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# Weakly 2-Prime Sub-Modules

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#### Abstract

Let R be a commutative ring containing a unit, and let M be a left R-module. We define a proper sub-module N of an R-module M to be a weakly 2-prime sub-module if whenever  $0 \neq rm \in N, r \in R, m \in M$ , then either  $m \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N:M]$ . This concept is an expansion of the idea of a weakly 2-prime ideal, where an ideal P of R is said to be a weakly 2-prime ideal if for all  $a, b \in R, 0 \neq ab \in P$  implies  $a^2 \in P$  or  $b^2 \in P$ . Several characteristics of sub-modules that are weakly 2-prime are taken into account.

**Keywords**: prime sub-module, weakly prime sub-module, 2-prime sub-module, weakly 2-prime sub-module, proper sub-module

المقاسات الجزئية الاولية الضعيفة من النمط -2

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الخلاصة

M لتكن R حلقه ابدالية ذا محايد وليكن M مقاسا ايسر على R . تعرف ان مقاسا جزئيا فعليا N في M  
يكون اوليا ضعيفا من النمط 2 اذا كان لكل 
$$m \in R, m \in R, m \in 0$$
 يؤدي الى or  $r^2 \in m \in N$  يؤدي الى  $0 \neq rm \in N, r \in R, m \in M$   
[ $N:M$ ] . في الحقيقة ان هذا المفهوم هو تعميم لمفهوم مثالي اولي ضعيف من النمط –2 , اذ ان مثاليا فعليا  
P في R يسمى اوليا ضعيفا من النمط –2 اذا كان لكل  $a, b \in R, 0 \neq ab \in P$  يؤدي الى  $a^2 \in P$  او  
P في R يسمى اوليا ضعيفا من النمط –2 اذا كان لكل  $b \in R, 0 \neq ab \in R$  و تطيبت.  
 $b^2 \in P$ 

#### **1. Introduction**:

Throughout this paper, R be a commutative ring with identity and M be a unity R-module. A sub-module N of M is called a prime sub-module if every time  $r \in R, m \in M, rm \in N$ , implies  $m \in N$  or  $r \in [N:M]$ , where  $[N:M] = \{r \in R, rM \subseteq N\}$ , see [1] and [2]. The authors in [3] introduced 2-prime sub-module when  $rm \in N, r \in R, m \in M$ , either  $m \in N$ or  $r^2 \in [N:M]$ , then N is a 2-pirme sub-module, where N is a generalization of prime. The term "weakly prime sub-module" was coined in 2007 by S.E. Atani and F. Farzalipour [4] and in 2009 by I. M. A. Hadi [5]. Keep in mind that if whenever  $0 \neq rm \in N, r \in R, m \in M$ , then either  $m \in N$  or  $r \in [N: M]$ , implies N is a weakly prime sub-module of M. Every prime sub-module is also a weak prime sub-module, as should be evident.

In this paper, we introduced the idea of a weakly 2-prime sub-module. A suitable submodule N of an R-module M is weakly 2-prime if and only if for every  $0 \neq rm \in N, r \in R, m \in M$ , then either  $m \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N:M]$ . As a service to the academic community, we provide an R-sub-module M of type R that is weakly 2-prime. Therefore,  $[N_{\overline{R}}:M]$  is a weakly 2-pirme ideal of  $\overline{R}$ , where  $\overline{R} = R \mid annM$ . In 1999, the quasi-prime sub-module was introduced and studied in [6] by Muntaha, anywhere a suitable sub-module if  $r_1r_2 m \in N$ , for  $r_1, r_2 \in R, m \in M$  implies  $r_1 m \in N$  or  $r_2 m \in N$ , then N of M is a quasi-prime sub-module of M. In addition, the idea of a weakly primary sub-module was developed by S.E. Atani and F. Farzalipour in [4]: a proper sub-module N of M is a primary sub-module if whenever  $rm \in N, r \in R, m \in M$ , then either  $m \in N$  or  $r^n \in [N:M]$ . A valid sub-module N of M is a weakly primary sub-module.

### 2. Weakly 2-prime sub-modules

Here we present the idea of a weakly 2-prime sub-module as an extension of a 2-prime submodule, where a valid sub-module N of M is a 2-prime sub-module if whenever  $rm \in N, r \in$  $R, m \in M$ , then either  $m \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N:M]$ , and vice versa (see [3]).

## **Definition 2.1:**

A proper sub-module N of an R-module M is a weakly 2-prime if, whenever,  $0 \neq rm \in N, r \in R, m \in M$ , then either  $m \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N:M]$  holds.

### **Remarks and Examples 2.2:**

1. Every 2-prime sub-module is weakly 2-prime sub-module.

**Proof:** It is clear.

2. The converse of (1) is not always true for example: The zero sub-module of the Z-module  $Z_4$  is weakly 2-prime sub-module (since it is weakly prime sub-module [2]). However, it is a 2-prime sub-module, because  $2.\overline{2} \in (\overline{0}), \overline{2} \notin (0)$  and  $2^2 = 4 \notin [(0): Z_4]$ .

3. Every weakly 2-prime ideal of R is a sub-module that is weakly 2-prime.

4. All weakly prime sub-modules are weakly 2-prime.

### **Proof:**

Let there *N* be a weakly prime submodule of an *R*-module *M*, and let  $0 \neq rm \in N$ , where  $r \in R, m \in M$ . So, either  $m \in N$  or  $r \in [N:M]$ . Thus either  $m \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N:M]$ . Therefore, *N* weakly 2-prime sub-module.

5. The convers of (4) is not always true for example: The sub-module  $N = (\overline{4})$  of the Z-module  $Z_8$  is weakly 2-prime sub-module (since it is 2- prime sub-module). But it is a weakly prime sub-module, since  $2, \overline{2} \in (N)$ , but  $\overline{2} \notin (N)$  and  $2 \notin [N: Z_8]$ .

6. It's not necessary for a weakly 2-prime sub-module to be a quasi-prime, for example: a weakly 2-prime sub-module of the Z-module  $Z_{12}$  it is zero sub-modules. However, is not quasi-prime, because  $(\overline{0}_{:z}\overline{3}) = 4Z$  is not the prime ideal of Z, (using [3]). Also, quasi-prime need not be a weakly 2-prime sub-module, for example, the Z-module  $Z \oplus \overline{Z}$ ,  $N = 2Z \oplus (0)$ , N is a quasi-prime sub-module. But N is not a weakly 2-prime sub-module. Since  $(0,0) \neq 2(3,0) \in N$  and  $(3,0) \notin N$ ,  $2^2 \notin [2Z \oplus (0)_{:z} Z \oplus Z]$ .

7. Every weakly 2-prime sub-module is weakly primary sub-module.

### **Proof:**

If *N* is a sub-module that is weakly 2-prime, and  $0 \neq rm \in N$ , where  $r \in R, m \in M$  are real numbers. As a result, either  $rm \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N:M]$ . As a result, N is a weakly primary sub-module.

In general, the opposite of (7) can not be true, as the following demonstrates: let *M* be the *Z*-module  $Z_6$ ,  $N = (\overline{0})$ . Clearly, N is a weakly primary sub-module, but it is not a weakly 2-prime sub-module due to the fact that  $2.\overline{3} \in (\overline{0})$ , and  $\overline{3} \notin (\overline{0}), 2^2 \notin [N_z Z_6]$ .

### Theorem 2.3:

Let N be a proper sub-module of an R –module M. Then the following statements are equivalent.

1. N is a sub-module that is a weakly 2-prime;

2.  $r^2 \in [N_R: M], r \in R$  if and only if, for each  $c \in M, c \notin N, r^2 \in [N_R: (c)]$ ;

3.  $r^2 \in [N_R: M], r \in R$  if and only if,  $r^2 \in [N_R: K]$ , for any sub-module K of M such that,  $N \subseteq K$ .

#### **Proof:**

 $1 \Longrightarrow )2$  Let  $c \in M/N$ , if  $r^2 \in [N_R: M]$ , then  $r^2 \in [N_R: (c)]$ , therefore,  $0 \neq r(rc) \in N$ . It follows that either  $rc \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N_R: M]$  holds if N is a sub-module that is a weakly 2-prime. Nothing can be done if  $r^2 \in [N_R: M]$ . If  $0 \neq rc \in N$ , where N is a weakly prime sub-module, and  $c \in N$ , then  $r^2 \in [N_R: M]$ , so the result is  $r^2 \in [N_R: M]$ .  $2\Longrightarrow )3$  Clear.

3⇒)1 Let  $0 \neq rm \in N$  and suppose  $m \notin N$ , where  $r \in R, m \in M$ . But K = N + (m), so  $N \subseteq K$ , then  $r^2K = r^2(N + \langle m \rangle) = r^2N + r^2\langle m \rangle \subseteq N$ . Which means,  $r^2 \in [N_R: K]$ . Therefore, N is a weakly 2-prime sub-module of M if and only if (by condition 3)  $r^2 \in [N_R: M]$ .

#### Remark 2.4:

It is generally known that  $[N_R: M]$ , is the prime ideal of an R-module if and only if N is a prime sub-module of M. However, the (weak) a logos of this statement is not always holding true for example: The zero sub-module of the Z-module  $Z_6$  is weakly 2-prime sub-module, but  $(\overline{0}_Z: Z_6) = 6Z$  not weakly 2-prime ideal, since  $2.\overline{3} \in 6Z$ , but  $2^2$  and  $3^2 \notin 6Z$ .

Recall that an *R*-module *M* is called a faithful module if ann(M) = 0, where  $ann(M) = \{r \in R \mid rx = 0, \forall x \in M\}$ , see [7].

The last remark satisfy under certain condition as the following proposition shows:

#### **Proposition 2.5:**

If N is a weakly 2-prime sub-module of a faithful R-module M, then  $[N_R: M]$  is a weakly 2-prime ideal of R.

#### **Proof:**

Let  $a, b \in R$ , if  $0 \neq ab \in [N_R: M]$ , then  $abM \subseteq N$ . Sinec, M is faithful,  $abM \neq 0$  hence  $0 \neq abM \subseteq N$ , so by Theorem (2.3), either  $bM \subseteq N$  or  $a^2 \in [N_R: M]$ , that is either  $a^2 \in [N_R: M]$  or  $b^2 \in [N_R: M]$ . Thus  $[N_R: M]$  is a weakly 2-pirme ideal of R.

#### Remark 2.6:

As the following example shows, the opposite of the statement (2.4) is not always true: The Z-module  $Z \oplus \overline{Z}$ ,  $N = (0) \oplus 2Z$ , then  $[N_R: M] = (0)$ , which is a weakly 2-pirme ideal of R. Since  $(0,0) \neq 2(0,3) \in N$  and  $(0,3) \notin N$ ,  $2^2 \notin [(0) \oplus 2Z_{Z} Z \oplus Z]$ .

## **Proposition 2.7:**

Let N be a sub-module of M over a ring R that is a proper sub-module. If for each  $r \in R$ ,  $[N_R:(r)]$  is a sub-module of M that is weakly 2-prime, then N is a sub-module of M that is weakly 2-prime

## **Proof:**

⇒) If  $0 \neq am \in [N_M: (r)]$ , where  $a \in R, m \in R$ . Then  $0 \neq arm \in N$ . Since N is a submodule of M that is weakly 2-prime, we get either  $mr \in N$  or  $a^2 \in [N_R: M]$ . If  $mr \in N$ , then  $m \in [N_M: (r)]$  and if  $a^2 \in [N_R: M]$ , hence  $a^2Mr \subseteq N$ . So  $a^2Mr \subseteq Nr \subseteq N$ . This implies that  $a^2Mr \subseteq N$ . So  $a^2M \subseteq [[N_R: (r)]_R: M]$ . Thus  $[N_R: (r)]$  is a sub-module of M that is weakly 2-prime, for every  $r \in R$ .

⇐) Let  $0 \neq am \in N$ , where  $a \in R, m \in R$ , so  $0 \neq amr \in Nr \subseteq N$  and thus  $0 \neq amr \in N$ . Therefore  $0 \neq am \in [N_M: (r)]$ . But  $[N_M: (r)]$  is a weakly 2-prime sub-module, we get either  $m \in [N_M: (r)]$  or  $a^2 \in [[N_R: (r)]_R: M]$ . If  $m \in [N_M: (r)]$ , take r = 1. Then

 $m \in N$ . And if  $a^2 \in [[N_R:(r)]_R:M] = [a^2:M]$ . Therefore N is a sub-module of M that is weakly 2-prime.

Using Theorem 2.3, we get the following conclusion:

### **Proposition 2.8:**

N is a weakly 2-prime R-sub-module of M only if and only if N is a weakly 2-prime R/I-sub-module of M, where  $I \subseteq annN$ .

### **Proof:**

⇒) If  $(r + I) \in R/I$  and  $m \in M$  and let  $I \neq (r + I)x \in N$ , so  $I \neq rm + I \in N$ , i.e.  $rm \notin I$ . Thus  $0 \neq rm \in N$ . However, N is a R-sub-module that is weakly 2-prime, therefore,  $m \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N_R:M]$ , must hold  $r^2M \subseteq N$  and hence  $(r^2 + I)M \subseteq N$  (given that  $I \subseteq annN$ ). Therefore,  $(r^2 + I) \in [N_{R/I}:M]$ , i.e. N is a weakly 2-prime R/I-submodule. ⇐) Clear

Correct standard Weakly 2-prime ideal *P* of *R* is an ideal such that for any *a*,*b* in *R*,  $0 \neq ab \in P$  implies  $a^2 \in P$  or  $b^2 \in P$ , [8].

### **Proposition 2.9:**

For every *R*-module *M*, if *N* is a weakly 2-prime *R*-sub-module of M, then  $[N_{\overline{R}}: M]$  is a weakly 2-prime ideal of  $\overline{R}$ , where  $\overline{R} = R/annM$ .

### **Proof:**

Where *N* is a weakly 2-prime *R*-sub-module, this implies that *N* is a weakly 2-prime  $\overline{R}$ -submodule, by Proposition 2.8. However, because R is a faithful, we can prove that  $[N_{\overline{R}}:M]$  is a weakly 2-pirme ideal of  $\overline{R}$  by Proposition 2.5.

Recall that R-module M is a multiplication module if N=IM for any ideal I of R, see [9].

In the class of finitely generated of faithful and multiplication modules, we have the following:

### Theorem 2.10:

Let M be a faithful finitely generated multiplication R-module, and let N be a proper submodule of M. Thus, the following statements are equivalent.

1. *N* is a sub-module of *M* that is a weakly 2-prime;

2. The ideal  $[N_R: M]$  of *R* is a weakly 2-prime ideal;

**3.** For a weakly 2-prime ideal *I* of *R*, *N*=*IM*.

### **Proof:**

1 ⇒)2 By Proposition 2.5. 2⇒)3 As  $N = [N_R: M]M$  where  $[N_R: M]$  is a weakly 2-prime ideal of *R*, this is self-evident.  $3 \Longrightarrow$ )1 By (3) N = IM and *I* is a weakly 2-prime ideal of *R*. Since  $N = [N_R: M]M$ , and  $I = [N_R: M]$ , follows from [9, Theorem 3.1], *M* is a finitely produced faithful multiplication *R*-module. Now, set  $r \in R$  and  $m \in M$  such that  $0 \neq rm \in N$ . But  $(m) \leq M$ , so that  $(0) \neq rKM \subseteq N = [N_R: M]M$  and by [9, Theorem 3.1]  $rK \subseteq [N_R: M]$ . Moreover,  $rK \neq (0)$ . But  $[N_R: M] = I$  which is a weakly 2-prime ideal, so either  $r^2 \in [N_R: M]$  or  $K \subseteq [N_R: M]$ , that is either  $r^2 \in [N_R: M]$  or  $(m) = KM \subseteq N$ . This means either  $r^2 \in [N_R: M]$  or  $m \in N$ . As a result, *N* is a sub-module of *M* that is a weakly 2-prime.

### **Proposition 2.11:**

Consider the sub-module N of an R-module M that is a weakly 2-prime then  $[N_R: M]N = 0$  if and only if N is not a 2-prime.

## **Proof:**

Assuming that  $[N_R: M]N \neq 0$ , we shall demonstrate that N is a weakly 2-prime sub-module. Let  $rm \in N$ . Suppose  $rm \neq 0$ , since N is a weakly 2-prime sub-module, so either  $m \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N_R: M]$ . Now, suppose rm = 0, first suppose  $rN \neq 0$ , so there exists  $t \in N$ ,  $0 \neq rt \in N$ . Hence  $0 \neq rt = r(m + t) \in N$ . In other words, either  $m + t \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N_R: M]$ . Hence either  $m \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N_R: M]$ . Now, we can assume that rN = 0 and  $[N_R: M]m = 0$ . Since  $[N_R: M]N \neq 0$ , there exists  $s \in [N_R: M]$  and  $t \in N$  such that  $0 \neq st \in N$ . Then (r + s)(m + t) = rm + sm + rt + st = 0 + 0 + 0 + st. That is

 $0 \neq (r+s)(m+t) = st \in N$ . But N is a weakly 2-prime sub-module, so either  $m+t \in N$  or  $(r+s)^2 \in [N_R:M]$ . Since  $m \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N_R:M]$  then N is a 2-prime sub-module.

### 3. Some properties of weakly 2-prime sub-modules

In this section, we will give some basic results and properties for weakly 2-prime submodules.

### **Proposition 3.1:**

Let  $f: M \to M'$  be an *R*-epimorphism, and *N* is a weakly 2-prime sub-module of *M* containing kerf. Then f(N) is a weakly 2-prime sub-module of M'. **Proof:** 

Let  $0 \neq rm \in f(N)$ , for same  $r \in R, m \in M'$ . Therefore, there is  $x \in N$ , the likes of which  $0 \neq rm = f(x)$ , since f is an R-epimorphism, we can write  $m = f(x_1)$ , for some  $x_1 \in M$ . Thus  $f(rx_1 - x) = 0$  and so  $rx_1 - x \in kerf \subseteq N$ , we have  $0 \neq rx_1 \in N$ . If  $x_1 \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N_R: M]$ , then  $m = f(x_1) \in f(N)$  or  $r^2 \in [f(N)_R: M']$ , because N is a sub-module of M that is weakly 2-prime. Therefore, f(N) is a sub-module of M' that is weakly 2-prime.

# **Proposition 3.2:**

Let  $f: M \to M'$  be an *R*-monomorphism, and let N' be a submodule of M' that is weakly 2-prime. Then  $f^{-1}(N')$  is a sub-module of M that is weakly 2-prime. **Proof:** 

Let  $0 \neq rm \in f^{-1}(N')$ , for some  $r \in R, m \in M$ . Therefore, there is  $x \in N$ , such that  $0 \neq rm = f(x)$ , since f is an R-monomorphism, then  $0 \neq f(rx_1 - x) \subseteq N'$  for some  $x_1 \in M$ . Thus  $0 \neq f(r)f(x_1 - x) \in N'$ . Since N' is a submodule of M' that is weakly 2-prime, we get either  $f(x_1 - x) \in N'$  or  $f(r)^2 \in [N'_R:M']$  and thus yields  $m = x_1 - x \in f^{-1}(N')$  or  $r^2 \in [f^{-1}(N')_R:M]$ . Accordingly,  $f^{-1}(N')$  is a sub-module of M that is weakly 2-prime. **Proposition 3.3:** 

If N is a submodule of M that is weakly 2-prime and contains another submodule of M, K, then N/K is a sub-module of M/K that is weakly 2-prime.

# **Proof:**

Consider the epimorphism  $\pi: M \to M/K$ , which is define as  $\pi(m) = m + K$ , for

every  $m \in M$ . Also, keep in mind that  $Ker\pi = K \subseteq N$ . By Proposition 3.1 N/K is a submodule of M/K that is a weakly 2-prime.

## **Proposition 3.4:**

Let  $K \subseteq N$  be two are sub-modules of M. If N/K is a sub-module of M/K that is weakly 2-prime and K is a 2-prime sub-module of M. Then N is a 2-prime sub-module of M. **Proof:** 

Let  $rm \in N$  for some  $r \in R, m \in M$ . If  $rm \in K$ , it follows that  $m \in K$  or  $r^2 \in [K_R: M]$ . Since K is a sub-module of M with 2-prime. Now let's say that  $rm \notin K$ , this implies that  $0_{M/K} \neq (r + K)(m + K) \in N/K$ . As N/K is a sub-module of M/K that is a weakly 2-prime, we get either  $(m + K) \in N/K$  or  $(r + K)^2 = r^2 + K \in [N/K_R: M/K]$ , which implies that  $m \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N_R: M]$ . As a result, N is a sub-module of M which is a 2-prime.

## **Proposition 3.5:**

Let  $K \subseteq N$  be two are sub-modules of M. If N/K is a sub-module of M/K that is a weakly 2-prime, and K is a sub-module of M that is a weakly 2-prime. Then N is a sub-module of M which is a weakly 2-prime.

### **Proof:**

It is similar to Proposition 3.4.

### **Proposition 3.6:**

Let *N* be a sub-module of *M* that is a weakly 2-prime, and let *M*'be a subring of *M* with  $M' \subseteq N$ . Then  $N \cap M'$  is a sub-module of M' that is a weakly 2-prime.

### **Proof:**

Consider the monomorphism  $i: M' \to M$ , defined as i(m) = m, for any  $m \in M'$ . Since N is a submodule of M that is a weakly 2-prime, by Proposition 3.2  $i(N) = N \cap M'$  is a sub-module of M' that is weakly 2-prime.

### **Proposition 3.7:**

Let *M* be an *R*-module. A sub-module *N* of *M* is a weakly 2-prime if and only if  $[N_R: I]$  is a weakly 2-prime, for every ideal *I* of *R*.

### **Proof:**

Let  $0 \neq rm \in [N_M: I]$ , where  $r \in R, m \in M$  and *I* be any ideal of *R*. Then  $0 \neq arm \in N$ , for all  $a \in I$ . However, as *N* is a weakly 2-prime sub-module of *M*, we get  $am \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N_R: M]$ . Therefore, either  $m \in [N_R: I]$  or  $r^2M \subseteq N$ . But  $N \subseteq [N_R: I]$  and hence  $r^2M \subseteq [N_R: I]$ . It is follows that  $r^2 \in [[N_R: I]_R: M]$ . And hence for any ideal *I* of *R*,  $[N_R: I]$  is a weakly 2-prime sub-module.

### **Proposition 3.8:**

Let N be a weakly 2-prime R-sub-module of M, and S be a multiplicative subset of R with  $[N_R: M] \cap S = \emptyset$ . Then  $N_s$  is a weakly 2-prime  $R_s$ -sub-module of  $M_s$ .

### **Proof:**

Let  $0 \neq \frac{a}{b} \frac{m}{c} \in N_S$ , where  $\frac{a}{b} \in R_S$ ,  $\frac{m}{c} \in M_S$ . Hence  $0 \neq \frac{am}{bc} \in N_S$  and so there exists  $y \in N \in$  and  $d \in S$  such that  $\frac{am}{bc} = \frac{y}{d}$  and suggests the presence of  $t \in S$  so tadm = tbcy. On the other hand,  $\frac{am}{bc} \neq \frac{0}{1} = 0_S$ , which implies that  $fam \neq 0$  for all  $f \in S$ . Hence  $0 \neq tadm \in N$ . Nonetheless, N is an R-sub-module of M that is a weakly 2-prime, we get either  $tdm \in N$  or

 $a^2 \in [N_R: M]$  and hence either  $\frac{tdm}{tdc} \in N_S$  or  $\frac{a^2}{b^2} \in [N_R: M]_S$ . Because  $[N_R: M]_S \subseteq [N_{S_{R_S}}: M_S]$ , we have either  $\frac{m}{c} \in N_S$  or  $\frac{a^2}{b^2} \in [N_{S_{R_S}}: M_S]$ . As a result,  $N_s$  is a  $R_s$ -submodule of  $M_s$  that is a weakly 2-prime.

## Theorem 3.9:

Let us assume that *A* and *B* are two different modules, and that *N* is a valid sub-module of *M*. Then,  $W = N \bigoplus B$  is a sub-module of  $M = A \bigoplus B$  that is weakly 2-prime if and only if *N* is a sub-module of *A* that is weakly 2-prime, and for  $r \in R, m \in A$  with  $rm = 0, m \notin N, r^2 \notin [N_R:A]$ .

## **Proof:**

⇒) Let  $m \in A, r \in R$ , such that  $0 \neq rm \in N$ . Then,  $(0,0) \neq r(m,0) \in W$ . However, W is a sub-module that is weakly 2-prime. We get either  $(m,0) \in W$  or  $r^2 \in [W_R:M]$ . Thus either  $m \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N_R:M]$ , so that N is a sub-module that is weakly 2-prime. Now if  $r \in R, m \in A$  such that  $rm = 0, m \notin N, r^2 \notin [N_R:A]$ . Assume that  $r \notin annB$ , so there exists  $a \in B$  such that  $ra \neq 0$ . Thus  $r(m, a) = (rm, ra) = (0, ra) \neq (0, 0)$ . Hence  $(0,0) \neq r(m,a) \in N \oplus B$  =W. Since W is a sub-module weakly 2-prime, we get either  $(m,a) \in N \oplus B$  or  $r^2 \in [N \oplus B_R: A \oplus B]$ . Thus either  $m \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N_R:A]$ . Which is a contradiction with hypothesis.

⇒) Let  $r \in R$ ,  $(m, a) \in M$ . Assume  $(0,0) \neq r(m, a) \in N \oplus B$ , so if  $rm \neq 0$ . Thus either  $m \in N$  or  $r^2 \in [N_R:A]$ , since N is a 2-prime sub-module, it is weakly, we obtain either  $(m, a) \in N \oplus B$  or  $r^2 \in [N \oplus B_R: A \oplus B]$ . If rm = 0. Suppose that  $m \notin N$ ,  $r^2 \notin [N_R:A]$ , then by hypothesis  $r \in annB$  and so r(m, a) = (0,0). That is an apparent contradiction. Thus either  $m \in N$ ,  $r^2 \in [N_R:A]$  and hence either  $(m, a) \in N \oplus B$  or  $r^2 \in [N \oplus B_R: A \oplus B]$ . Therefore,  $W = N \oplus B$  is a sub-module of  $M = A \oplus B$  that is weakly 2-prime

### Theorem 3.10:

Let us assume that *A* and *B* are two different modules, and that *N* is a valid sub-module of *M*. Then,  $W = N \bigoplus B$  is a sub-module of  $M = A \bigoplus B$  that is weakly 2-prime if and only if *N* is a sub-module of *A* that is weakly 2-prime.

### **Corollary 3.11:**

Let A, B be are two modules. If (0) is a sub-module of A with 2-prime, then (0)  $\oplus$  B is a sub-module of  $M = A \oplus B$  that is weakly 2-prime.

### **Proof:**

Let  $r \in R$ , and  $(a, b) \in A \oplus B$ , such that If  $(0,0) \neq (a, b) \in (0) \oplus B$ , then ra = 0 and  $rb \in B$ . Since (0) is a 2-prime sub-module of *A*, then either a = 0 or  $r^2 \in annA$ .

Thus either  $(a, b) = (0, b) \in (0) \oplus B$  or  $r^2 \in [(0) \oplus B_R : A \oplus B]$ . Therefore  $(0) \oplus B$  is a sub-module of  $M = A \oplus B$  that is weakly 2-prime.

### **Proposition 3.12:**

Let *A* and *B* be two different modules and let  $N = U \bigoplus W$  be a weakly 2-prime sub-module in  $M = A \bigoplus B$ , then U, W are sub-modules of *A* and *B* that are weakly 2-prime.

### **Proof:**

The proof is a straight forward, so it is omitted.

In general, the opposite of claim (3.12) is not true, as the following example shows: In the Z-modale 0, 2Z (0) are weakly 2-prime in Z-module Z (since there are weakly 2-prime in Z-

module *Z* and by commenting and illustrating (2.2.1), but (0)  $\oplus 2Z$  is not weakly 2-pirme submodule in the *Z*-module  $Z \oplus Z$ , since  $(0,0) \neq 2(1,0) \in (0) \oplus 2Z$ , but  $(1,0) \notin (0) \oplus 2Z$ and  $2^2 \in [(0) \oplus 2Z_R : Z \oplus Z] = (0)$ .

As a generalization of Cohen theorem, the following was given in [10].

Let M be a finitely generated R-module, then M is noetherian if every prime sub-module is finitely generated.

The following holds because every weakly prime is a sub-module of a weakly 2-prime.

### **Proposition 3.13:**

Let M be a finitely generated, then M is a noetherian if every weakly 2-prime is finitely generated.

### Remark 3.14:

The requirement that *M* is a finitely generated, cannot be omitted from the previous Proposition 3.13, as the following example shows: In the *Z*-module  $Z_{P\infty}$  is not finitely generated, also it is not noetherian. The zero sub-module which is clearly finitely generated is the only weakly 2-prime sub-module of  $Z_{P\infty}$ ,  $G = \langle \frac{1}{pi} + Z \rangle$  for some  $i \in Z_+$  and  $0 \neq (\frac{1}{pi+1} + Z) \in G$ , but  $p \in [G: Z_{P\infty}] = 0$ , so  $p^2 \notin [G: Z_{P\infty}]$ ,  $\frac{1}{pi+1} + Z \notin G$ , that is *G* is not weakly 2-prime sub-module.

In the following three results, we will assume that  $R = R_1 \times R_2$  and  $M = M_1 \times M_2$  be the *R*-module

### **Proposition 3.15:**

If N is a proper  $R_1$ -sub-module of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  is an  $R_2$ -module, the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. *N* is a 2-pirme  $R_1$ -sub-module of  $M_1$ ;
- 2.  $N \times M_2$  is a 2-prime R-sub-module of  $M = M_1 \times M_2$ .
- 3.  $N \times M_2$  is a weakly 2-prime R-sub-module of  $M = M_1 \times M_2$

### **Proof:**

 $1 \Longrightarrow )2$  Let  $(r_1, r_2) \in R$ ,  $(m_1, m_2) \in M_1 \times M_2$  such that  $(r_1, r_2)(m_1, m_2) \in N \times M_2$ , then  $r_1m_1 \in N$  and  $r_2m_2 \in M_2$ . But  $r_1m_1 \in N$  and N is what's known as a 2-prime R-submodule, so either  $m_1 \in N$  or  $r_1^2 \in [N_R: M_1]$ . Hence either  $(m_1, m_2) \in N \times M_2$  or  $(r_1^2, r_2)(1, r_2) \in [N \times M_2: M_1 \times M_2], (r_1^2, r_2^2) \in [N \times M_2: M_1 \times M_2]$ . Thus  $N \times M_2$ constitutes a 2-prime R-sub-module of the module M.  $2 \Longrightarrow )3$  It is clear.

 $3 \Longrightarrow 1$  To show that *N* is a 2-pirme  $R_1$ -sub-module of  $M_1$ . Let  $r \in R_1$ ,  $m \in M_1$  such that  $rm \in N$ . Thus for each  $w \in M_2$ ,  $a \ne 0$ ,  $(0,0) \ne (r,1)(m,w) \in N \times M_2$ . However,  $N \times M_2$  is a *R*-sub-module of *M* that is a weakly 2-prime, so either  $(r^2, 1) \in [N \times M_{2_R}: M_1 \times M_2]$  or  $(m, w) \in N \times M_2$  and therefore either  $r^2 \in [N_R: M_1]$  or  $m \in N$ , that is *N* is a 2-prime  $R_1$ -sub-module of  $M_1$ .

To a similar extent, we have

### **Proposition 3.16:**

If N is a proper  $R_2$ -sub-module of  $M_2$ , the following statements are similar.

- 1. *N* is a 2-pirme  $R_2$ -sub-module of  $M_2$ .
- 2.  $M_1 \times N$  is a 2-prime R-sub-module of  $M = M_1 \times M_2$ .
- 3.  $M_1 \times N$  is a weakly 2-prime R-sub-module of  $M = M_1 \times M_2$ .

#### **Proposition 3.17:**

Let  $M_1, M_2$  represent the  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ -modules respectively. If  $N = N_1 \times N_2$  is a weakly 2-prime R-sub-module of  $M = M_1 \times M_2$ , then either N = 0 or N is a 2-prime R-sub-module **Proof:** 

Assume  $N \neq 0$ , so either  $N_1 \neq 0$  or  $N_2 \neq 0$ . Suppose that  $N_2 \neq 0$ , hence there exists  $a \in N_2, a \neq 0$ . Let  $r \in [N_{1_{R_1}}: M_1]$  and let  $m \in M_1$ , then  $(0,0) \neq (r,1)(m,a) = (rm,a) \in N_1 \times N_2 = N$ . Since N is a weakly 2-prime R-sub-module of M, we get either  $(m,a) \in N$  or  $(r^2, 1) \in [N_1 \times N_2: M_1 \times M_2]$ . Hence if  $(m, a) \in N$ , then  $m \in N_1$  and so  $M_1 = N_1$ . Which implies that  $N = M_1 \times N_2$ . If  $(r^2, 1) \in [N_1 \times N_2: M_1 \times M_2]$ , then  $M_2 = N_2$ . Which implies that  $N = N_1 \times M_2$ . Hence by propodition (3.15), (3.16), N is a 2-prime R-sub-module of M.

#### **Conclusions:**

In this work, a generalization of a 2-prime sub-module has been introduced which is called a weakly 2-prime sub-module. We also show that if every sub-module of an R-module M is 2-prime sub-module, then M is called a weakly 2-prime sub-module. Moreover, many results and properties of this concept are given and discussed.

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