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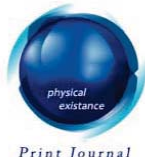
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The study of factorization in torsion free modules was begun in Nicolas (5). She defined the module  $M$  to be factorial if (1) every non zero element of  $M$  has a irreducible factorization, (2) every irreducible element of  $R$  is prime, and (3) every irreducible element of  $M$  is primitive. She showed that if  $M$  is factorial then  $R$  is a UFD. After this she showed that  $M$  is a unique factorization module ( UFM) if and only if (1) every element of  $M$  has an irreducible factorization, and (2) if  $x = a_1 a_2 \dots a_k m = b_1 b_2 \dots b_l m'$  are two factorization of  $x \in M$  then  $k = l$  and  $a_i \sim b_i$  for all  $i \in \{ 1, 2, \dots, k \}$  and  $m \sim m'$ . Later, Lu (3) gives some characterizations of UFM and relations between prime submodules and primitive elements such modules. Further she investigates polynomial modules. There is an another work about factorization of modules, by Anderson and Valdes-Leon (1). They generalize factorization of any modules over a ring with zero divisor, which have non zero torsion elements. They showed that their definition and definition of Nicolas are coincide if  $M$  is torsion free module and  $R$  is an integral domain.

We give a new definition of factorization for modules, named weakly factorization, and give relations between weakly prime elements and weakly prime submodules. After this investigate the direct sum of modules, the direct product of modules, fractions of modules and polynomial of modules.

Throughout this paper all rings,  $R$  are commutative ring with identity 1 and all modules,  $M$  are non zero torsion free module which are unitary.

We will give some definitions:

**Definition 1.** Let  $M$  be a torsion free  $R$ -module and  $m$  be a non zero element of  $M$ .

- (1)  $m$  is irreducible in  $M$  if  $m = am'$  implies that  $a \in U(R)$  for every  $a \in R$  and  $m' \in M$
- (2)  $m$  is primitive in  $M$  if  $m \mid am'$  implies  $m \mid m'$  for all  $0 \neq a \in R$  and  $m' \in M$ .
- (3) An irreducible element  $p$  of  $R$  is called prime to the module  $M$  if  $p \mid am$  implies  $p \mid a$  in  $R$  or  $p \mid m$  in  $M$ .

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**Definition 2.** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called pure sub module if for all  $a \in R$  we have  $aM \cap N = aN$

**Definition 3.** A nonzero element  $m$  of  $M$  is called weakly prime (w-prime) if for  $a, b \in R$  and  $m' \in M$ ,  $m \mid abm'$  implies  $m \mid am'$  or  $m \mid bm'$ .

**Definition 4.** A submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called weakly prime if  $abk \in N$  implies  $ak \in N$  or  $bk \in N$  for all  $k \in M$  and  $a, b \in R$

**Definition 5.** A torsion-free module  $M$  over a commutative ring with identity  $R$  is called a weakly unique factorization module (w-UFM) or w-factorial module if the following two conditions are satisfied:

(w-ufm 1) Each nonzero element  $x \in M$  has a w-factorization,  $x = a_1 a_2 \dots a_k m$ , where  $a_i$ 's are irreducible elements in  $R$  (possibly with  $k=0$ ) and  $m$  is a w-prime element in  $M$ .

(w-ufm2) if  $x = a_1 a_2 \dots a_k m = b_1 b_2 \dots b_t m'$  are two factorization of  $x$ , then  $k = t$ ,  $a_i \sim b_i$  and  $m \sim m'$  for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

**Definition 6.** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $a \in R$ ,  $m \in M$

(1) An element  $d \in R$  is called greatest common divisor (gcd) of  $a$  and  $m$  if the following two condition hold

- i)  $d \mid a$  in  $R$  and  $d \mid m$  in  $M$ , and
- ii) if there is an element  $c \in R$  such that  $c \mid a$  in  $R$  and  $c \mid m$  in  $M$  then  $c$  is a divisor of  $d$ .

(2) An element  $m' \in M$  is called least common multiple (lcm) of  $a$  and  $m$  if the following two condition hold

- i)  $a \mid m'$  and  $m \mid m'$  in  $M$  respectively, and
- ii) if there is an element  $n \in M$  such that  $a \mid n$  and  $m \mid n$  in  $M$  then  $m'$  is a factor of  $n$

The following propositions are given by (3) without their proof, we will give now their proof

**Proposition 1.** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module then every w-primitive element of  $M$  is an irreducible element.

Proof, suppose that  $m$  is a primitive element of  $M$  and let  $m = am'$  for some  $a \in R$ ,  $m' \in M$ . Then  $m \mid am'$  and since  $m$  is primitive we get  $m \mid m'$ . Since  $m = am'$  implies  $m' \mid m$ . Therefore  $m \sim m'$ , hence  $m$  is a irreducible element.

**Proposition 2.** Let  $M$  be an  $R$  module, then every primitive element of  $M$  is w-prime.

Proof, Assume that  $m \mid abm'$  for some  $a, b \in R$  and  $m' \in M$ . Then since  $m$  is primitive. We get  $m \mid m'$ . Hence  $m \mid am'$  and  $m \mid bm'$ .

**Example 1.** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with an identity and  $M = R[x]$ , the polynomial ring over  $R$  is an  $R$ -module then  $x \in M$  is w-prime (primitive, irreducible) element.

**Example 2.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $M = \mathbb{Z}[x]$ . Then the element  $2x$  is a w-prime element but is neither primitive nor irreducible.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $M$  be a torsion-free  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  is a UFM if and only if  $M$  is w-UFM.

Proof, The follows from theorem “Let  $M$  be a module over a UFD  $R$  which satisfy (w-ufm 1) Then  $M$  is a w-UFM if and only if every weakly prime element of  $M$  is primitive.

With this there  $m$  we get that in a w-UFD  $M$ , every weakly prime element of  $M$  is irreducible element of  $M$ . And this gives us that weakly factorial modules and factorial module coincide. From this note we obtain the following corollaries.

*Corollary 1*, Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module then two primitive elements  $m$  and  $m'$  of  $M$  are non associates if and only if  $Rm' \cap Rm = 0$

*Corollary 2*. Every vector space is w-UFM.

*Theorem 2*. Let  $\{M_i / i \in I\}$  be a set of modules over a UFD  $R$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- i)  $\prod M_i$  is a w-UFM over  $R$ ,
- ii)  $\bigoplus M_i$  is a w-UFM over  $R$ ,
- iii) Each  $M_i$  is a w-UFM over  $R$

Proof. (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) it is clear

(iii) implies (i) now assume that each  $M_i$  is a w-UFM over  $R$  for  $i \in I$

I. Let  $M = \prod_i M_i$  and  $m = (m_i)_{i \in I} \in M$  where  $m_i = a_i m'_i$  for some  $a_i \in R$  and a w-prime element  $m'_i$  of  $M_i$ . First we will show that  $m = (m_i)_{i \in I} \in M$  is a w-prime element in  $M$  iff  $\{a_i\}_{i \in I}$  has no gcd. In  $R$ . Let  $m \in M$  be a w-prime element. Assume that  $d = \text{g.c.d.}\{a_i\}$  And set  $a_i = db_i$  for  $b_i \in R$ . Then  $m = dm'$  where  $m' = (b_i m'_i)_{i \in I}$ . Then  $m \mid m = dm'$  but  $m \nmid m'$  gives us a contradiction. For the converse assume that  $\{a_i\}_{i \in I}$  has no g.c.d. in  $R$ . Let  $m \mid cbn$  for  $c, b \in R$  and  $n = (n_i)_{i \in I} \in M$  then there exist  $r \in R$  such that  $rm = cbn$ . So this gives us that for all  $i \in I$   $rm_i = cbn_i$ . Thus for all  $i \in I$ ,  $Ra_i m'_i = cbn_i$ . Since  $m'_i$  is w-prime and  $\{a_i\}_{i \in I}$  has no g.c.d. then for all  $i \in I$  we get  $a_i m'_i \mid cn_i$  or  $a_i m'_i \mid bn_i$ . Hence  $m \mid cn$  or  $m \mid bn$ , so  $m$  is w-prime. Now we will show that  $M$  is a w-UFM. Let  $m = (m_i)_{i \in I} \in M$ , since each  $M_i$  is a w-UFM over  $R$  we have a w-factorization for  $m_i \in M$  and  $i \in I$  such that  $m_i \in M_i$   $i \in I$  such that  $m_i = a_i m'_i$  where  $m'_i$  is w-prime in  $M_i$ . If we let  $d = \text{g.c.d.}\{a_i\}$  then for  $a_i = db_i$  we obtain the equation  $m = dm'$  where  $m' = (b_i m'_i)$ . Now by Theorem “Let  $M$  be a w-factorization module over a UFD  $R$  such that  $Pm \neq M$  for every non unit element  $p \in R$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- i)  $p$  is prime to  $M$
- ii)  $pM$  is a weakly prime submodule of  $M$  with  $(pM:M) = (p)$  “ $m'$  is w-prime in  $M$  and since  $R$  is UFD  $M$  satisfies w-UFM. Now, let  $p \in R$  be a w-irreducible element such that  $p \mid abm$  in  $M$  for some  $a, b \in R$  and  $m = (m_i)_{i \in I} \in M$ . Then for all  $i \in I$ ,  $p \mid abm_i$  in  $M_i$  is w-UFM if  $p \mid ab$  then  $p \mid m_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Consequently  $p \mid m$  and therefore  $M$  is w-UFM.

Corollary 3, Every free module over a UFD is w-UFM

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