R$ , so that  $(W:M) = (0)$ . It follows that  $W = M(W:M) = M(0) = (0)$ .

**2.10 Proposition:** Let  $M$  be a finitely generated faithful multiplication  $R$  - module, let  $I \leq R$ . Then  $I \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{zes}{\leq}} R$  if and only if  $MI \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{zes}{\leq}} M$ .

**proof:**  $\Rightarrow$  Let  $MI \cap W = (0)$  and  $W \subseteq Z_2(M)$ . Since  $M$  is a multiplication  $R$  module,  $W = MJ$  for some  $J \leq R$ . But  $W = MJ \subseteq Z_2(M) = MZ_2(R)$ , So that  $J \subseteq Z_2(R)$ .

Now  $MI \cap W = MI \cap MJ = (0)$  and so “  $M(I \cap J) = 0$  “ ; that is  $I \cap J \subseteq \text{ann } M = (0)$ . Thus  $J = (0)$  and  $W = MJ = (0)$ .

$\Leftarrow$  The proof is similarly.

**2.11 Corollary:** Let  $M$  be a finitely generated faithful multiplication  $R$ -module,  $N = MI \leq M$ . Then  $N \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{zes}{\leq}} M$  if and only if  $I \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{zes}{\leq}} R$ .

**2.12 Proposition:** Let  $M$  be a finitely generated faithful multiplication  $R$ -module. and  $I, J$  ideals of  $R$ . Then  $I \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{zes}{\leq}} J$  if and only if  $MI \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{zes}{\leq}} MJ$ .

**Measure:**  $\Rightarrow$  Assume  $MI \cap W = 0$ ,  $W \subseteq MJ$  and  $W \subseteq Z_2(MJ)$ . Since  $W \leq M$ ,  $W = MK$  for some  $K \leq R$ . Hence  $MK \subseteq MJ$  and so  $K \subseteq J$  by [2,Th.3.1].

Also  $Z_2(MJ) = Z_2(M) \cap MJ$ . But  $Z_2(M) = MZ_2(R)$ , since  $M$  is a finitely generated faithful multiplication  $R$ -module. Hence  $Z_2(MJ) = MJ \cap MZ_2(R)$ . Also by [2; Th.2.1]  $Z_2(MJ) = M(J \cap Z_2(R)) = MZ_2(J)$ .

Now  $MI \cap MK = 0$  implies  $M(I \cap K) = 0$  and so  $I \cap K \subseteq \text{ann } M = (0)$ , that is  $I \cap K = (0)$ . As  $W \subseteq Z_2(MJ)$ ,  $MK \subseteq MZ_2(J)$  and since  $M$  is a finitely generated faithful multiplication  $R$ -module,  $K \subseteq Z_2(J)$ . Thus  $I \cap K = (0)$  and  $K \subseteq Z_2(J)$ , so  $K = (0)$ . It follow that  $W = MK = (0)$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Assume  $I \cap K = (0)$ ,  $K \subseteq Z_2(J)$ . To prove  $K = (0)$ , since  $I \cap K = 0$ , then  $M(I \cap K) = 0$  and so  $MI \cap MK = (0)$  and  $MK \subseteq MZ_2(J)$ . But  $Z_2(MJ) = MJ \cap Z_2(M) = MJ \cap MZ_2(R) = M(J \cap Z_2(R)) = MZ_2(J)$ . Thus  $MI \cap MK = 0$  and  $MK \subseteq Z_2(MJ)$ , so that  $MK = (0)$ , since  $MI \leq MJ$ . It follows that  $K \subseteq \text{ann } M = (0)$ . That is  $K = 0$ .

**2.13 Theorem:** If  $\{K_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  and  $\{L_\lambda \subseteq Z_2(M) : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be families of submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . If  $\{K_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is an independent family of submodules of  $M$  and  $K_\lambda \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{zes}{\leq}} L_\lambda$  for all  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , then  $\{L_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  also independent family and  $\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} K_\lambda \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{zes}{\leq}} \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} L_\lambda$

**Proof:** If  $K_1 \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{zes}{\leq}} L_1$  and  $K_2 \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{zes}{\leq}} L_2$  are submodules of  $M$  with  $K_1 \cap K_2 = (0)$ , then  $K_1 \cap K_2 = (0) \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{zes}{\leq}} L_1 \cap L_2$ , since  $Z_2(L_1 \cap L_2) = (0)$  by Remarks 2.2(3). But  $Z_2(L_1 \cap L_2) = Z_2(M) \cap (L_1 \cap L_2)$  and  $Z_2(M) \stackrel{\subseteq}{\underset{zes}{\leq}} M$  (Remarks 2.2 (6)), so  $L_1 \cap L_2 = 0$

Let  $\rho_1: L_1 \oplus L_2 \rightarrow L_1$  and  $\rho_2: L_1 \oplus L_2 \rightarrow L_2$ , where  $\rho_1, \rho_2$  are natural projections. We obtain  $\rho_1^{-1}(K_1) = K_1 \oplus L_2 \leq_{ZES} L_1 \oplus L_2$ ,  $\rho_2^{-1}(K_2) = L_1 \oplus K_2 \leq_{ZES} L_2 \oplus L_1$  and then  $K_1 \oplus K_2 = (K_1 \oplus L_2) \cap (L_1 \oplus K_2) \leq_{ZES} (L_1 \oplus L_2)$  by Proposition 2.3(2).

Thus the assertion of the theorem for families with two elements is shown, and by induction, we get it for families with finitely many elements for arbitrary index set  $\Lambda$ , a family  $\{L_\lambda \subseteq Z_2(M) : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is independent if every finite subfamily is independent and thus what we have just proved.

For any  $m \in \bigoplus_{\lambda \in E} L_\lambda$  for some finite subset,  $E \subseteq \Lambda$  and since  $\bigoplus_{\lambda \in E} k_\lambda \leq_{ZES} \bigoplus_{\lambda \in E} L_\lambda$ , then by Proposition 2.4  $mR \cap \bigoplus_{\lambda \in E} k_\lambda \neq 0$ . But  $mR \cap \bigoplus_{\lambda \in E} k_\lambda \subseteq mR \cap \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} k_\lambda$ . So  $mR \cap \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} k_\lambda \neq 0$ .

Hence the intersection of a nonzero submodule of  $\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} L_\lambda$  with  $\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} k_\lambda$  is again nonzero. Thus  $\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} k_\lambda \leq_{ZES} \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} L_\lambda$ .

**2.14 Remark:** If  $\{k_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  and  $\{L_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  are families of  $R$ -modules with  $k_\lambda \leq_{ZES} L_\lambda$  for all  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , then we have the external direct sum  $\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} k_\lambda \leq_{ZES} \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} L_\lambda$ .

### 3-Z-singular submodules:

**3.1 Definition:** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. The set  $\{m \in M : \text{ann}(m) \leq_{ZES} R\}$  is denoted by  $ZS(M)$ .

It is easy to check  $ZS(M)$  is a submodule of  $M$ . This submodule is called  $Z$ -singular submodule of  $M$ . It is clear that  $Z(M) \subseteq ZS(M)$ .

**3.2 Proposition:** For any  $R$ -module  $M$ . Then  $ZS(M) = \{m \in M : mI = (0) \text{ for any } I \leq_{ZES} R\}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $K = \{m \in M : mI = (0) \text{ for some } I \leq_{ZES} R\}$ . Assume  $m \in ZS(M)$ , so that  $\text{ann}(m) \leq_{ZES} R$  and so  $m \text{ann}(m) = 0$ ; that is  $mI = (0)$ , where  $I = \text{ann}(m) \leq_{ZES} R$ . Thus  $m \in K$ . Conversely, if  $m \in K$ , then  $mI = 0$  for some  $I \leq_{ZES} R$ , hence  $I \leq \text{ann}(m)$  and so  $\text{ann}(m) \leq_{ZES} R$ . Thus  $m \in ZS(K)$ .

**3.2 Proposition:** Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be any  $R$ -homomorphism then  $f(ZS(M)) \subseteq ZS(N)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $y \in f(ZS(M))$  Then  $y = f(x)$  for some,  $x \in ZS(M)$

Hence  $\text{ann}(x) \leq_{ZES} R$ . But  $\text{ann} f(x) \supseteq \text{ann}(x)$ , so  $\text{ann} f(x) \leq_{ZES} R$  and this implies  $y = f(x) \in ZS(N)$ .

**3.3 Proposition:** For  $N \leq M$ ,  $ZS(N) = ZS(M) \cap N$ .

**Proof:** It is clear that  $ZS(N) \supseteq ZS(M) \cap N$ . For any  $m \in ZS(N)$ ,  $m \in N$  and  $\text{ann}(m) \leq_{ZES} R$ , so that  $m \in ZS(M) \cap N$ .

**3.4 Definition:** An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called to be  $Z$ -singular (respectively  $Z$ -nonsingular) module if  $ZS(M) = M$  (resp.  $ZS(M) = (0)$ ).

In particular,  $\forall n \in Z_+, M = Z_n$  as  $Z$ -module.  $Z_n = Z(M) = ZS(M)$ .

For the  $Z$ -module  $Z$ ,  $Z(Z) = (0)$ , but for each  $N \leq Z$ ,  $\text{ann}(N) = (0) \leq_{ZES} Z$ ; ie  $ZS(Z) = Z$ .

**3.5 Remarks:** Let  $N$  be a submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . Then

1.  $M$  is  $Z$ -singular, implies  $N$  is  $Z$ -singular.
2.  $M$  is  $Z$ -nonsingular, implies  $N$  is  $Z$ -nonsingular.
3. Any simple faithful module is  $Z$ -singular.

**Proof:** (1) and (2) are easy.

(3) Since any simple module  $M$  is either nonsingular or singular. If  $M$  is singular, then  $Z(M) = M$ , and since  $Z(M) \subseteq ZS(M)$  we get  $ZS(M) = M$ , Thus  $M$  is  $Z$ -singular. If  $Z(M) = 0$ , then  $Z_2(M) = 0$ . As  $MZ_2(R) \subseteq Z_2(M)$ , so  $MZ_2(R) = (0)$ . This implies  $Z_2(R) = 0$ , since  $M$  is faithful. Thus every ideal of  $R$  is  $Z$ -essential by Rem. and Exs. 2.2(2), hence for each  $m \in M$ ,  $\text{ann}(m) \leq_{ZES} R$ . It follows that  $ZS(M) = M$ .

**3.6 Proposition:** An R-module M is Z-nonsingular if and only if  $\text{Hom}(A, M) = 0$  for all Z-singular module.

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$  If M is Z-nonsingular, then  $ZS(M) = (0)$ . Let A be Z-singular module, that is  $ZS(A) = A$ . Let  $f : A \rightarrow M$  be an R-homomorphism. Then  $f(ZS(A)) \subseteq ZS(M)$  and hence  $f(A) \subseteq 0$ . Thus  $f = 0$ .

$\Leftarrow$  To Prove M is Z-nonsingular. Since  $ZS(ZS(M)) = ZS(M) \cap M = ZS(M)$ , Thus  $ZS(ZS(M)) = ZS(M)$ , that is  $ZS(M)$  is a Z-singular module. Hence  $\text{Hom}(ZS(M), M) = 0$ . But  $ZS(M) \leq M$ , so the inclusion mapping  $i \in \text{Hom}(ZS(M), M) = 0$ . This implies  $i = 0$  and  $ZS(M) = 0$  and so M is Z-nonsingular.

**3.7 Proposition:** A module M is Z-singular if and only if there exists a short exact sequence  $(0) \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} M \rightarrow 0$  such that f is an essential monomorphism.

**Proof :**

$\Rightarrow$  Assume M is Z-singular. Choose an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{inc} B \xrightarrow{g} M \rightarrow 0$  with  $A \subseteq B$  and B is a free module. Let  $\{b_\alpha\}$  be a basis of B, then for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ,  $g(b_\alpha)I_\alpha = 0$  for some Z-essential ideal, since M is Z-singular. Hence  $g(b_\alpha I_\alpha) = 0$ , that is  $b_\alpha I_\alpha \subseteq \ker g, \forall \alpha \in \Lambda$ . But  $\ker g = \text{Im}(i) = A$ , so  $b_\alpha I_\alpha \leq A, \forall \alpha \in \Lambda$ . Since  $I_\alpha \leq_{zes} R$ , we get  $b_\alpha I_\alpha \leq_{zes} b_\alpha R, \forall \alpha \in \Lambda$ . Hence  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (b_\alpha I_\alpha) \leq_{zes} \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} b_\alpha R = B$  by Theorem 2.13. But  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (b_\alpha I_\alpha) \subseteq A \subseteq B$ , so that  $A \leq_{zes} B$  (by transitivity of Z-essential submodules). Thus the inclusion mapping  $i : A \rightarrow B$  is Z-essential monomorphism.

$\Leftarrow$  Suppose we have exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} M \rightarrow 0$  such that f is monomorphism. Given  $b \in B$ , define  $k : R \rightarrow B$  by  $k(r) = br, \forall r \in R$ . Since  $f(A) \leq B$ , we get  $k^{-1}f(A) \leq_{zes} R$  by Proposition 2.2 (3). But  $k^{-1}f(A) = \{r \in R : k(r) \in f(A)\} = \{r \in R : br \in f(A)\}$ . Put  $I = k^{-1}(f(A))$  so  $I \leq_{zes} R$  and  $bI \leq f(A) = \ker g$ . Hence  $g(bI) = g(b)I = 0$ . It follows that  $g(b) \in ZS(M)$ . But g is an epimorphism, so for each  $m \in M, \exists b \in R$  with  $g(b) = m$ , so that  $ZS(M) = M$ ; that is M is Z-singular.

**3.8 Corollary:** If  $A \leq_{zes} M$ , where M is an R-module. Then  $\frac{M}{A}$  is Z-singular.

**Proof:** Consider the sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} B \xrightarrow{\pi} \frac{M}{A} \rightarrow 0$  where I is the inclusion mapping and  $\pi$  is the natural epimorphism. Since i is monomorphism and  $i(A) = A \leq_{zes} M$ , i is Z-essential monomorphism. Hence by Proposition 3.7,  $\frac{M}{A}$  is Z-singular.

**3.9 Remarks:**

(1) The following example shows that the converse of corollary 3.8 is not true in general.

The Z-module  $Z_2$ , if  $A = (0)$ , then  $A \not\leq_{zes} Z_2$  but  $\frac{Z_2}{A} \simeq Z_2$  (as Z-module) is singular, so  $\frac{Z_2}{A}$  is Z-singular.

(2) Let I be an ideal of a commutative ring with identity R. Then  $I \leq_{zes} R$  if and only if  $\frac{R}{I}$  is Z-singular.

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$  It follows by corollary 3.8.

$\Leftarrow$  Since  $R/I$  is Z-singular,  $ZS(R/I) = R/I$ . Hence  $1+I \in ZS(R/I)$  and so  $\text{ann}(1+I) \leq_{zes} R$ . But  $\text{ann}(1+I) = \{r \in R : (1+I)r = I\} = \{r \in R : r \in I\} = I \leq_{zes} R$ .

**3.10 Proposition:** Let  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0$  be a short exact sequence. If A and C are Z-nonsingular. Then B is Z-nonsingular.

**Proof:** Let  $m \in ZS(B)$ . Then  $\text{ann}(m) \leq_{zes} R$ . Since the sequence exact,  $\text{Im}f = \ker g$ , also g is an epimorphism which implies  $\frac{B}{\ker g} \cong C$  which is Z-nonsingular. Hence  $\frac{B}{\ker g}$  is Z-nonsingular.

But  $\text{ann}(m) \subseteq \text{ann}(m + f(A))$ , so  $\text{ann}(m + f(A)) \stackrel{\leq}{\text{zes}} R$ ; that is  $m + f(A) \in \text{ZS}(\frac{M}{f(A)}) = 0$ , It is clear that  $m \in f(A)$ . Thus  $m \in \text{ZS}(B) \cap f(A) = \text{ZS}(f(A))$ . But  $f(A)$  is  $Z$ -nonsingular since  $f(A) \cong A$  which is  $Z$ -nonsingular, it follows that  $m = 0$  and  $\text{ZS}(B) = 0$ .

**3.11 Corollary:** If  $N$  and  $\frac{M}{N}$  are  $Z$ -nonsingular, then  $M$  is  $Z$ -nonsingular.

**Proof:** The sequence  $0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{i} M \xrightarrow{\pi} \frac{M}{N} \rightarrow 0$ , where  $i$  is the inclusion mapping and  $\pi$  is the natural projection, is a short exact sequence. Hence by Proposition 3.10,  $M$  is  $Z$ -nonsingular.

**3.12 Proposition:** Let  $\{M_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  be a family of  $R$ -modules and  $M = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha$ . Then  $\text{ZS}(M) = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (\text{ZS}(M_\alpha))$ .

**Proof:**  $\forall \alpha \in \Lambda, M_\alpha \subseteq M$ , so  $\text{ZS}(M_\alpha) \subseteq \text{ZS}(M)$ ; that is  $\text{ZS}(M_\alpha) \subseteq \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha$ . Thus  $\text{ZS}(M_\alpha) \subseteq \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha \dots (1)$

Let  $\sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} x_\alpha \in \text{ZS}(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha)$ , where  $x_\alpha \in M_\alpha, \forall \alpha \in \Lambda$  and  $x_\alpha = 0$  for all except a finite number of  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . Hence  $\text{ann}(\sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} x_\alpha) \stackrel{\leq}{\text{zes}} R$  and  $\text{ann}(x_\alpha) \stackrel{\leq}{\text{zes}} R$ ; that is  $x_\alpha \in \text{ZS}(M_\alpha)$  and  $\sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} x_\alpha \in \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \text{ZS}(M_\alpha)$ . Thus  $\text{ZS}(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha) \subseteq \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \text{ZS}(M_\alpha) \dots (2)$

Then by (1) and (2),  $\text{ZS}(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha) = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (\text{ZS}(M_\alpha))$ .

**3.13 Theorem:** The class of  $Z$ -singular  $R$ -modules is closed under (1) submodules (2) factor modules (3) direct sum.

**Proof:**  $M$  is  $Z$ -singular, so  $\text{ZS}(M) = M$

1- For any  $A \leq M$ . Since  $\text{ZS}(A) = \text{ZS}(M) \cap A = M \cap A = A$ .

2- Let  $A \leq M$ , Let  $\pi : M \rightarrow M/A$  be the natural epimorphism  $\pi(\text{ZS}(M)) \subseteq \text{ZS}(\frac{M}{A})$ , hence  $\pi(M) = \frac{M}{A} \subseteq \text{ZS}(\frac{M}{A})$ . Thus  $\frac{M}{A} = \text{ZS}(\frac{M}{A})$ .

3- If  $\{M_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  be a family of  $Z$ -singular modules By Proposition 3.12,  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (\text{ZS}(M_\alpha)) = \text{ZS}(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha)$ . Hence  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (M_\alpha) = \text{ZS}(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha)$ ; ie  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha$  is  $Z$ -singular.

**3.14 Theorem:** The class of  $Z$ -nonsingular  $R$ -modules is closed under (1) submodules, (2) essential extension (3) direct product (4) module extension.

**Proof:** (1) and (2) are easy

3- Let  $\{C_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  be a collection of  $Z$ -nonsingular  $R$ -modules. Let  $A$  be  $Z$ -singular  $R$ -module, hence  $\text{Hom}(A, C_\alpha) = 0, \forall \alpha \in \Lambda$ . It follows that  $\text{Hom}(A, \prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} C_\alpha) = 0$ , and so  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} C_\alpha$  is  $Z$ -nonsingular.

4- Suppose that  $0 \rightarrow C \rightarrow B \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence with  $A$  and  $C$  are  $Z$ -nonsingular. Then by Proposition 3.10,  $B$  is  $Z$ -nonsingular.

**4- Z - Closed submodule:**

Recall that a submodule  $A$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called closed ( $A \stackrel{\leq}{\text{c}} M$ ) if whenever  $B \leq M$  such that  $A \stackrel{\leq}{\text{ess}} B$ , then  $A = B$ ; ie  $A$  has no proper essential extension in  $M$  [3]. In this section, we introduce ( $Z$ -closed submodule) as a generalization of closed submodule.

**4.1 Definition:** A submodule  $C$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $Z$ -closed (briefly  $C \stackrel{\leq}{\text{zc}} M$ ) if whenever  $C \stackrel{\leq}{\text{zes}} W$  and where  $C \leq M$  implies  $C = W$ ; ie  $C \stackrel{\leq}{\text{zc}} M$  if  $C$  has no proper  $Z$ -essential extension in  $M$ .

**4.2 Proposition:** For each  $A \leq M$ , there exists  $B \supseteq A$  such that  $A \stackrel{\leq}{\text{zes}} B$  and  $B$  is  $Z$ -closed.

**Proof:** Let  $T = \{K \leq M : A \stackrel{\leq}{\text{zes}} K\}$ .  $T \neq \emptyset$  since  $A \in T$ . By Zorn's Lemma,  $T$  has a maximal element expressed  $K_0$ , We claim that  $K_0$  is  $Z$ -closed. Suppose  $\exists K' \leq M$  such that  $K_0 \stackrel{\leq}{\text{zes}} K'$ . As  $A \leq K_0$ ; so  $A \stackrel{\leq}{\text{zes}} K'$  and this implies  $K' \in T$  which is a contradiction, since  $K_0$  is a maximal element of  $T$ . Thus  $K_0$  is  $Z$ -closed.



**4.3 Remarks:**

- 1- It is clear that every Z-closed submodule of an R-module M is closed.
- 2- A closed submodule need not be Z-closed submodule, as for example: In  $Z_6$  as  $Z_6$ -module since  $Z_2(Z_6) = 0$ , every submodule of  $Z_6$  is Z-essential, hence  $N = (\bar{3})$  is not Z-closed submodule of  $Z_6$ . But N is closed. Also by the same example: a direct summand of a module may not be Z-closed.
- 3- If  $Z_2(M) = M$ , then a submodule A of M is closed if and only if it is Z-closed.

**4.4 Proposition:** Let  $A \leq M, K \leq M$ . if  $A \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} M$ , then  $\frac{A}{K} \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} \frac{M}{K}$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $\frac{A}{K} \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} \frac{W}{K}$  for some  $\frac{W}{K} \leq \frac{M}{K}$ . Then by Proposition 2.3 (3).  $A \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} W$ . Hence  $A = W$ , since  $A \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} M$ . Thus  $\frac{A}{K} = \frac{W}{K}$ .

**4.5 Proposition:** Let  $B \leq K \leq M$ , if  $B \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} M, K \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} M$  then  $\frac{K}{B} \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} \frac{M}{B}$ .

**Proof:** Assume  $\frac{C}{B} \leq \frac{M}{B}, \frac{C}{B} \leq Z_2(\frac{M}{B})$  and  $\frac{K}{B} \cap \frac{C}{B} = 0$ . Hence  $K \cap C = B$ . Since  $K \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} M$  and  $C \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} C$ , so  $B = (K \cap C) \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} (M \cap C) = C$ . But  $B \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} M$ , so  $B = C$ . Thus  $\frac{C}{B} = 0$  and  $\frac{K}{B} \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} \frac{M}{B}$ .

**4.6 Proposition:** If  $A \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} M$  and  $A \leq B \leq M$ , then  $A \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} B$ .

**Proof:** It is easy, so is omitted.

The converse of Proposition 4.6 may not be true in general for example:

Let M be the Z-module  $Z_{12}, A = \{\bar{0}, \bar{6}\}, B = \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}, \dots, \bar{10}\}$ . Then  $A \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} B$ , but  $A \not\stackrel{\leq}{z_c} M$ . However we have the following:

**4.7 Proposition :** Let A and B be submodules of a module M. Then the following assertions are equivalent .

- (1)  $B \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} M$ ,
- (2) for each submodule C of M such that  $B \leq C$ , then  $B \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} C$ .

**Proof:** (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) It is clear.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Follows by Prop.4.6.

**4.8 Proposition :** Let  $N \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} M$  and  $K \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} M$ . Then  $N \cap K \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} K$ . Provided  $Z_2(A+B) = Z_2(A) + Z_2(B)$  for each  $A, B \leq M$ .

**Proof:** To Prove  $N \cap K \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} K$ . Suppose  $N \cap K \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} L \leq K$ . So we must prove  $N \cap K = L$ . First we shall prove  $N \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} N + L$ . Let  $x \in Z_2(N+L)$  and  $x \neq 0$ , so  $x \in Z_2(N) + Z_2(L)$  and hence  $x = n + l$  for some  $n \in Z_2(N), l \in Z_2(L)$ .

As  $Z_2(N+L) \subseteq Z_2(M)$ , hence  $x \in Z_2(M)$ . But  $K \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} M$ , so there exists  $r_1 \in R - \{0\}$  such that  $0 \neq xr_1 \in K$ . Thus  $0 \neq (n+l)r_1 \in K$ , so it follows that  $nr_1 = -R + k$  for some  $k \in K$ , and then  $nr_1 \in N \cap K$ . Since  $l \in Z_2(L)$  and  $0 \neq lr_1 \in Z_2(L)$ , there exists  $r_2 \in R - \{0\}$  such that  $0 \neq lr_2 \in N \cap K$ .

This implies  $0 \neq nr_1 + lr_2 \in N \cap K \subseteq K$ , thus  $N \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} N+L$  by corollary 2.5 and hence  $N = N+L$  since  $N \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} M$ .

Now  $N \cap K = (N+L) \cap K = L + (N \cap K)$ , so that  $L \subseteq N \cap K$ . But  $N \cap K \subseteq L$ , hence  $N \cap K = L$  and  $N \cap K \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} K$ .

## 5. Conclusions :

1. Many properties of  $Z$ -essential submodule analogous to that of essential submodules . However we have :

i)  $(0) \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} M$  if and only if  $Z_2(M) = 0$  .

ii)  $Z_2(M) \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} M$  .

iii) For a submodule  $N$  of a module  $M$  ,  $N \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} M$  if and only if for each  $U \subseteq Z_2(M)$  ,  $U \neq 0$  ,  $N \cap U \neq 0$  .

iv) For a submodule  $N$  of a module  $M$  ,  $N \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} M$  if and only if for each  $x \in Z_2(M)$  ,  $x \neq 0$  ,  $\exists r \in R - \{0\}$  such that  $0 \neq xr \in N$ .

2. Many properties of  $Z$  - singular (  $Z$  - non singular) of submodules are analogous to that of  $Z$  - singular (  $Z$  - non singular) of submodules . However we have : Any simple faithful module is  $Z$  - singular .

3. The class of  $Z$  - closed submodules which contained the class of closed submodule . Many properties of closed submodules transfer to  $Z$  - closed submodules ( may be with certain condition ) , for example :

If  $N \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} M$  ,  $K \stackrel{\leq}{z_{es}} M$  ,  $N \cap K \stackrel{\leq}{z_c} N$  , provided  $Z_2(A+B) = Z_2(A) + Z_2(B)$  , for each submodules  $A$  ,  $B$  of  $M$  .

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