

φ -2-Absorbing Submodule

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Abstract. Let R be a commutative ring with identity and M be a unitary R -module. A proper submodule N of M is 2-absorbing if $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in R, m \in M$ with $r_1r_2r_3m \in M$ implies $r_1r_2m \in N$ or $r_1r_3m \in N$ or $r_2r_3m \in N$. Let $\varphi : S(M) \rightarrow S(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$ be a function where $S(M)$ is the set of all submodules of M . We call a proper submodule N of M a φ -2-absorbing submodule if $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in R, m \in M$ with $r_1r_2r_3m \in N - \varphi(N)$ implies that $r_1r_2m \in N$ or $r_1r_3m \in N$ or $r_2r_3m \in N$. We want to extend 2-absorbing ideals to φ -2-absorbing submodules and we show that φ -2-absorbing submodules enjoy analogs of many of the properties of 2-absorbing ideals.

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1. Introduction

Throughout this paper R will be a commutative ring and M a unitary R -module. A 2-absorbing submodule N of M is a proper submodule with the property that for $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in R, m \in M, r_1r_2r_3m \in N$ implies $r_1r_2m \in N$ or $r_1r_3m \in N$ or $r_2r_3m \in N$. We can restrict this definition to where $r_1r_2r_3m$ lies. A proper submodule N of M is said to be weakly 2-absorbing submodule if for $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in R, m \in M$ with $r_1r_2r_3m \in N - \{0\}$, either $r_1r_2m \in N$ or $r_1r_3m \in N$ or $r_2r_3m \in N$.

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Definition 1.1. ([3]) A 2-absorbing ideal I of R is a proper ideal with the property that for $a, b, c \in R$, $abc \in I$ implies that $ab \in I$ or $bc \in I$ or $ac \in I$.

Definition 1.2. A proper ideal I of R is weakly 2-absorbing, if $a, b, c \in R$ with $abc \in I - \{0\}$, implies that $ab \in I$ or $ac \in I$ or $bc \in I$.

Remark 1.3. It is clear that if N is a 2-absorbing submodule of R -module M , then $(N : M)$ is a 2-absorbing ideal of R . Suppose that N is a weakly 2-absorbing submodule which is not 2-absorbing. Note that the ideal $(N : M)$ is not a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R generally. For example let M denote the cyclic Z -module $\frac{Z}{27Z}$ and $N = \{0\}$. So, N is a weakly 2-absorbing submodule of M , but $(N : M) = 27Z$ is not a weakly 2-absorbing ideal of R .

Definition 1.4. A proper submodule N of a multiplication R -module M is said almost 2-absorbing submodule if for $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in R$, $m \in M$ with $r_1r_2r_3m \in N - N^2$, either $r_1r_2m \in N$ or $r_1r_3m \in N$ or $r_2r_3m \in N$. with weakly 2-absorbing submodules and almost 2-absorbing submodules in mind, we make the following definition.

let R be a commutative ring, M a unitary R -module and and $\varphi : S(M) \longrightarrow S(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$ be a function , where $S(M)$ is the set of all submodules of M . A proper submodule N of M is said to be φ -2-absorbing if for $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in R$, $m \in M$ with $r_1r_2r_3m \in N - \varphi(N)$ implies either $r_1r_3m \in N$ or $r_1r_2m \in N$ or $r_2r_3m \in N$. We next give a rather general condition for a ϕ -2-absorbing submodule to be 2-absorbing.[theorem 2.12.]. Also we show that, if S is a multiplicatively closed subset of R and N is a ϕ -2-absorbing submodule, then N_S is ϕ_S -2-absorbing submodule.

2. Main Results

In this section we extend the concept of 2-absorbing submodule and we shall show the extend 2-absorbing submodule enjoy analog many of the properties 2-absorbing submodules.

Definition 2.1. An R -module M is called a multiplication module pro-

vided that for every submodule N of M there exists an ideal I of R such that $N = IM$.

Definition 2.2. ([1]) Let M be a multiplication R -module and $N_1 = I_1M$, $N_2 = I_2M$. Then we define the product of N_1 and N_2 by $N_1N_2 = I_1I_2M$.

Lemma 2.3. The product of two submodules in a multiplication module is well-defined and it is a submodule of M .

Proof: See [5], Lemma 1.3. \square

Note 2.4. If M is a multiplication R -module and $N = IM$, then $N = IM = (N : M)M$.

Lemma 2.5. Let M be a faithful multiplication R -module and $\{I_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ be a non-empty collection of ideals of R for $\lambda \in \Lambda$. If $I_\lambda \supset \text{ann}(M)$ for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$, then $\cap(I_\lambda M) = (\cap I_\lambda)M$.

Proof: See [4], Corollary 1.7, P.759. \square

Definition 2.6. Let R be a commutative ring, M a unitary R -module, and $\varphi : S(M) \longrightarrow S(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$ be a function, where $S(M)$ is the set of all submodules of M . A proper submodule N of M is said to be φ -2-absorbing if for $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in R$, $m \in M$ with $r_1r_2r_3m \in N - \varphi(N)$ implies either $r_1r_3m \in N$ or $r_1r_2m \in N$ or $r_2r_3m \in N$.

Note 2.7. Since $N - \varphi(N) = N - (N \cap \varphi(N))$, without loss of generality in one can assume that $\varphi(N) \subseteq N$.

Definition 2.8. Let M be an R -module and $S(M)$ is the set of all submodules of M . For two functions $\psi_1, \psi_2 : S(M) \longrightarrow S(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$ We define $\psi_1 \leq \psi_2$, if $\psi_1(N) \subseteq \psi_2(N)$ for all $N \in S(M)$.

Definition 2.9. Let R be a commutative ring and M be a multiplication R -module. Define the following functions $\varphi_\alpha : S(M) \longrightarrow S(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$

and the corresponding φ_α -2-absorbing submodules:

φ_\emptyset	$\varphi(N) = \emptyset$	2-absorbing submodule
φ_0	$\varphi(N) = 0$	weakly 2-absorbing submodule
φ_2	$\varphi(N) = N^2$	almost 2-absorbing submodule
φ_n	$\varphi(N) = N^n$	n -almost 2-absorbing submodule
φ_ω	$\varphi(N) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} N^n$	ω -2-absorbing submodule
φ_1	$\varphi(N) = N$	any submodule

Observe that $\varphi_\emptyset \leq \varphi_0 \leq \varphi_\omega \leq \cdots \leq \varphi_{n+1} \leq \varphi_n \leq \cdots \leq \varphi_2 \leq \varphi_1$.

Lemma 2.10. *Every 2-absorbing submodule is a φ -2-absorbing submodule.*

Proof: It is clear by definition 2.9. \square

Theorem 2.11. *Let M be a multiplication R -module and N be a proper submodule of M .*

(1) *Suppose $\psi_1, \psi_2 : S(M) \rightarrow S(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$ are functions with $\psi_1 \leq \psi_2$. Then N is ψ_2 -2-absorbing if N is ψ_1 -2-absorbing.*

(2) *N , 2-absorbing $\implies N$ weakly 2-absorbing $\implies N$, ω -2-absorbing $\implies N$, $(n+1)$ -2-absorbing $\implies N$, n -almost 2-absorbing ($n \geq 2$).*

(3) *N is ω -2-absorbing if and only if N is n -almost 2-absorbing for all $n \geq 2$.*

Proof: Assume that N is ψ_1 -2-absorbing. Let $r_1 r_2 r_3 m \in N - \psi_2(N)$ for $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in R$, and $m \in M$. Then, $r_1 r_2 r_3 m \in N - \psi_1(N)$. Since N is ψ_1 -2-absorbing, $r_1 r_2 m \in N$ or $r_1 r_3 m \in N$ or $r_2 r_3 m \in N$. Hence N is ψ_2 -2-absorbing.

(2) and (3) are clear by definition. \square

Theorem 2.12. *Let R be a commutative ring, M be a multiplication R -module, $\varphi : S(M) \rightarrow S(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$ be a function, and N be a φ -2-absorbing submodule of M such that $(N : M)^3 N \not\subseteq \varphi(N)$. Then N is a 2-absorbing submodule.*

Proof: Let $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in R$, $x \in M$ and $a_1 a_2 a_3 x \in N$. If $a_1 a_2 a_3 x \notin \varphi(N)$, then we have $a_1 a_2 x \in N$ or $a_2 a_3 x \in N$ or $a_1 a_3 x \in N$ since

N is φ -2-absorbing. So assume that $a_1a_2a_3x \in \varphi(N)$. First, suppose that $a_1a_2a_3N \not\subseteq \varphi(N)$; say $a_1a_2a_3n \notin \varphi(N)$ where $n \in N$. Then $a_1a_2a_3(x+n) \in N - \varphi(N)$. So $a_1a_2(x+n) \in N$ or $a_2a_3(x+n) \in N$ or $a_1a_3(x+n) \in N$. Hence $a_1a_2x \in N$ or $a_2a_3x \in N$ or $a_1a_3x \in N$. So we can assume that $a_1a_2a_3N \subseteq \varphi(N)$. We can also assume that $(N : M)^3x \subseteq \varphi(N)$. If this is not true, then there exist $u, v, w \in (N : M)$ such that $uvw x \notin \varphi(N)$. So $(a_1 + u)(a_2 + v)(a_3 + w)x \in N - \varphi(N)$. Since N is a φ -2-absorbing submodule we have $a_1a_2x \in N$ or $a_1a_3x \in N$ or $a_2a_3x \in N$. Now there exist $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in (N : M)$ and $n \in N$ such that $r_1r_2r_3n \notin \varphi(N)$, since $(N : M)^3N \not\subseteq \varphi(N)$. So, $(a_1 + r_1)(a_2 + r_2)(a_3 + r_3)(x+n) \in N - \varphi(N)$. Hence $(a_1 + r_1)(a_2 + r_2)(x+n) \in N$ or $(a_2 + r_2)(a_3 + r_3)(x+n) \in N$ or $(a_1 + r_1)(a_3 + r_3)(x+n) \in N$. Therefore $a_1a_2x \in N$ or $a_2a_3x \in N$ or $a_1a_3x \in N$. \square

Theorem 2.13. *Let R be a commutative ring, M be a multiplication R -module, $\varphi : S(M) \rightarrow S(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$ be a function, and N be a proper submodule of M . If $N = IM$ for some ideal I of R , is a φ -2-absorbing submodule which is not 2-absorbing, then $N^4 \subseteq \varphi(N)$.*

Proof: Since M is a multiplication module, $N = (N : M)M$. Therefore $N^4 = (N : M)^4M = (N : M)^3N \subseteq \varphi(N)$. \square

Corollary 2.14. *Let M be an R -module and N be a φ -2-absorbing submodule of M , where $\varphi \leq \varphi_4$. Then N is ω -2-absorbing.*

Theorem 2.15. *Let $R = R_1 \times R_2$ and each R_i is a commutative ring with identity. Let M_i be an R_i -module and $M = M_1 \times M_2$ with $(r_1, r_2)(m_1, m_2) = (r_1m_1, r_2m_2)$, be an R -module, where $r_i \in R_i$, $m_i \in M_i$. Then we have:*

- (1) *If N_1 is a 2-absorbing submodule of M_1 , then $N_1 \times M_2$ is a 2-absorbing submodule of M .*
- (2) *If N_2 is a 2-absorbing submodule of M_2 , then $M_1 \times N_2$ is a 2-absorbing submodule of M .*

Proof: (1) Suppose that N_1 is a 2-absorbing submodule of M_1 and let $(acem_1, bdfm_2) = (a, b)(c, d)(e, f)(m_1, m_2) \in N_1 \times M_2$, where $(a, b), (c, d), (e, f) \in R_1 \times R_2$, $(m_1, m_2) \in M_1 \times M_2$. Then $acem_1 \in N_1$. Since

N_1 is 2-absorbing, $acm_1 \in N_1$ or $aem_1 \in N_1$ or $cem_1 \in N_1$. Hence $(a, b)(c, d)(m_1, m_2) \in N_1 \times M_2$ or $(a, b)(e, f)(m_1, m_2) \in N_1 \times M_2$ or $(c, d)(e, f)(m_1, m_2) \in N_1 \times M_2$. Hence $N_1 \times M_2$ is 2-absorbing.

(2) It is proved similarly. \square

Theorem 2.16. *Let $R = R_1 \times R_2$ where each R_i is a commutative ring with identity. Let M_i be an R_i -module and $M = M_1 \times M_2$ with $(r_1, r_2)(m_1, m_2) = (r_1m_1, r_2m_2)$, be an R -module, where $r_i \in R_i$, $m_i \in M_i$, $\psi_i : S(M_i) \longrightarrow S(M_i) \cup \{\emptyset\}$ be functions, and $\varphi = \psi_1 \times \psi_2$. Then we have:*

- (1) $N_1 \times N_2$ is a φ -2-absorbing submodule, where N_i is a proper submodule of M_i with $\psi_i(N_i) = N_i$;
- (2) $N_1 \times M_2$ is a φ -2-absorbing submodule of M , where N_1 is a ψ_1 -2-absorbing of M_1 which must be 2-absorbing if $\psi_2(M_2) \neq M_2$.
- (3) $M_1 \times N_2$ is a φ -2-absorbing submodule of M , where N_2 is a ψ_2 -2-absorbing of M_2 which must be 2-absorbing if $\psi_1(M_1) \neq M_1$.

Proof: (1) It is Clear, since $N_1 \times N_2 = \varphi(N_1 \times N_2)$.

(2) If N_1 is 2-absorbing, then $N_1 \times M_2$ is a 2-absorbing and hence φ -2-absorbing. So, suppose that N_1 is ψ_1 -2-absorbing and $\psi_2(M_2) = M_2$. Also Suppose that $(a, b)(c, d)(e, f)$

$(m_1, m_2) \in N_1 \times M_2 - \varphi(N_1 \times M_2)$, where $(a, b), (c, d), (e, f) \in R, (m_1, m_2) \in M$. Then $(a, b)(c, d)(e, f)(m_1, m_2) = (acem_1, bdfm_2) \in N_1 \times M_2 - \psi_1(N_1) \times \psi_2(M_2) = (N_1 - \psi_1(N_1)) \times M_2$. So $acem_1 \in N_1 - \psi_1(N_1)$. Since N_1 is ψ_1 -2-absorbing, $acm_1 \in N_1$ or $aem_1 \in N_1$ or $cem_1 \in N_1$. Hence $(a, b)(c, d)(m_1, m_2) \in N_1 \times M_2$ or $(a, b)(e, f)(m_1, m_2) \in N_1 \times M_2$ or $(c, d)(e, f)(m_1, m_2) \in N_1 \times M_2$. Thus $N_1 \times M_2$ is φ -2-absorbing.

(3) The proof is similar to (2). \square

Theorem 2.17. *Let R be a commutative ring, M be a unitary R -module, $\varphi : S(M) \longrightarrow S(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$ be a function and N be a proper submodule of M . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1) N is φ -2-absorbing;
- (2) For $m \in M$, $r_1, r_2 \in R$, which $r_1r_2m \in M - N$, we have $(N : r_1r_2m) = (N : r_1m) \cup (N : r_2m) \cup (\varphi(N) : r_1r_2m)$;
- (3) For $r_1, r_2 \in R, m \in M$ which $r_1r_2m \in M - N$, we have $(N : r_1r_2m) =$

$(N : r_1m)$ or $(N : r_1r_2m) = (N : r_2m)$ or $(N : r_1r_2m) = (\varphi(N) : r_1r_2m)$;
 (4) For ideals I, J, K of R and submodule D of M , if $IJKD \subseteq N$, $IJKD \not\subseteq \varphi(N)$, then $IJD \subseteq N$ or $IKD \subseteq N$ or $JKD \subseteq N$.

Proof: (1) \Rightarrow (2) Let $x \in (N : r_1r_2m)$, then $xr_1r_2m \in N$. If $xr_1r_2m \notin \varphi(N)$, since N is φ -2-absorbing submodule and $r_1r_2m \notin N$, then $xr_1m \in N$ or $xr_2m \in N$. So $x \in (N : r_1m)$ or $x \in (N : r_2m)$. If $xr_1r_2m \in \varphi(N)$, then $x \in (\varphi(N) : r_1r_2m)$. the other inclusion always holds Since $\varphi(N) \subseteq N$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) If an ideal is a union of two ideals, it is equal to one of them.

(3) \Rightarrow (4) Let I, J, K be ideals of R , and D be a submodule of R -module M with $IJKD \subseteq N$. Suppose that $IJD \not\subseteq N$, $IKD \not\subseteq N$ and $JKD \not\subseteq N$. We show that $IJKD \subseteq \varphi(N)$. For this let $r_1r_2m \in D$ but $r_1r_2m \notin N$, where $r_1r_2 \in IJ$. Since $IJKD \subseteq N$, we have $r_1r_2Km \subseteq N$. Thus $K \subseteq (N : r_1r_2m) = (\varphi(N) : r_1r_2m)$ and so $KIJD \subseteq \varphi(N)$. Let $r_1r_2m \in N$ and choose $r'_1r'_2m' \in D \setminus N$. Then $(r_1r_2m + r'_1r'_2m') \in D \setminus N$. So by the first case, $Kr'_1r'_2m' \subseteq \varphi(N)$ and $K(r_1r_2m + r'_1r'_2m') \subseteq \varphi(N)$. Now for $k \in K$ we have $r_1r_2mk = (r_1r_2m + r'_1r'_2m')k - r'_1r'_2m'k \in \varphi(N)$. Then $IJKD \subseteq \varphi(N)$.

(4) \Rightarrow (1) Let $r_1r_2r_3Rm \in N - \varphi(N)$. Then $\langle r_1 \rangle \langle r_2 \rangle \langle r_3 \rangle Rm \subseteq N$, $\langle r_1 \rangle \langle r_2 \rangle \langle r_3 \rangle Rm \not\subseteq \varphi(N)$. Then $\langle r_1 \rangle \langle r_2 \rangle Rm \subseteq N$ or $\langle r_1 \rangle \langle r_3 \rangle Rm \subseteq N$ or $\langle r_2 \rangle \langle r_3 \rangle Rm \subseteq N$. Then $r_1r_2m \in N$ or $r_1r_3m \in N$ or $r_2r_3m \in N$. \square

Remark 2.18. Let $\varphi : S(M) \longrightarrow S(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$ be a function, and S be a multiplicatively closed subset of R . We define $\varphi_S : S(M_S) \longrightarrow S(M_S) \cup \{\emptyset\}$ by $\varphi_S(N) = (\varphi(N \cap M))_S$. and $\varphi_S(N) = \emptyset$, if $\varphi(N \cap M) = \emptyset$. Note that $\varphi_S(N) \subseteq N$. and $(\varphi_\alpha)_S = \varphi_\alpha$ for $\alpha \in \{\emptyset\} \cup \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$. We show that if $(\varphi(N))_S \subseteq \varphi_S(N_S)$, and N is a φ -2-absorbing submodule, then N_S is φ_S -2-absorbing submodule. We define $\varphi_N : S(M) \longrightarrow S(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$ by $\varphi_N(\frac{K}{N}) = \frac{\varphi(K)+N}{N}$ for $K \supseteq N$. Note that $\varphi_N(\frac{K}{N}) = \emptyset$ if $\varphi(K) = \emptyset$, and $\varphi_N(\frac{K}{N}) \subseteq \frac{K}{N}$.

Theorem 2.19. Let R be a commutative ring and M be a multiplication R -module, and $\varphi : S(M) \longrightarrow S(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$ be a function. Let P be a φ -

2-absorbing submodule of M .

(1) If N is a submodule of R -module M with $N \subseteq P$, then $\frac{P}{N}$ is a φ_N -2-absorbing submodule of $\frac{M}{N}$.

(2) Suppose that S is a multiplicatively closed subset of R with $(\varphi(P))_S \subseteq \varphi_S(P_S)$. Then P_S is a φ_S -2-absorbing submodule of M_S .

Proof: (1) Let $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in R$, $m \in M$. Suppose that $\bar{m} = m + N, r_1 r_2 r_3 m \in \frac{P}{N} - \varphi_N(\frac{P}{N}) = \frac{P}{N} - \frac{\varphi(P)+N}{N}$. Hence $r_1 r_2 r_3 m \in P - (\varphi(P) + N)$. Thus $r_1 r_2 r_3 m \in P - \varphi(P)$. So $r_1 r_2 m \in P$ or $r_1 r_3 m \in P$ or $r_2 r_3 m \in P$. Therefore $(r_1 r_2 m + N) \in \frac{P}{N}$ or $(r_1 r_3 m + N) \in \frac{P}{N}$ or $(r_2 r_3 m + N) \in \frac{P}{N}$. Hence $r_1 r_2 \bar{m} \in P$ or $r_1 r_3 \bar{m} \in P$ or $r_2 r_3 \bar{m} \in P$.

(2) Let $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in S^{-1}R, m \in M$. Suppose that $r_1 r_2 r_3 m \in P_S - \phi_S(P_S)$. Then there exist $s_1, s_2, s_3 \in S, x, y, z \in R$, such that $r_1 = \frac{x}{s_1}, r_2 = \frac{y}{s_2}, r_3 = \frac{z}{s_3}, (\frac{x}{s_1})(\frac{y}{s_2})(\frac{z}{s_3})m \in P_S$. Then $xyzm \in P, xyzm \notin \varphi(P)$. Since P is a φ -2-absorbing submodule, $xym \in P$ or $xzm \in P$ or $yzm \in P$. Hence $r_1 r_2 m \in P_S$ or $r_1 r_3 m \in P_S$ or $r_2 r_3 m \in P_S$. So P_S is φ_S -2-absorbing submodule. \square

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