

# Z-Nearly Prime Submodules

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**Abstract:** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity and  $N$  be a proper submodule of  $R$ -module  $M$  is called prime if whenever  $rx \in N$ ;  $r \in R$ ,  $x \in M$ , implies either  $x \in N$  or  $r \in [N:M]$ . In this paper we say that  $N$  is  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $R$ -module  $M$ , if whenever  $f \in M^* = \text{Hom}(M, R)$ ,  $x \in M$  such that  $f(x) \cdot x \in N$ , then either  $x \in N + J(M)$  or  $f(x) \in [N + J(M):M]$ ,  $J(M)$  is the Jacobson radical of  $M$ . We prove some result of this type of submodules.

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## 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper  $R$  is commutative ring with one. And  $M$  is a unitary  $R$ -module. A proper submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a prime submodule if for each  $r \in R$ ,  $x \in M$ , such that  $rx \in N$ , then either  $x \in N$  or  $r \in [N:M]$ , where  $[N:M] = \{r: r \in R, rM \subseteq N\}$ , [1]. There are several generalization of the notion of prime submodules as  $Z$ -prime. The definition of  $Z$ -prime is came in [2], as following: we say that a proper submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $Z$ -prime if for each  $x \in M$ ,  $f \in M^* = \text{Hom}(M, R)$ , such that  $f(x) \cdot x \in N$  implies that either  $x \in N$  or  $f(x) \in [N:M]$ . In [3] we study nearly prime as a generalization of prime submodules and they define a nearly prime submodules as follows: a proper submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called nearly prime, if whenever  $rx \in N$ ,  $r \in R$ ,  $x \in M$  implies either  $x \in N + J(M)$  or  $r \in [N + J(M):M]$ .

In this article, we study  $Z$ -nearly prime submodules as generalization of  $Z$ -prime submodules, we give basic properties and we illustrate the relation between  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule and  $Z$ -prime submodule. It is clear that each  $Z$ -prime submodule is  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule, but the converse is not true in general. However, we gives a condition under which the two concepts one equivalent. And we study the  $Z$ -nearly prime submodules in other modules such as  $F$ -regular, injective, divisible, injective hull modules.

## 2. Z-Nearly Prime Submodules

In this section we define the concepts of  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule and investigate some properties. As generalization of  $Z$ -prime submodules,

### Definition (2.1):

A proper submodule  $N$  of  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$  if whenever  $f \in M^* = \text{Hom}(M, R)$ ,  $x \in M$  such that  $f(x) \cdot x \in N$ , then either  $x \in N + J(M)$  or  $f(x) \in [N + J(M):M]$ ;  $J(M)$  is the Jacobson radical of  $M$ . Specially, an ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is  $Z$ -nearly prime ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $I$  is a  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $R$ -module  $M$ .

### Remarks and examples (2.2):

- 1) It clear that every  $Z$ -prime submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ , but the converse is not true in general.
- 2) Let  $M = Z \oplus Z$  as  $Z$ -module and consider the submodule  $N = 2Z \oplus 0$  of  $Z \oplus Z$ , then  $N$  is not  $Z$ -nearly prime, since if we take  $f: Z \oplus Z \rightarrow Z$ , define by  $f(n \cdot m = 2n, f(3, 0) = 6, f(0, 3) = 0, f(0, 0) = 0, f(0, 0) = 0$  but  $6 \notin N + J(Z) = 0$  and  $(3, 0) \notin N + J(Z)$ , thus  $N$  is not  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $Z$  as  $Z$ -module.
- 3) If  $N = \langle 2 \rangle$ , then  $N$  is  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $Z$  as  $Z$ -module, where  $J(Z) = 0$ ,  $[N:Z] = \langle 2 \rangle$ .
- 4) The direct sum of two  $Z$ -nearly prime submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  need not to be  $Z$ -nearly prime submodules of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  for example: Let  $M = Z \oplus Z$ . Let  $N_1 = 2Z$  is a  $Z$ -prime submodule of  $Z$  as  $Z$ -module, hence is  $Z$ -nearly prime and  $N_2 = (0)$  is  $Z$ -prime, hence is  $Z$ -nearly prime but  $2Z \oplus 0$  is not  $Z$ -nearly prime in  $Z \oplus Z$ , by (2).

### Proposition (2.3):

If  $N$  is  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $K$  is any proper submodule of  $M$  such that  $K \not\subseteq N$  and  $J(M) \subseteq K$ , then  $N \cap K$  is  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule in  $M$

### Proof:

Since  $K \not\subseteq N$ , then  $N \cap K$  is a proper submodule in  $M$ . Let  $f \in M^* = \text{Hom}(M, R)$ ,  $x \in M$  such that  $f(x) \cdot x \in N \cap K$ . We want to prove either  $x \in (N \cap K) + J(M)$  or  $f(x) \in [(N \cap K) + J(M):M]$ , suppose that  $x \notin (N \cap K) + J(M) = (N + J(M)) \cap K$ , then  $x \notin N + J(M)$ , but  $N$  is  $Z$ -nearly prime of an  $R$ -module  $M$ , then  $f(x) \in [N + J(M):M]$ , then  $f(x)M \subseteq N + J(M)$ . Since  $f(x) \cdot x \in N \cap K$ , then  $f(x)x \in K$ , then  $f(x)M \subseteq K$ , thus  $f(x)M \subseteq (N + J(M)) \cap K = (N \cap K) + J(M)$ . Then  $f(x) \in [(N \cap K) + J(M):M]$ . Which implies that  $N \cap K$  is  $Z$ -nearly prime in  $M$ .

Recall that a ring  $R$  is said to be a good ring if  $J(R) \cdot M = J(M)$ ; where  $M$  is an  $R$ -module. [4]

### Corollary (2.4):

Let  $R$  be a good ring and  $N$  be an  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $K$  be any proper submodule of  $M$  such that  $K \not\subseteq N$ ,  $J(K) = K$ , then  $N \cap K$  is  $Z$ -nearly prime in  $M$

**Proof:**

Since  $K \not\subseteq N$ , then  $N \cap K$  is a proper submodule in  $M$ . Since  $R$  be a good ring and  $J(K) = K$ , then  $J(M) \subseteq K$ , by above proposition  $N \cap K$  is  $Z$ -nearly prime in  $M$ .

**Proposition (2.5):**

Let  $N$  and  $K$  be two  $Z$ -nearly prime submodules of  $M$  and either  $J(M) \subseteq N$  or  $J(M) \subseteq K$ , then  $N \cap K$  is  $Z$ -nearly prime of  $M$

**Proof:**

Since  $N \cap K \subseteq N$  and  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ , then  $N \cap K$  is a proper submodule in  $M$ . Let  $f \in M^* = Hom(M, R)$ ,  $x \in M$  such that  $f(x).x \in N \cap K$ . We want to show that either  $x \in (N \cap K) + J(M)$  or  $f(x) \in [(N \cap K) + J(M):M]$ , suppose that  $f(x) \notin [(N \cap K) + J(M):M]$ , then  $f(x)M \not\subseteq (N \cap K) + J(M)$ , then  $f(x)M \not\subseteq N + J(M)$  and  $f(x)M \not\subseteq K + J(M)$ . Since  $N$  and  $K$  are two  $Z$ -nearly prime submodules of  $M$ , then either  $x \in N + J(M)$  or  $f(x) \in [N + J(M):M]$ , and either  $x \in K + J(M)$  or  $f(x) \in [K + J(M):M]$ , then  $x \in (N + J(M)) \cap (K + J(M))$ . If  $J(M) \subseteq N$ , then  $x \in N \cap (K + J(M))$ , then  $x \in (N \cap K) + J(M)$ . If  $J(M) \subseteq K$ , then  $x \in (N + J(M)) \cap K$ , hence  $x \in (N \cap K) + J(M)$ , which implies that  $N \cap K$  is  $Z$ -nearly prime of  $M$ .

**Proposition(2.6):**

Let  $N$  be a submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . If  $[N + J(M):M]$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ , then  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $f \in Hom(M, R)$ ,  $x \in M$  such that  $f(x).x \in N$ , if  $f(x) \notin [N + J(M):M]$  and since  $[N + J(M):M]$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ , then  $R = \langle f(x) \rangle + [N + J(M):M]$ , where  $\langle f(x) \rangle$  is an ideal of  $R$  generated by  $f(x)$ , hence there exists  $s \in R$  and  $k \in [N + J(M):M]$  and  $1 = sf(x) + k$ . Thus,  $x = sf(x)x + kx \in N + J(M)$ , therefore  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ .

The next example show that the converse of remark (2.2)(1) is not true.

Let  $M = Z \oplus Z_{16}$  as  $Z$ -module, the submodule  $N = Z \oplus (0)$  of  $M$  is not  $Z$ -prime, see [2], but it is a  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ , because  $[N + J(M):M] = 2Z$  is a maximal ideal of  $Z$  and hence by proposition (2.6),  $N = Z \oplus (0)$  is a  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ ;  $J(M) = \{(0, \bar{0}), (0, \bar{2}), (0, \bar{4}), (0, \bar{6}), (0, \bar{8}), (0, \bar{10}), (0, \bar{12}), (0, \bar{14})\}$ .

**Proposition (2.7):**

Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  such that  $[K : M] \not\subseteq [N + J(M) : M]$  for each submodule  $K$  of  $M$  and  $N + J(M) \subsetneq K$ . If  $[N + J(M) : M]$  is a prime ideal of  $R$ , then  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $f \in Hom(M, R)$ ,  $x \in M$  such that  $f(x).x \in N$  and suppose  $x \notin N + J(M)$ . It is clear that the submodule  $K = \langle x \rangle + [N + J(M)]$ , and so  $[K : M] \not\subseteq [N + J(M) : M]$ . Then there exists  $s \in [K : M]$  and  $s \notin [N + J(M) : M]$ . Thus,  $sM \subseteq K$  and  $sM \not\subseteq N + J(M)$ . But  $sM \subseteq K$

implies  $f(x)sM \subseteq rK = f(x)[N + J(M) + \langle x \rangle] \subseteq N + J(M)$  and  $f(x)s \in [N + J(M) : M]$ . Since  $[N + J(M) : M]$  is a prime ideal and  $s \notin [N + J(M) : M]$ ,  $f(x) \in [N + J(M) : M]$ . Therefore  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proposition(2. 8):**

Let  $N$  be a submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  and  $P = [N + J(M) :_R \langle e \rangle]$ . If the ideal  $[N + J(M) : \langle e \rangle] = P$ , for each  $e \in M$ ;  $e \notin N + J(M)$ , then  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $f \in Hom(M, R)$ ,  $x \in M$  such that  $f(x).x \in N$  and suppose  $x \notin N + J(M)$ . Thus  $f(x) \in [N + J(M) : \langle x \rangle]$ . But  $[N + J(M) : \langle x \rangle] = P$ , so  $f(x) \in P$ . Therefore  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ .

Now, we give the following lemma:

**Lemma(2.9):**

Let  $N$  be a submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . If the submodule  $[N + J(M) :_M \langle r \rangle] = N + J(M)$ , for each  $r \in R$ ,  $r \notin P$ , then the ideal  $[N + J(M) :_R \langle e \rangle] = P$ , for each  $e \in M$ ;  $e \notin N + J(M)$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $e \in M$ ;  $e \notin N + J(M)$ . It is clear that  $P \subseteq [N + J(M) :_R \langle e \rangle]$ . Let  $r \in [N + J(M) :_R \langle e \rangle]$ , then  $re \in N + J(M)$ . Suppose  $r \notin P = [N + J(M) :_R M]$ . Since  $[N + J(M) :_M \langle r \rangle] = N + J(M)$  and  $e \in [N + J(M) :_M \langle r \rangle]$ , so  $e \in N + J(M)$ , which contradicts our assumption. Thus,  $r \in P$  for each  $e \in M$  such that  $e \notin N + J(M)$ . Therefore  $[N + J(M) : \langle e \rangle] = P$ .

**Corollary (2.10) :**

Let  $N$  be a submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  and  $P = [N + J(M) : M]$ . If  $[N + J(M) :_M \langle r \rangle] = N + J(M)$ , for each  $r \in R$ , then  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proposition (2.11):**

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . If  $[N + J(M) : M] = [N + J(M) : K]$  for each submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $K \supsetneq N + J(M)$ , then  $N$  is  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:**

To prove  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . Let  $f \in Hom(M, R)$ ,  $x \in M$  such that  $f(x).x \in N$  and suppose  $x \notin N + J(M)$ . Let  $K = [N + J(M)] + \langle x \rangle \supsetneq N + J(M)$ . Then  $x \in K$  and so  $(x) \in [N : K] \subseteq [N + J(M) : K] = [N + J(M) : M]$ . It follows that  $f(x) \in [N + J(M) : M]$  and hence  $N$  is  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ .

Now we state and prove the following lemma.

**Lemma(2.12):**

Let  $N$  be a submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . If the submodule  $[N + J(M) :_M \langle r \rangle] = N + J(M)$ , for each  $r \in R$ ,  $r \notin P$ , then the ideal  $[N + J(M) :_R \langle e \rangle] = P$  for each  $e \in M$ ;  $e \notin N + J(M)$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $e \in M$ ;  $e \notin N + J(M)$ . It is clear that  $P \subseteq [N + J(M) :_R \langle e \rangle]$ . Let  $r \in [N + J(M) :_R \langle e \rangle]$ , then  $re \in N + J(M)$ . Suppose  $r \notin P = [N + J(M) :_R M]$ . Since  $[N + J(M) :_M \langle r \rangle] = N + J(M)$  and  $e \in [N + J(M) :_M \langle r \rangle]$ , so  $e \in N + J(M)$  which contradicts our assumption. Thus,  $r \in P$  for each  $e \in M$  such that  $e \notin N + J(M)$ . Therefore  $[N + J(M) : \langle e \rangle] = P$ .

**Corollary (2.13):**

Let  $N$  be a submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  and  $P = [N + J(M) : M]$ . If  $[N + J(M) :_M \langle r \rangle] = N + J(M)$ , for each  $r \in R$ , then  $N$  is a nearly prime submodule of  $M$ .

### 3. Z-nearly Prime Submodules

In this section we study the  $Z$ -nearly prime submodules in others modules such as  $F$ -regular,  $Z$ -regular, injective, divisible, injective hull modules. First we need the following proposition:

**Proposition(3.1):**

If  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly Prime submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  and  $J(M) = 0$ , then  $N$  is a  $Z$ -prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:**

It is clear.

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be  $F$ -regular if each submodule of  $M$  is pure, [5].

**Corollary(3.2):**

If  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  and  $M$  is a  $F$ -regular, then  $N$  is a  $Z$ -prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:**

Since  $M$  is an  $F$ -regular  $R$ -module, so  $J(M) = 0$ , [7]. Hence the result follows by proposition (3.1).

**Corollary (3.3):**

If  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly Prime submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  and  $R/ann(x)$  is an  $F$ -regular ring for every  $0 \neq x \in M$ , then  $N$  is a  $Z$ -prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:**

Since  $R/ann(x)$  is a regular ring for every  $0 \neq x \in M$ , then  $M$  is an  $F$ -regular  $R$ -module by [7]. Hence the result follows by Corollary (3.2).

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $Z$ -regular (for simplicity just regular) if  $\forall m \in M, \exists L \in M^* = Hom(M, R)$  such that  $L(m) = m$ , [8].

**Corollary(3.4):**

If  $N$  is a  $Z$ -Prime submodule of  $Z$ -regular  $R$ -module  $M$ , then  $N$  is a prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:**

Since  $M$  is a  $Z$ -regular  $R$ -module, then  $M$  is a  $F$ -regular  $R$ -module by [7]. Hence the result follows by Corollary (3.2).

**Corollary(3.5):**

If  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  and  $J(N) = J(M) \cap N$  for each  $N$  submodule of  $M$ , then  $N$  is a  $Z$ -prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof :**

Since  $J(N) = J(M) \cap N$ , so  $J(M) = 0$  by [6, proposition(1-33), p.22]. Hence the result follows by proposition (3.1).

Now, because of the fact  $R$  is good ring if and only if  $J(N) = J(M) \cap N$  for each submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$ , [4]. Then the following is a consequence of corollary(3.5).

**Corollary(3.6):**

If  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  and  $R$  is a good ring, then  $N$  is a  $Z$ -prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:**

Since  $R$  is a good ring, then  $J(N) = J(M) \cap N$  for each submodule  $N$  of  $M$  by [9]. Therefore,  $J(M) = 0$  by [6, proposition(1-33), p.22] and hence  $N$  is a  $Z$ -prime submodule of  $M$ .

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called divisible if and only if  $rM = M, \forall 0 \neq r \in R$ , [4].

By using this concept, we have the following:

**Proposition(3.7):**

Let  $R$  is  $PID$  and  $M$  is a divisible  $R$ -module such that  $J(M) \neq M$ . If  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly prime submodule of  $M$ , then  $N$  is a  $Z$ -prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof :**

Since  $M$  is a divisible  $R$ -module and  $J(M) \neq M$ , so  $J(M) = 0$  by [6, proposition(1-4), p.12]. Hence the result follows immediately from proposition (3.1).

**Corollary(3.8):**

Let  $M$  be an injective define on an integral domain  $R$  and  $J(M) \neq M$ . If  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly Prime submodule, then  $N$  is a  $Z$ -prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:**

Since  $M$  is an injective  $R$ -module, so  $M$  is a divisible  $R$ -module by, [4]. But  $J(M) \neq M$ , so  $J(M) = 0$  by, [6, proposition(1-4), p.12]. Hence the result follows immediately from proposition(3.1).

Recall that a submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be essential, if has non-trivial intersection with every non-zero submodule of  $M$ , [4].

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called an injective hull or injective envelope of a module  $M$  if it is an essential extension of  $M$  and an injective module, [4].

By using this concept, we can give the following result:

**Corollary(3.9)**

Let  $M$  be an injective hull on an integral domain  $R$  and  $(M) \neq M$ . If  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearlyPrime submodule, then  $N$  is a  $Z$ -prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof :**

Since  $M$  is an injective hull  $R$ -module, so  $M$  is an injective and hence  $M$  is a divisible  $R$ -module by [4]. But  $J(M) \neq M$ , so  $J(M) = 0$  by [6, proposition(1-4), p.12]. Hence the result follows immediately from proposition(3.1).

**Corollary(3.10):**

Let  $M$  has no proper essential extensions  $R$ - module and  $J(M) \neq M$ . If  $N$  is a  $Z$ -nearly Prime submodule, then  $N$  is a  $Z$ -prime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:**

Since  $M$  has no proper essential extensions  $R$ -module, so  $M$  is an injective by [4] and hence  $M$  is a divisible  $R$ -module by [4]. But  $J(M) \neq M$ , so  $J(M) = 0$  by [6, proposition(1-4), p.12]. Hence the result follows immediately from proposition(3.1).

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