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THE DUALS OF ANNIHILATOR CONDITIONS FOR MODULES

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ABSTRACT. Let R be a commutative ring with identity and let M be an R-module. The purpose of this paper is to introduce and investigate the submodules of an R-module M which satisfy the dual of Property \mathcal{A} , the dual of strong Property \mathcal{A} , and the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} . Moreover, a submodule N of M which satisfy Property $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$ and Property $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{J}}^{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{N})$ will be introduced and investigated.

1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, R will denote a commutative ring with identity and \mathbb{Z} will denote the ring of integers.

Let M be an R-module. The set of zero divisors of R on M is $Z_R(M) = \{r \in R | rm = 0 \text{ for some nonzero } m \in M\}$ and the set of torsion elements of M with respect to R is $T_R(M) = \{m \in M | rm = 0 \text{ for some } 0 \neq r \in R\}.$

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An R-module M satisfies $Property \mathcal{A}$ (resp., $Property \mathcal{T}$) if for every finitely generated ideal I of R (resp., finitely generated submodule N of M) with $I \subseteq Z_R(M)$ (resp., $N \subseteq T_R(M)$), there exists a nonzero $m \in M$ (resp., $r \in R$) with Im = 0 (resp., rN = 0), or equivalently $(0:_M I) \neq 0$ (resp., $Ann_R(N) \neq 0$) [2]. An R-module M satisfies $strong \ Property \mathcal{A}$ (resp., $strong \ Property \mathcal{T}$) if for any $r_1, ..., r_n \in Z_R(M)$ (resp., $m_1, ..., m_n \in T_R(M)$), there exists a non-zero $m \in M$ (resp., $r \in R$) with $r_1m = \cdots = r_nm = 0$ (resp., $rm_1 = \cdots = rm_n = 0$) [2]. An R-module M satisfies $proper \ strong \ Property \mathcal{A}$ if for any proper finitely generated ideal $I = \langle a_1, a_2, ..., a_n \rangle$ of R such that $a_i \in Z_R(M)$ we have $(0:_M I) \neq 0$ [1]. The class of modules satisfies proper strong Property \mathcal{A} lying properly between the class of modules satisfies strong Property \mathcal{A} and Property \mathcal{A} [1, Corollary 2.12].

Let M be an R-module. The subset $W_R(M)$ of R (that is the dual notion of $Z_R(M)$) is defined by $\{r \in R | rM \neq M\}$ [19]. A non-zero submodule N of M is said to be secondal if $W_R(N)$ is an ideal of R. In this case, $W_R(N)$ is a prime ideal of R [6].

Recently, the annihilator conditions on modules over commutative rings have attracted the attention of several researchers. A brief history of this can be found in [2, 1]. The purpose of this paper is to introduce and study the dual of Property \mathcal{A} , the dual of strong Property \mathcal{A} , and the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} for modules over a commutative ring. Also, for a submodule N of an R-module M we introduce and investigate the Properties $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$ and $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{J}}^{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{N})$. Some of the results in this article are dual of the results for Property \mathcal{A} , strong Property \mathcal{A} , and proper strong Property \mathcal{A} considered in [1] and [2].

2. The duals of Property $\mathcal A$ and strong Property $\mathcal A$ for modules

Definition 2.1. We say that an R-module M satisfies the dual of Property A if for each finitely generated ideal I of R with $I \subseteq W_R(M)$ we have $IM \neq M$.

A proper submodule N of an R-module M is said to be *completely irreducible* if $N = \bigcap_{i \in I} N_i$, where $\{N_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a family of submodules of M, implies that $N = N_i$ for some $i \in I$. It is easy to see that every submodule of M is an intersection of completely irreducible submodules of M [13].

Definition 2.2. We say that an R-module M satisfies the dual of strong Property \mathcal{A} if for any $a_1, ..., a_n \in W_R(M)$, there exists a completely irreducible submodule L of M such that $a_iM \subseteq L \neq M$ for i = 1, 2, ..., n.

Clearly, if an R-module M satisfies the dual of strong Property \mathcal{A} , then M satisfies the dual of Property \mathcal{A} . Nevertheless, the following example shows that the converse is not true in general.

Example 2.3. The \mathbb{Z} -module \mathbb{Z} satisfies the dual of Property \mathcal{A} but does not satisfies the dual of strong Property \mathcal{A} .

Remark 2.4. Let N and K be two submodules of an R-module M. To prove $N \subseteq K$, it is enough to show that if L is a completely irreducible submodule of M such that $K \subseteq L$, then $N \subseteq L$ [6].

Theorem 2.5. Let M be an R-module. Consider the conditions:

- (a) M satisfies the dual of strong Property A,
- (b) M is a secondal R-module.

Then $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$. If further R is a PID, then $(b) \Rightarrow (a)$.

Proof. $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$. Let $a, b \in W_R(M)$. Then by part (a), there exists a completely irreducible submodule L of M such that $aM \subseteq L \neq M$ and $bM \subseteq L \neq M$. Thus $(a-b)M \subseteq L \neq M$ and so $a-b \in W_R(M)$. This implies that M is a secondal R-module.

 $(b) \Rightarrow (a)$. Let $a_1, ..., a_n \in W_R(M)$. Then by part (b), $W_R(M)$ is an ideal of R. As R is a PID, there exists an $a \in R$ such that $\langle a_1, ..., a_n \rangle = Ra$. Thus $a \in W_R(M)$. Hence there exists a completely irreducible submodule L of M such that $aM \subseteq L \neq M$ by Remark 2.4. This implies that $a_iM \subseteq L \neq M$ for i = 1, 2, ..., n, as needed. \square

Theorem 2.6. Let $f: R \to \acute{R}$ be a homomorphism of commutative rings and let M be an \acute{R} -module. Consider M as an R-module with rm := f(r)m for $r \in R$ and $m \in M$.

- (a) Suppose for each (finitely generated) ideal I of R, $f(I)\acute{R} = \{f(i)\acute{r}|i \in I, \acute{r} \in \acute{R}\}$ (e.g., f is surjective or $f: R \to R_N$, f(r) = r/1, where N is a multiplicatively closed subset of R). Then M satisfies the dual of Property A as an \acute{R} -module implies M satisfies the dual of Property A as an R-module.
- (b) Suppose that every (finitely generated) ideal J of K has the form J = f(I)K for some (finitely generated) ideal I of R (e.g., f is surjective or f: R → R_N, f(r) = r/1, where N is a multiplicatively closed subset of R). Then M satisfies the dual of Property A as an R-module implies M satisfies the dual of Property A as an K-module.

Proof. (a) Suppose M satisfies the dual of Property \mathcal{A} as an \mathring{R} -module. Let I be an ideal of R with $I \subseteq W_R(M)$. So for $i \in I$, there is a $m \in M \setminus iM = M \setminus f(i)M$. Hence, $f(i) \in W_{\mathring{R}}(M)$ and so $\mathring{r}f(i) \in W_{\mathring{R}}(M)$ for each $\mathring{r} \in \mathring{R}$. Thus $f(I)\mathring{R} = \{f(i)\mathring{r}|i \in I,\mathring{r} \in \mathring{R}\}$ is an ideal of \mathring{R} with $f(I)\mathring{R} \subseteq W_{\mathring{R}}(M)$. Suppose that I is finitely generated. Then $f(I)\mathring{R}$ is finitely generated. Hence there is a $m \in M \setminus f(I)\mathring{R}M$. This implies that $m \in M \setminus IM$. Thus M satisfies the dual of Property \mathcal{A} as an R-module.

(b) Suppose that M satisfies the dual of Property $\mathcal A$ as an R-module. Let J be an ideal of $\mathring R$ with $J\subseteq W_{\mathring R}(M)$. Then there is an ideal I of R with J=f(I)S. For $i\in I$, $f(i)\in W_{\mathring R}(M)$. So, there is a $m\in M\setminus f(i)M=M\setminus iM$. So, $I\subseteq W_R(M)$. If J is finitely generated, we can choose I to be finitely generated. Since M satisfies the dual of Property $\mathcal A$ as an R-module, there is a $m\in M\setminus IM$. It follows that $m\in M\setminus f(I)\mathring RM=M\setminus JM$. So, M satisfies the dual of Property $\mathcal A$ as an $\mathring R$ -module. \square

Corollary 2.7. Let M be an R-module, $J \subseteq Ann_R(M)$ an ideal of R, and put $\bar{R} = R/J$. Then M satisfies the dual of Property A as an R-module if and only if M satisfies the dual of Property A as an \bar{R} -module. In particular, M satisfies the dual of Property A as an R-module if and only if M satisfies the dual of Property A as an $R/Ann_R(M)$ -module.

Proof. This follows from Theorem 2.6. \square

Recall that an R-module M is said to be Hopfian (resp. co-Hopfian) if every surjective (resp. injective) endomorphism f of M is an isomorphism.

An R-module M is said to be a multiplication module if for every submodule N of M there exists an ideal I of R such that N = IM [12].

A submodule N of an R-module M is said to be *idempotent* if $N = (N :_R M)^2 M$. Also, M is said to be *fully idempotent* if every submodule of M is idempotent [7].

An R-module M is said to be a *comultiplication module* if for every submodule N of M there exists an ideal I of R such that $N = (0 :_M I)$ [3]. R is said to be a *comultiplication ring* if, as an R-module, R is a comultiplication R-module [4].

A submodule N of an R-module M is said to be *coidempotent* if $N = (0 :_M Ann_R(N)^2)$. Also, an R-module M is said to be *fully coidempotent* if every submodule of M is coidempotent [7].

Proposition 2.8. Let M be an R-module. Then we have the following.

- (a) If R is a comultiplication ring and M is a faithful R-module, then M satisfies Property A and the dual of Property A.
- (b) If M is a Hopfian comultiplication (in particular, M is a fully coidempotent) R-module and satisfies the dual of Property A, then M satisfies Property A.
- (c) If M is a co-Hopfian multiplication (in particular, M is a fully idempotent) R-module and satisfies Property A, then M satisfies the dual of Property A.
- (d) If R is a principal ideal ring, then M satisfies the dual of strong Property A.

Proof. (a) This follows from [4, Lemma 3.11].

- (b) First note that every fully coidempotent R-module is a Hopfian comultiplication R-module by [7, Theorem 3.9 and Proposition 3.5]. As M is a Hopfian comultiplication R-module, $Z_R(M) = W_R(M)$. Now the result follows from [5, Proposition 3.1].
- (c) First note that every fully idempotent R-module is a co-Hopfian multiplication R-module by [7, Proposition 2.7]. Since M is a co-Hopfian multiplication R-module, $Z_R(M) = W_R(M)$. Now the result follows from [18, Note 1.13].
 - (d) This is clear. \Box

Lemma 2.9. Let S be a multiplicatively closed subset of R, I and ideal of R, and M be an R-module. Then we have the following.

- (a) If $S^{-1}I \subseteq W_{S^{-1}R}(S^{-1}M)$, then $I \subseteq W_R(M)$.
- (b) If $Z_R(M) \cap S = \emptyset$, $W_R(M) \cap S = \emptyset$, and $I \subseteq W_R(M)$, then $S^{-1}I \subseteq W_{S^{-1}R}(S^{-1}M)$.
- (c) If M is an Hopfian module (in particular, M is a multiplication or coidempotent module), $W_R(M) \cap S = \emptyset$, and $I \subseteq W_R(M)$, then $S^{-1}I \subseteq W_{S^{-1}R}(S^{-1}M)$.

Proof. (a) This is clear.

- (b) Suppose that $S^{-1}I \not\subseteq W_{S^{-1}R}(S^{-1}M)$ and seek for a contradiction. Then $S^{-1}(aM) = S^{-1}M$ for some $a \in I$. As $I \subseteq W_R(M)$, there exists $m \in M \setminus IM$. Now we have $stm = sam_1$ for some $s, t \in S$ and $m_1 \in M$. Since $W_R(M) \cap S = \emptyset$, tM = M and so $m_1 = tm_2$ for some $m_2 \in M$. Hence, $st(m am_2) = 0$. Now $Z_R(M) \cap S = \emptyset$ implies that $m = am_2$, which is a contradiction.
 - (c) This follows from the fact that $Z_R(M) \subseteq W_R(M)$ and part (b). \square

Corollary 2.10. Let S be a multiplicatively closed subset of R and M be an R-module. Consider the conditions:

- (a) M_S satisfies the dual of Property A as an R-module,
- (b) M_S satisfies the dual of Property A as an R_S -module,
- (c) M satisfies the dual of Property A as an R-module.

Then $(a) \Leftrightarrow (b)$. If further $S \cap W_R(M) = \emptyset$ and $S \cap Z_R(M) = \emptyset$, (a), (b) and (c) are equivalent.

Proof. The equivalence of (a) and (b) follows from Theorem 2.6. Now assume that $S \cap W_R(M) = \emptyset$ and $S \cap Z_R(M) = \emptyset$. Then $(b) \Leftrightarrow (c)$ from Lemma 2.9 (b). \square

Proposition 2.11. Let X be an indeterminate over R, M be an R-module, and M[X] satisfies the dual of strong Property A over R[X]. Then M satisfies the dual of Property A.

Proof. Let $I = \langle a_1, ..., a_n \rangle$ be a finitely generated ideal of R such that $a_i \in W_R(M)$ for i = 1, ..., n. Then $I[X] = \langle a_1, ..., a_n \rangle R[X]$ is a finitely generated ideal of R[X] such that $a_i \in W_{R[X]}(M[X])$ for i = 1, ..., n. Since M[X] satisfies the dual of strong Property \mathcal{A} over R[X], we get $I[X]M[X] \neq M[X]$. This implies that $IM \neq M$. Thus M satisfies the dual of Property \mathcal{A} . \square

Recall that a ring R is called $B\acute{e}zout$ if every finitely generated ideal I of R is principal.

A submodule N of an R-module M is small if for any submodule X of M, X + N = M implies that X = M.

A prime ideal P of R is said to be a coassociated prime ideal of an R-module M if there exists a cocyclic homomorphic image T of M such that $Ann_R(T) = P$. The set of coassociated prime ideals of M is denoted by Coass(M) [20].

Theorem 2.12. (a) The trivial R-module vacuously satisfies the dual of Property A.

- (b) Every module over a Bézout ring satisfies the dual of Property A.
- (c) Let R be a zero-dimensional commutative ring (e.g., R is Artinian). Then every R-module satisfies the dual of Property A.
- (d) Let M be a finitely generated R-module. Then M satisfies the dual of Property A.
- (e) Let M be an Artinian R-module. Then M satisfies the dual of Property A. In fact, for any ideal I of R with $I \subseteq W_R(M)$, $IM \neq M$.
- (f) Let M and M be R-modules with $W_R(M) \subseteq W_R(M)$. If M satisfies the dual of Property A (respectively, the dual of strong Property A), then $M \oplus M$ satisfies the dual of Property A (respectively, the dual of strong Property A).
- (g) Let N be a small submodule of M. Then M satisfies the dual of Property A (resp. M is a secondal module) if and only if M/N satisfies the dual of Property A (resp. M/N is a secondal module).

Proof. (a) Note that $W_R(0) = \emptyset$.

- (b) This is clear.
- (c) Suppose dim R = 0 and M is an R-module. We can assume $M \neq 0$. Let I be a finitely generated ideal of R with $I \subseteq W_R(M)$. So, $I \subseteq P \subseteq W_R(M)$ for some prime ideal P of R by using [20, Theorem 2.15]. Since htP = 0 and I is finitely generated, $I_P^n = 0$ for some $n \geq 1$. Hence there is an $s \in R \setminus P$ with $I^n s = 0$. Since $s \in R \setminus P$, $s \notin Ann_R(M)$. Thus $sM \neq 0$. We have $I^n sM = 0$. Suppose $I^t sM \neq 0$, but $I^{t+1} sM = 0$. Then $IM \subseteq (0:_M I^t s) \neq M$. Therefore, $IM \neq M$.
- (d) Let M be a finitely generated R-module and I be an ideal of R with $I \subseteq W_R(M)$. Assume contrary that IM = M. Then (1 + a)M = 0 by [14, Theorem 76]. As $a \in I \subseteq W_R(M)$, there exists an $m \in M \setminus aM$. Now, (1 + a)m = 0 implies that $m \in aM$, which is a contradiction.

- (e) As M is an Artinian R-module, $W_R(M) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n P_i$ by using [20, Theorem 2.10 (c), Theorem 2.15, Corollary 3.2], where $P_i \in Coass(M)$. Now let $I \subseteq W_R(M)$ be an ideal. Then $I \subseteq P_i$ for some $P_i \in Coass(M)$. Hence for some completely irreducible submodule L of M with $L \neq M$, we have $I \subseteq P_i = (L :_R M)$. This implies that $IM \neq M$.
- (f) Let \acute{M} satisfies the dual of Property \mathcal{A} . It is easy to see that $W_R(M \oplus \acute{M}) = W_R(M) \cup W_R(\acute{M}) = W_R(\acute{M})$. Let I be a finitely generated ideal of R with $I \subseteq W_R(M) \cup W_R(\acute{M}) = W_R(\acute{M})$. Then $I\acute{M} \neq \acute{M}$. Thus there exists an $x \in I\acute{M} \setminus \acute{M}$. This implies that $(0,x) \not\in I(M \oplus \acute{M})$ and so $I(M \oplus \acute{M}) \neq M \oplus \acute{M}$, as needed.
- (g) We always have $W_R(M/N) \subseteq W_R(M)$. As N is small we get that $W_R(M) \subseteq W_R(M/N)$. Now the result is straightforward. \square

Let M be an R-module. The idealization $R(+)M = \{(a, m) : a \in R, m \in M\}$ of M is a commutative ring whose addition is component-wise and whose multiplication is defined as $(a, m)(b, \acute{m}) = (ab, a\acute{m} + bm)$ for each $a, b \in R$, $m, \acute{m} \in M$ [17].

Proposition 2.13. Let M be an R-module. Then we have

$$W_{R(+)M}(R(+)M) = W_R(R)(+)M.$$

Proof. First note that $W_R(M) \subseteq W_R(R)$. Let $(a,x) \in W_{R(+)M}(R(+)M)$. Then there exists $(b,y) \in R(+)M \setminus (a,x)(R(+)M)$. This implies that for each $(c,z) \in R(+)M$, $(b,y) \neq (a,x)(c,z)$. Hence, $b \neq ac$ or $y \neq az + cx$. If $b \neq ac$, then $a \in W_R(R)$ and we are done. If $y \neq az + cx$. Then by setting c = 0, we have $y \neq az$. Thus $a \in W_R(M) \subseteq W_R(R)$ and so $W_{R(+)M}(R(+)M) \subseteq W_R(R)(+)M$. Now let $(a,x) \in W_R(R)(+)M$. Then $a \in W_R(R)$. Thus there exist $r \in R$ such that $r \in R \setminus aR$. Assume contrary that (a,x)(R(+)M) = R(+)M. Then (r,0) = (a,x)(c,y) for some $(c,y) \in R(+)M$. Thus r = ac, which is a contradiction. Hence $(a,x)(R(+)M) \neq R(+)M$, as needed. \square

Example 2.14. Let $M = \oplus R/I$, where the sum runs over all proper finitely generated ideals of R. Then for a proper finitely generated ideal I of R, $I \subseteq W_R(M)$ and $I(R/I) = \bar{0} \neq R/I$ implies that M satisfies the dual of Property \mathcal{A} . As R is a submodule of M, we have R is a submodule of an R-module satisfying the dual of Property \mathcal{A} . Let M be any R-module. Then $M \oplus M$ again, satisfies the dual of Property \mathcal{A} . Thus, any R-module is a submodule, homomorphic image, or direct factor of a module satisfying the dual of Property \mathcal{A} .

3. The dual of proper strong Property $\mathcal A$ for modules

Lemma 3.1. Let M be an R-module and $S = R \setminus W_R(M)$. Then $S^{-1}R = R$ if and only if $R = U(R) \cup W_R(M)$, where U(R) is the set of all invertible elements of R.

Proof. Assume that $S^{-1}R = R$ and $s \in S$. Then $1/s \in S^{-1}R = R$ implies that s is invertible in R. Hence any element of S is invertible in R. The converse is clear. \square

Definition 3.2. We say that an R-module M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} if for any proper finitely generated ideal $I = \langle a_1, a_2, ..., a_n \rangle$ of R such that $a_i \in W_R(M)$ we have $IM \neq M$.

Theorem 3.3. Let M be an R-module. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- (a) M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property A,
- (b) M satisfies the dual of Property A and $\mathfrak{m} \cap W_R(M)$ is an ideal of R for each maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} of R.

Proof. $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$ Assume that M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} . Clearly, M satisfies the dual of Property \mathcal{A} . Let \mathfrak{m} be a maximal ideal of R. Let $a,b \in \mathfrak{m} \cap W_R(M)$ and put $I = \langle a,b \rangle$ the ideal generated by a and b. Then $I \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ and $a,b \in W_R(M)$. Since M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} , we get that $IM \neq M$. It follows that $I \subseteq \mathfrak{m} \cap W_R(M)$ and thus $\mathfrak{m} \cap W_R(M)$ is an ideal of R.

 $(b) \Rightarrow (a)$ Let $I = \langle a_1, a_2, ..., a_n \rangle$ be a proper finitely generated ideal of R such that $a_i \in W_R(M)$ for i = 1, ..., n. Let \mathfrak{m} be a maximal ideal of R with $I \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$. Then $a_1, a_2, ..., a_n \in \mathfrak{m} \cap W_R(M)$. As, by hypotheses, $\mathfrak{m} \cap W_R(M)$ is an ideal of R, it follows that $I \subseteq \mathfrak{m} \cap W_R(M)$. Now, since M satisfies the dual of Property A, we get $IM \neq M$. Hence M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property A. \square

Theorem 3.4. Let M be an R-module. Then

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Proof. The proof is clear from the definitions. \Box

The Examples 3.5 and 3.12 show that the converse of Theorem 3.4 is not true in general.

Example 3.5. The \mathbb{Z} -module \mathbb{Z} satisfies the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} but does not satisfies the dual of strong Property \mathcal{A} .

Let R_i be a commutative ring with identity and M_i be an R_i -module for each i = 1, 2. Assume that $M = M_1 \times M_2$ and $R = R_1 \times R_2$. Then M is clearly an R-module with component-wise addition and scalar multiplication. Also, each submodule N of M is of the form $N = N_1 \times N_2$, where N_i is a submodule of M_i for each i = 1, 2.

Proposition 3.6. Let R_i be a commutative ring with identity and M_i be an R_i -module for each i = 1, 2. Then

$$W_{R_1 \times R_2}(M_1 \times M_2) = (W_{R_1}(M_1) \times R_2) \cup (R_1 \times W_{R_2}(M_2)).$$

Proof. This is straightforward. \Box

Theorem 3.7. Let R_i be a commutative ring with identity and M_i be an R_i -module for each i = 1, 2. Let $M = M_1 \times M_2$, $R = R_1 \times R_2$, and $S_i = R_i \setminus W_{R_i}(M_i)$. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- (a) M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property A,
- (b) M_i satisfies the dual of proper strong Property A and $S_i^{-1}R_i = R_i$ for each i = 1, 2.

Proof. $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$ Assume that M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} and $I_1 = \langle a_1, a_2, ..., a_n \rangle$ is a finitely generated ideal of R_1 such that $I_1 \subseteq W_{R_1}(M_1)$. Set

$$I = \langle (a_1, 0), (a_2, 0), ..., (a_n, 0), (0, 1) \rangle.$$

Then $(0,1), (a_i,0) \in W_{R_1 \times R_2}(M_1 \times M_2)$ for i=1,2,...,n. By part (a), $I(M_1 \times M_2) \neq M_1 \times M_2$. Thus there exists $(x_1,x_2) \in M_1 \times M_2 \setminus I(M_1 \times M_2)$. This implies that $x_1 \notin I_1M_1$. Thus $I_1M_1 \neq M_1$ and M_1 satisfies the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} . Now let $r_1 \in R_1 \setminus U(R_1)$. Clearly $(r_1,0) \in W_{R_1 \times R_2}(M_1 \times M_2)$. Set $J = \langle (r_1,0), (0,1) \rangle$. Thus by part (a), $J(M_1 \times M_2) \neq M_1 \times M_2$. This implies that $r_1M_1 \neq M_1$ and hence $r_1 \in W_{R_1}(M_1)$. Now by Lemma 3.1, $S_1^{-1}R_1 = R_1$. Similarly, one can see that M_2 satisfies the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} and $S_2^{-1}R_2 = R_2$. $(b) \Rightarrow (a)$ Let $I = \langle (a_1,b_1), (a_2,b_2),..., (a_n,b_n) \rangle$ be a proper finitely generated ideal of R such that $(a_i,b_i) \in W_{R_1 \times R_2}(M_1 \times M_2)$ for each i=1,2,...,n. Set $I_1 = \langle a_1,a_2,...,a_n \rangle$ and $I_2 = \langle b_1,b_2,...,b_n \rangle$. Then as I is proper, I_1 or I_2 is proper. Assume that I_1 is proper. Then by Lemma 3.1, $I_1 \subseteq W_{R_1}(M_1)$. Thus by part (b), $I_1M_1 \neq M_1$. Hence there exists $x_1 \in M_1 \setminus I_1M_1$. Now $(x_1,0) \in (M_1 \times M_2) \setminus I(M_1 \times M_2)$ implies that M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} . \square

Theorem 3.8. Let M be an R-module and $S = R \setminus W_R(M)$. Then we have the following.

(a) If $S^{-1}R = R$, then M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property A if and only if M satisfies the dual of Property A.

(b) If $S^{-1}R \neq R$, then M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property A if and only if M satisfies the dual of strong Property A.

- *Proof.* (a) Since $S^{-1}R = R$, we have $W_R(M) = \bigcup_{\mathfrak{m} \in max(R)} \mathfrak{m}$ by Lemma 3.1. Thus far each maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} of R, we have $\mathfrak{m} \cap W_R(M) = \mathfrak{m}$ is always an ideal of R. Now the result follows from Theorem 3.3. The reverse implication is clear.
- (b) If M satisfies the dual of strong Property \mathcal{A} , then clearly, M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} . Conversely, assume that M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} . As $S^{-1}R \neq R$, there exists $x \in R$ such that x is not invertible and $x \notin W_R(M)$ by Lemma 3.1. Let \mathfrak{m} be a maximal ideal of R such that $x \in m$. Let $I = \langle a_1, a_2, ..., a_n \rangle$ be a proper ideal of R such that $a_i \in W_R(M)$ for i = 1, ..., n. Then $xI = \langle xa_1, ..., xa_n \rangle \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ is a proper ideal of R and $xa_i \in W_R(M)$ for i = 1, ..., n. Since M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} , $xIM \neq M$. Thus there exists a completely irreducible submodule L of M such that $xIM \subseteq L \neq M$ by Remark 2.4. Now, as $x \notin W_R(M)$, it follows that $IM \subseteq L \neq M$. This implies that $a_iM \subseteq L \neq M$ for i = 1, ..., n. Hence M satisfies the dual of strong Property \mathcal{A} .

Proposition 3.9. Let R be a zero-dimensional ring. Then any faithful R-module M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property A. In particular, any R-module M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property A over $R/Ann_R(M)$.

Proof. By Theorem 2.12 (c), M satisfies the dual of Property \mathcal{A} . We have $W_R(M) \subseteq Z_R(M) = Z_R(R)$ by using the proof of [1, Corollary 2.20]. Therefore, $W_R(M) = Z_R(R)$ because the inverse inclusion is clear. Thus $S^{-1}R = R$, where $S = R \setminus W_R(M) = R \setminus Z_R(R)$. This implies that M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} by Theorem 3.8 (a). \square

Theorem 3.10. Let R_i be a commutative ring with identity and M_i be an R_i -module for each i = 1, 2. Let $M = M_1 \times M_2$, $R = R_1 \times R_2$, and $S_i = R_i \setminus Z_{R_i}(M_i)$. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- (a) M satisfies the proper strong Property A,
- (b) M_i satisfies the proper strong Property \mathcal{A} and $S_i^{-1}R_i = R_i$ for each i = 1, 2.

Proof. $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$ Assume that M satisfies the proper strong Property \mathcal{A} and $I_1 = \langle a_1, a_2, ..., a_n \rangle$ is a finitely generated ideal of R_1 such that $I_1 \subseteq Z_{R_1}(M_1)$. Set

$$I = \langle (a_1, 0), (a_2, 0), ..., (a_n, 0), (0, 1) \rangle.$$

Then $(0,1), (a_i,0) \in Z_{R_1 \times R_2}(M_1 \times M_2)$ for i = 1, 2, ..., n. By part (a), $(0:_{M_1 \times M_2} I) \neq 0$. Thus there exists $0 \neq (x_1, x_2) \in M_1 \times M_2$ such that $I(x_1, x_2) = 0$. This implies that $0 \neq x_1 \subseteq M_1 \times M_2$

 $(0:_{M_1}I_1)$ and M_1 satisfies the proper strong Property \mathcal{A} . Now let $r_1 \in R_1 \setminus U(R_1)$. Clearly $(r_1,0) \in Z_{R_1 \times R_2}(M_1 \times M_2)$. Set $J = \langle (r_1,0), (0,1) \rangle$. Thus by part (a), $(0:_{M_1 \times M_2}J) \neq 0$. This implies that $r_1 \in Z_{R_1}(M_1)$. Now by [1, Lemma 2.1], $S_1^{-1}R_1 = R_1$. Similarly, one can see that M_2 satisfies the proper strong Property \mathcal{A} and $S_2^{-1}R_2 = R_2$.

 $(b)\Rightarrow (a)$ Let $I=\langle (a_1,b_1),(a_2,b_2),...,(a_n,b_n)\rangle$ be a proper finitely generated ideal of R such that $(a_i,b_i)\in Z_{R_1\times R_2}(M_1\times M_2)$ for each i=1,2,...,n. Set $I_1=\langle a_1,a_2,...,a_n\rangle$ and $I_2=\langle b_1,b_2,...,b_n\rangle$. Then as I is proper, I_1 or I_2 is proper. Assume that I_1 is proper. Then $I_1\subseteq Z_{R_1}(M_1)$. Thus by part (b), $(0:_{M_1}I_1)\neq 0$. Hence there exists $0\neq x_1\in M_1$ such that $I_1x_1=0$. Now $(0,0)\neq (x_1,0)\in (0:_{M_1\times M_2}I)$ implies that M satisfies the proper strong Property \mathcal{A} . \square

The following examples show that the concepts of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} and the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} are different in general.

Example 3.11. Consider the $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ -module $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$. As $W_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{1, -1\}$, we have $S = \mathbb{Z} \setminus W_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}) = \{1, -1\}$ and so $S^{-1}\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}$. Now Theorem 3.7 implies that $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ satisfies the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} . But by [1, Example 2.13 (1)], $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ not satisfies the proper strong Property \mathcal{A} .

Example 3.12. Consider the $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ -module $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$. Since $W_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) = \{0\}$, we have $S = \mathbb{Z} \setminus W_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ and so $\mathbb{Q} = S^{-1}\mathbb{Z} \neq \mathbb{Z}$. Now Theorem 3.7 implies that $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ not satisfies the dual of proper strong Property \mathcal{A} . On the other hand since $Z_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{1, -1\}$, we have $S = \mathbb{Z} \setminus W_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) = \{1, -1, \}$ and so $S^{-1}\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}$. Clearly, the \mathbb{Z} -module \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} satisfies the proper strong Property \mathcal{A} . Now Theorem 3.10, implies that $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ satisfies the proper strong Property \mathcal{A} .

Theorem 3.13. Let $M = R/\mathfrak{m}_1 \oplus R/\mathfrak{m}_2 \oplus ... \oplus R/\mathfrak{m}_n$ be an R-module, where $\mathfrak{m}_i \in max(R)$ for i = 1, ..., n. Then M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property A if and only if either $max(R) = {\mathfrak{m}_1, \mathfrak{m}_2, ..., \mathfrak{m}_n}$ or $\mathfrak{m}_1 = \mathfrak{m}_2 = ... = \mathfrak{m}_n$.

Proof. First, note that $W_R(M) = \mathfrak{m}_1 \cup \mathfrak{m}_2 \cup ... \cup \mathfrak{m}_n$. So, it is easy to see that any ideal I contained in $W_R(M)$ is contained in some maximal ideal m_j . By Theorem 2.12 (d), M satisfies the dual of Property A. Now, assume that $max(R) = {\mathfrak{m}_1, \mathfrak{m}_2, ..., \mathfrak{m}_n}$. Then, we get $S^{-1}R = R$. Then, using Theorem 3.8 (a), M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property A. On the other hand, suppose that $\mathfrak{m}_1 = \mathfrak{m}_2 = ... = \mathfrak{m}_n$. Then $W_R(M) = \mathfrak{m}$ is an ideal of R and hence M satisfies the dual of strong Property A. It follows that M satisfies the dual of proper strong Property A. Conversely, assume that ${\mathfrak{m}_1, \mathfrak{m}_2, ..., \mathfrak{m}_n} \subset max(R)$ and that $card({\mathfrak{m}_1, \mathfrak{m}_2, ..., \mathfrak{m}_n}) \ge 2$. Then, by Lemma 3.1, $S^{-1}R \ne R$ as there exists a maximal ideal $\mathfrak{m} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{m}_1 \cup \mathfrak{m}_2 \cup ... \cup \mathfrak{m}_n = W_R(M)$ and thus there exists an element $x \in \mathfrak{m}$ which is

neither invertible nor $x \in W_R(M)$. Suppose contrary that $W_R(M)$ is an ideal. Then as $W_R(M) = \mathfrak{m}_1 \cup \mathfrak{m}_2 \cup ... \cup \mathfrak{m}_n$, there exists $j \in \{1,...,n\}$ such that $W_R(M) = m_j$. Hence $\mathfrak{m}_1 = \mathfrak{m}_2 = ... = \mathfrak{m}_n$, which is a contradiction. Therefore, $W_R(M)$ is not an ideal and so M not satisfies the dual of strong Property A by Theorem 2.5. Therefore, by Theorem 3.8 (b), M not satisfies the dual of proper strong Property A, as needed. \square

4. Properties
$$\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$$
 and $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{J}}^{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{N})$

Let J be an ideal of R and let N be a submodule of an R-module M. Set

$$S_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathcal{N}) = \{ m \in M \mid rm \in N \text{ for some } r \in R - J \}.$$

When J is a prime ideal of R, then $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$ is called the saturation of N with respect to J or J-closure of N [11, 15, 16].

Set

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{J}}^{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{N}) = \bigcap \{L \mid L \text{ is a completely irreducible submodule of } M \text{ and } rN \subseteq L \text{ for some } r \in R - J\}.$$

When J is a prime ideal of R, then $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{J}}^{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{N})$ is called the J-interior of N relative to M [8, 9, 10].

Definition 4.1. Let J be an ideal of R. We say that a submodule N of an R-module M satisfies $Property \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$ if for each finitely generated submodule K of M with $K \subseteq \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$ there exists a $r \in R \setminus J$ with $rK \subseteq N$.

Definition 4.2. Let J be an ideal of R. We say that a submodule N of an R-module M satisfies $Property \mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{M}}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$ (that is the dual of Property $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$) if for each submodule K of M with M/K is finitely cogenerated and $\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{M}}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N}) \subseteq K$ there exists a $r \in R \setminus J$ with $rN \subseteq K$.

Definition 4.3. Let J be an ideal of R. We say that a submodule N of an R-module M satisfies the strong Property $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$ if for any $m_1, ..., m_n \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$ there exists a $r \in R \setminus J$ with $rm_1 \in N$, ... $rm_n \in N$.

Example 4.4. Let J be a prime ideal of R and N be a submodule of an R-module M such that $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$ is a finitely generated submodule of M. Then one can see that there exists a $r \in R \setminus J$ with $rN \subseteq \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$. This implies that N satisfies the strong Property $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$.

Example 4.5. Let J be a prime ideal of R and N be a submodule of an R-module M such that $M/\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{J}}^{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{N})$ is a finitely cogenerated R-module. Then N satisfies Property $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{J}}^{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{N})$ by using [10, Lemma 2.3].

If J = 0 and N = 0 in Definition 4.1 (resp. Definition 4.3), then M under the name Property T (resp. strong Property T) was studied in [2].

Theorem 4.6. Let M be an R-module and J be an ideal of R. Then we have the following.

- (a) A submodule N of M satisfies the strong Property $S_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$ if and only if N satisfies Property $S_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$ and $S_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$ is a submodule of M.
- (b) The zero submodule of M satisfies the strong Property $S_{\mathcal{J}}(0)$.
- (c) If a submodule N of M satisfies Property $S_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$ (respectively, strong Property $S_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$) and $N \subseteq K \subseteq S_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$, then K satisfies Property $S_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{K})$ (respectively, strong Property $S_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{K})$).
- (d) Let $\psi = \{N_{\lambda}\}_{{\lambda} \in \Lambda}$ be a chain of submodules of M with $N \subseteq N_{\lambda} \subseteq \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$ for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Then $\cup_{{\lambda} \in \Lambda} N_{\lambda}$ satisfies Property $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\cup_{{\lambda} \in *} \mathcal{N}_{\lambda})$ (respectively, strong Property $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\cup_{{\lambda} \in *} \mathcal{N}_{\lambda})$) if and only if each N_{λ} satisfies Property $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N}_{\lambda})$ (respectively, strong Property $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N}_{\lambda})$).
- (e) If for a submodule N of M we have $Ann_R(M/N) \not\subseteq J$, or more generally, $Ann_R(\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})/\mathcal{N}) \not\subseteq J$, then N satisfies strong Property $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$.
- (f) If J is an irreducible ideal of R (e.g., R/J is an integral domain), then every submodule N of M satisfies strong Property $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$.
- (g) If a submodule N of M is a Bezout module (respectively, chained module), then N satisfies Property $S_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$ (respectively, strong Property $S_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$).

Proof. (a), (b), (e), and (g) are straightforward.

- (c) Let T be a finitely generated submodule of M with $T \subseteq \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{K})$. Then $T \subseteq \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{K}) \subseteq \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N}))$. Clearly, $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})) = \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$. Hence $T \subseteq \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$. Now, by assumption, there exists a $r \in R \setminus J$ with $rT \subseteq N$ and so $rT \subseteq K$.
- (d) First note that, if $\cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} N_{\lambda}$ satisfies Property $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\cup_{\lambda \in *} \mathcal{N}_{\lambda})$ (respectively, strong Property $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\cup_{\lambda \in *} \mathcal{N}_{\lambda})$), then each N_{λ} satisfies Property $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N}_{\lambda})$ (respectively, strong Property $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N}_{\lambda})$). Conversely, suppose that each N_{λ} satisfies Property $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N}_{\lambda})$ (respectively, strong Property $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N}_{\lambda})$) and K is a finitely generated submodule of $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\cup_{\lambda \in *} \mathcal{N}_{\lambda})$. Then K is a submodule of $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N}_{\alpha})$ for some $\alpha \in \Lambda$ and hence $(N_{\alpha} :_{R} K) \not\subseteq I$. So $(\cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} N_{\lambda} :_{R} K) \not\subseteq I$, as desired.
- (f) Let J be an irreducible ideal of R and $m_1, ..., m_n \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N})$, where $r_i m_i \in N$ with $r_i \in R \setminus J$ for i = 1, 2, ..., n. Since J is irreducible, $Rr_1 \cap ... \cap Rr_n \neq J$. Hence there exists $r \in (Rr_1 \cap ... \cap Rr_n) \setminus J$. Thus $rm_i \in N$ for i = 1, 2, ..., n, as needed. \square

Theorem 4.7. Let M be an R-module and J be an ideal of R. Then we have the following.

- (a) Let J be a prime ideal of R. A submodule N of M satisfies Property $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{J}}^{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{N})$ if and only if for any completely irreducible submodules $L_1, ..., L_n$ of M with $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{J}}^{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{N}) \subseteq L_1, ..., \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{J}}^{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{N}) \subseteq L_n$ there exists a $r \in R \setminus J$ with $rN \subseteq L_1, ..., rN \subseteq L_n$.
- (b) M satisfies Property $\mathcal{I}_0^{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{M})$ if and only if every submodule K of M with M/K is finitely cogenerated M/K satisfies Property $\mathcal{I}_0^{\mathcal{M}/\mathcal{K}}(\mathcal{M}/\mathcal{K})$.

(c) If for a submodule N of M we have $Ann_R(N) \nsubseteq J$, or more generally, $Ann_R(N/\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{M}}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathcal{N})) \nsubseteq J$, then N satisfies Property $\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{M}}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathcal{N})$.

- (d) If J is an irreducible ideal of R (e.g., R/J is an integral domain), then every submodule N of M satisfies Property $\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{M}}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathcal{N})$.
- Proof. (a) The necessity is clear. For the sufficiency assume that for a submodule K of M with M/K is finitely cogenerated we have $\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{M}}_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{N}) \subseteq K$. As M/K is finitely cogenerated, there exist completely irreducible submodules $L_1, ..., L_n$ of M such that $K = \bigcap_{i=1}^n L_i$. Now by assumption, there exist $r_1, ..., r_n \in R \setminus J$ such that $r_i N \subseteq L_i$ for i = 1, 2, ..., n. Set $r = r_1 r_2 ... r_n$. As J is prime, $r \in R \setminus J$. Now $rN \subseteq K$, as needed.
 - (b) and (c) are straightforward.
- (d) Let J be an irreducible ideal of R and $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{J}}^{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{N}) \subseteq L_i$, where L_i is a completely irreducible submodule of M, $r_i N \subseteq L_i$, and $r_i \in R \setminus J$ for i = 1, 2, ..., n. As J is irreducible, $Rr_1 \cap ... \cap Rr_n \neq J$. Hence there exists $r \in (Rr_1 \cap ... \cap Rr_n) \setminus J$. Thus $rN \subseteq L_i$ for i = 1, 2, ..., n, as needed. \square

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