



## Strongly Cancellation Modules

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### Abstract

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. We introduce in this paper the concept of strongly cancellation module as a generalization of cancellation modules. We give some characterizations about this concept, and some basic properties. We study the direct sum and the localization of this kind of modules. Also we prove that every module over a PID is strongly module and we prove every locally strong module is strongly module.

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### الخلاصة

ليكن  $M$  مقاسا على  $R$ . في هذا البحث قدمنا المقاسات قوية الحذف كأعمام لمفهوم مقاسات الحذف. اعطينا بعض التشخيصات لهذا المفهوم وبعض الخواص الاساسية. درسنا الجمع المباشر والتنموضع لهذا النوع من المقاسات. وكذلك اعطينا العلاقة بين هذا النوع من المقاسات والمقاسات الحرة. الكلمات المفتاحية: مقاسات الحذف، مقاسات شبيه الحذف التامة، المقاسات قوية الحذف.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module, where  $R$  is a commutative ring with unity. The concept of cancellation ideal was introduced by Gilmer in [1]. Also D.D.Anderson and D.F.Anderson studied this kind of ideals in [2], where an ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is said to be cancellation if for each ideals  $A, B$  of  $R$ ,  $IA = IB$  implies  $A = B$ . A.S.Mijbass in [3] gave a generalization of this concept namely cancellation module (Weakly cancellation modules) where an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called cancellation (Weakly cancellation) module if whenever  $I$  and  $J$  are two ideals of  $R$  such that  $IM = JM$  implies  $I = J$  ( $I + \text{ann}_R M = J + \text{ann}_R M$ ). Inaam ,M.A. Hadi and Alaa,A.Elewi in [4], introduced the concept of fully cancellation module , where an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called fully cancellation module if for each ideal  $I$  of  $R$  and for each submodules  $N, K$  of  $M$  such that  $IN = IK$  implies  $N = K$ . In [4] , Inaam ,M.A. Hadi and Alaa,A.Elewi, introduced the concept of naturally cancellation modules, where an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called naturally cancellation if whenever  $N, K, W$  are submodules of  $M$ ,  $N.W = N.K$  implies  $W = K$ , where  $N.K = (N:M)(K:M)M$ . And  $M$  is called quasi-fully cancellation if for each ideal  $I$  of  $R$  and for each submodules  $N, K$  of  $M$  such that  $IN = IK$  implies  $N + \text{ann}_M I = K + \text{ann}_M I$  [5].

In section two we introduce the concept of strongly cancellation module if for each ideals  $I$  and  $J$  of a ring  $R$  such that  $IN = JN$  then  $I = J$  for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ . Also we give the basic properties of these classes of modules, such as every free module over principle ideals domain is strongly cancellation module.

In section three we give some characterizations of strongly cancellation modules. And in section four we give the trace of this kind of modules.

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**2. Strongly cancellation modules**

An R-module M is called cancellation if whenever I and J are two ideals of R,  $IM = JM$  implies  $I = J$  [5].

Now, we give a new concept.

**Definition 2-1:** An R-module M is called strongly cancellation module if for each ideals I and J of R such that  $IN = JN$  then  $I = J$  for every submodule N of M.

Now, we have the following examples and remarks.

**Examples and Remarks 2-2**

(1) Every strongly cancellation module is cancellation

**Proof** It is clear by taking  $N = M$ .

(2) The converse of (1) is not true since if we take  $M = Q \oplus Z$  as Z-module which is cancellation module [3, Ex.4.8]. But M is not strongly cancellation since if we take  $N = Q \oplus (0), I = (tZ)$  and  $J = (mZ)$  are two ideals of Z, where  $m, t \in Z$  and  $t \neq m$ , then,  $IN = JN = N$ . But  $I \neq J$ . Also, the module  $M = Z_2 \oplus Z$  as Z-module is cancellation module [3, Ex.4.7], but it is not strongly cancellation since if we take  $N = Z_2 \oplus (0), I = 2Z$  and  $J = 4Z$ . Now,  $IN = JN = (\overline{0}) \oplus (0)$ , but  $I \neq J$ , thus M is cancellation module but it is not strongly cancellation module.

(3) It is easy to see that Z as Z-module is cancellation module.

Also, it is strongly cancellation since if we take  $I = (k)$  and  $J = (m)$  are two ideals of Z, where  $k, m \in Z$ . Now, let N be a submodule of Z,  $N = (n)$ , where  $n \in Z$ , and supposes  $IN = JN$ . Thus  $(k)(n) = (m)(n)$  then  $knZ = mnZ$ . Therefore  $kn = ma$ , for some  $a \in Z$ . Also,  $knb = mn$ , for some  $b \in Z$ . Thus  $kn = knba$ , so  $ba = 1$  in this case we have two cases either  $a = b = -1$  or  $a = b = 1$ , if  $a = b = -1$ , then  $nk = mk$  thus  $m = n$ . Also, if  $a = b = 1$  thus  $m = n$ .

(4) Every submodule of a strongly cancellation module is strongly cancellation.

**Proof** Let N be submodule of strongly cancellation module M and let K be a submodule of N. Now, suppose that  $IK = JK$ , where I and J are two ideals of R. But M is strongly cancellation thus  $I = J$ . Thus K is strongly cancellation.

(5) If  $f: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be an epimorphism and  $M_1$  is strongly cancellation module then  $M_2$  is not necessary strongly cancellation module.

For example:  $\pi: Z \rightarrow \frac{Z}{\langle 4 \rangle} \cong Z_4$ , as we know that Z is strongly cancellation, but one can easily

show that  $Z_4$  is not strongly cancellation module.

(6) Let  $f: M \rightarrow N$  be a homomorphism, where N, M are two R-modules. If N is strongly cancellation module then M is strongly cancellation module.

**Proof** Let I, J be two ideals of R and K be a submodule of M. Suppose  $IK = JK$  and then  $f(IK) = f(JK)$ . Thus  $If(K) = Jf(K)$ , but N is strongly cancellation module and  $f(K)$  is a submodule of N, therefore  $I = J$  and hence M is strongly cancellation module.

(7) If  $M_1 \cong M_2$  then  $M_1$  is strongly cancellation R-module iff  $M_2$  is strongly cancellation R-module.

**Proof** Since  $M_1 \cong M_2$ , then there exists an isomorphism  $f: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ . Now, suppose  $IN = JN$ , where I, J are two ideals of R and N is a submodule of  $M_2$ . As f is onto, there exists a submodule K of  $M_1$ , such that  $f(K) = N$  and hence  $If(K) = Jf(K)$ . But f is a homomorphism, thus  $f(IK) = f(JK)$  and since f is one-to-one then  $IK = JK$ . But  $M_1$  is strongly cancellation module, therefore  $I = J$ .

The proof of the converse is similarly.

Before we give another remark, let's remember the definition of  $\text{ann}(M)$  for a module M on a ring R.  $\text{ann}(M) = \{x \in R : xM = 0\}$ . And we say that M is faithful if  $\text{ann}(M) = 0$ .

(8) Every strongly cancellation module is faithful.

**Proof** Since M is strongly cancellation module then M is cancellation module (by (1)) and hence M is faithful by [3], Remark(1-4).

Recall that: An element x in an R-module is called a torsion element if  $rx = 0$ , for some non zero element  $r \in R$  [6].

**Lemma 2-3** Let  $M$  be a module over a ring  $R$  such that every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is generated by non torsion element, then  $M$  is strongly cancellation module.

**Proof** Suppose that  $IN = JN$ , where  $I, J$  are two ideals of  $R$  and  $N=(x)$ , where  $x$  is non torsion element. Thus  $I(x) = J(x)$ , then for every  $a \in I, ax \in J(x)$  hence  $ax = bx$  where  $b \in J$ . This implies  $(a-b)x=0$ , but  $x$  is non torsion element, thus  $a-b=0$ , hence  $a=b$ . Therefore  $I \subseteq J$ . By similar way, one can easily show that  $J \subseteq I$ . Thus  $I = J$ .

An ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is called cancellation ideal if  $AI = BI$  then  $A = B$ , where  $A, B$  are two ideals of  $R$  [1, p.66].

**Lemma 2-4** Let  $M$  be strongly cancellation  $R$ -module and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ . If the submodule  $IM$  is strongly cancellation  $R$ -module, then  $I$  is cancellation ideal.

**Proof** Suppose  $AI = BI$ , where  $A, B$  are two ideals of  $R$ , then  $AIN = BIN$ , for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ . But  $IM$  is strongly cancellation  $R$ -module by hypothesis, so that  $A = B$ . Thus  $I$  is cancellation ideal.

**3. Characterizations for strongly cancellation module**

In this section we give characterizations of strongly cancellation module

**Theorem 3-1** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. The following statements are equivalent:-

1.  $M$  is a strongly cancellation module.
2. If  $IN \subseteq JN$  for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  and  $I, J$  are two ideals of  $R$ , then  $I \subseteq J$ .
3. If  $(x)N \subseteq JN$  then  $x \in J$ , where  $x \in R$  and  $J$  is an ideal of  $R$ .
4.  $(IN_R : N) = I$  for every ideal  $I$  of  $R$  and for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , where  $(IN_R : N) = \{ x \in R : xN \subseteq IN \}$

**Proof (1)⇒(2)** Let  $M$  be strongly cancellation module and suppose  $IN \subseteq JN$ , thus  $JN = IN + JN = (I+J)N$ . But  $M$  is strongly cancellation module, hence  $J = I+J$  and therefore  $I \subseteq J$ .

**(2)⇒(3)** Suppose that  $(x)N \subseteq JN$ , where  $x \in R$ . By (2),  $(x) \subseteq J$  and hence  $x \in J$ .

**(3)⇒(4)** Let  $x \in (IN_R : N)$ , where  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$  and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then  $x.N \subseteq IN$  and hence  $(x)N \subseteq IN$ . By (3)  $x \in I$ , thus  $(IN_R : N) \subseteq I$ .

Now, let  $y \in I$ , hence  $yN \subseteq IN \Rightarrow y \in (IN_R : N)$ , thus  $I \subseteq (IN_R : N)$  and therefore  $(IN_R : N) = I$ .

**(4)⇒(1)** suppose that  $IN = JN$  for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  and for every ideals  $I, J$  of  $R$ , then  $J \subseteq (IN_R : N)$ . By (4)  $(IN_R : N) = I$ , hence  $J \subseteq I$ . Similarly  $I \subseteq J$  and thus  $I = J$ . So  $M$  is strongly cancellation module.

[3, Lemma 1-10] proved that  $M$  is cancellation module if and only if  $(I:J) = (IM:JM)$  for every ideals  $I, J$  of  $R$ .

Now, we will prove the following theorem:

**Theorem 3-2** An  $R$ -module  $M$  is strongly cancellation iff  $(I:J) = (IN:JN)$  for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  and for every ideals  $I, J$  of  $R$ .

**Proof (⇒)** Let  $y \in (I:J)$ , then  $yJ \subseteq I$  and hence  $yJN \subseteq IN$ . Therefore  $y \in (IN_R : JN)$ .

Now, let  $x \in (IN_R : JN)$ , thus  $xJN \subseteq IN$ . Then  $xJ \subseteq I$  by [7, Th.2.5] and hence  $x \in (I:J)$ . Thus  $(IN_R : JN) \subseteq (I:J)$ . Therefore  $(IN_R : JN) = (I:J)$ .

**(⇐)** Now, suppose  $(IN_R : JN) = (I:J)$ , for every ideals  $I, J$  of  $R$  and for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , and  $AN \subseteq BN$  where  $A, B$  are two ideals of  $R$ . Thus  $(BN : AN) = (B:A)$ , then  $A \subseteq B$  and by Th3-1 we have  $M$  is strongly cancellation module.

In [3, Prop 3.1], if  $M$  is a cancellation  $R$ -module, then  $M_p \neq 0$  for each maximal ideal  $P$  of  $R$ . Since every strongly cancellation module is cancellation module, hence  $M_p \neq 0$  for each maximal ideal  $P$  of  $R$ .

An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called locally cancellation module if  $I_p N_p = J_p N_p$  then  $I_p = J_p$ , for every maximal ideal  $p$  of  $R$ , where  $I, J$  are two ideals of  $R$  and  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ , [8].

**Theorem 3-3** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. If  $M$  is locally strongly cancellation module. Then  $M$  is strongly cancellation module.

**Proof** Let  $I$  and  $J$  are two ideals of  $R$  and suppose  $IN = JN$ , where  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ , then  $(IN)_p = (JN)_p$ , for every maximal ideal  $p$  of  $R$ . Thus we get  $I_p N_p = J_p N_p$ , and since the locally cancellation of  $M$  is strongly. Then  $I_p = J_p$  for every maximal ideal  $p$  of  $R$ . And by [7, lemma 3-13], we get  $I = J$ . Thus  $M$  is strongly cancellation module.

Recall that An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called quasi cancellation if  $AM = BM$  then  $A = B$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are finitely generated ideals of  $R$  [8, p.32].

It is clear that every strongly cancellation R-module is a quasi-cancellation, but the converse is not true since [2, p.884] proved that the quasi cancellation ideal is not cancellation and thus by (Examples &Remarks 2.2), we have the quasi cancellation module is not strongly cancellation module.

**\$4. The trace of strongly cancellation module**

If M is strongly cancellation module then the homomorphic image of M is not necessary strongly cancellation (Examples &Remarks 2.2).

We well study the converse of this relation and we will prove that the homomorphic image of a module M in another module is strongly cancellation then M is also strongly cancellation module.

**Theorem 4-1** Let M be a free module over a principle ideals domain. Then M is a strongly module.

**Proof** Let I and J are two ideals of R. Now, suppose that  $IN \subseteq JN$ , where N is a submodule of M, thus N is a free module[submodule of free is free[6]. Let  $\{x_1, x_1, \dots\}$  be a basis for N, then for every  $t \in I$ ,

we have  $tx_1 \in JN$  where  $x_1 \in N$ . Then  $tx_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i x_i$ , then we get  $b_i$  for every  $i \neq 1$ , then  $tx_1 = b_1 x_1$

thus  $t = b_1$  then  $t \in J$  therefore  $I \subseteq J$ . Thus by Th 3.1 M is strongly cancellation module.

Let M be an R- module, where R is an integral domain. The torsion submodule T (M) is define by  $T(M) = \{m \in M : \exists 0 \neq r \in R, rm = 0\}$ . If  $T(M) = M$  then M is said to be torsion module [6, p.142].

**Corollary 4-2** Every finitely generated module M over a principle ideal domain R with  $T(M) \neq M$  is strongly cancellation module.

**Proof:** Since M is finitely generated then  $\frac{M}{T(M)}$  is finitely generated. Thus, by [8, Th 6, p.99]

$\frac{M}{T(M)}$  is a free module and hence  $\frac{M}{T(M)}$  strongly cancellation by [Thm 4.1]. Let

$\pi : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{T(M)}$  be the natural projection map and by [Ex&Rem 2.2(6)] M is strongly cancellation

module.

The following example shows that not every projective module is strongly cancellation.

**Example 4.3** Let  $M = Z_6$  and  $R = Z_6$ . It's clear that  $Z_6$  is a free as  $Z_6$ -module and by [6] every free is projective module. Thus  $Z_6$  as  $Z_6$ -module is projective, but by [3, Ex 1.43] M is not cancellation module. Hence it is not strongly cancellation.

**Theorem 4-4** If M and N are two modules over a ring R and the submodule  $L = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \varphi_\lambda (M)$  of N,

where the summation is taken on any subset of  $\text{Hom}(M,N)$  satisfies the property strongly cancellation, then M is strongly cancellation.

**Proof** Suppose  $IK = JK$  where I,J are two ideals of R and K is a submodule of M. Then  $\varphi_\lambda (IK) = \varphi_\lambda (JK)$  where  $\varphi_\lambda : M \rightarrow N$  is a homomorphism for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ ,

thus  $\sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \varphi_\lambda (IK) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \varphi_\lambda (JK)$ .

But  $\varphi_\lambda (IK) = I\varphi_\lambda (K) = \varphi_\lambda (JK) = J\varphi_\lambda (K)$ . Put  $\sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \varphi_\lambda (K) = L$ , thus  $IL = JL$  but L is a

submodule satisfies the property of strongly cancellation. Thus  $I = J$ . Hence M is strongly cancellation module.

In the module  $M = Z_2 \oplus Z$  as Z- module,  $\text{ann}(Z_2) = 2Z$  and  $\text{ann}(Z) = 0$ , thus  $\text{ann}(Z_2) + \text{ann}(Z) \neq Z$  and we show that in EX. and Re. 2.2 that M is not cancellation. Thus the following shows whatever  $M_1 \oplus M_2$  is strongly module.

**Proposition 4-5** Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be two R-modules such that  $\text{ann } M_1 + \text{ann } M_2 = R$ . Then  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  is strongly cancellation module iff  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are strongly cancellation module.

**Proof** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) It is clear.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $I, J$  be two ideals of  $R$ , let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . As  $R = \text{ann } M_1 + \text{ann } M_2$  then  $N = N_1 \oplus N_2$  for some  $N_1$  is a submodule of  $M_1$ , and  $N_2$  is a submodule of  $M_2$  [9, Prop 4.2]. Assume  $IN = JN$ , then  $I(N_1 \oplus N_2) = J(N_1 \oplus N_2)$ , hence  $IN_1 \oplus JN_2 = JN_1 \oplus JN_2$ . It follows that  $IN_1 = JN_1$  and  $IN_2 = JN_2$ . Since  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are strongly cancellation modules, then  $I = J$ .

**Corollary 4-6** If  $M$  is an  $R$ -module such that  $T_M(R)$  is a cancellation ideal then  $M$  is strongly cancellation. Where  $T_M(R) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \phi_\lambda(M)$  and the summation is taken for all  $\phi_\lambda$  in  $\text{Hom}(M, R)$ .

**Proof** It follows directly by theorem 4.5

An ideal  $A$  of a ring  $R$  is said to be pure if  $A \cup B = AB$  for all ideal  $B$  of  $R$  [10]

**Corollary 4-7** Let  $M$  be a projective  $R$ -module and  $T_M(R)$  contains a nonzero divisor then  $M$  is strongly cancellation and hence  $T_M(R) = R$ .

**Proof** Since  $M$  is projective, then  $T_M(R)$  is pure ideal [11]. Thus by [3, Cro 8.1]  $T_M(R)$  is a strongly cancellation ideal. Hence  $M$  is strongly cancellation (by previous corollary) then by [3, Th.5.1]  $T_M(R) = R$ .

**Corollary 4-8** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module

1. If  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$  and  $M_i$  is strongly cancellation for every  $i \in I$  then  $M$  is strongly cancellation module.
2. If  $M$  contains a submodule  $N$  such that every submodule  $\frac{M}{N}$  is cyclic and  $(N:K) = 0$  for every submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $N \leq K$ , then  $M$  is strongly cancellation module.

**Proof**

1. Let  $\pi : M \rightarrow M_i$  be the natural projection map. Then by [Ex. and Re. 2.2(6)]  $M$  is strongly cancellation.
2. Let  $\frac{K}{N} \subseteq \frac{M}{N}$ . By hypothesis  $\frac{K}{N}$  is cyclic, so  $\exists k + N \in \frac{K}{N}$  such that  $\frac{K}{N} = \langle k + N \rangle$ . Let  $r \in R$  and  $r(k + N) = 0$ , hence  $rk \in N$ . It follows  $rK \subseteq N$ . Thus  $r \in (N:K) = 0$ . It follows that  $k + N$  is a non-torsion element and hence by Lemma 2.3,  $\frac{M}{N}$  is strongly cancellation. Now let  $\pi : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{N}$  be the natural epimorphism, hence by [Ex. and Re. 2.2]  $M$  is strongly cancellation.

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