

# Semiannihilator Small Submodules

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**Abstract:** Let  $R$  be an associative ring with non-zero identity and  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module. A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called semiannihilator small (sa-small), if for every submodule  $L$  of  $M$  with  $N+L=M$ , then  $\text{ann}(L) \ll R$ . The properties of sa-small submodules have been studied. The sum of sa-small submodules is studied. Moreover, we introduce the concepts semiannihilator -hollow modules. We give many properties related with this type of modules.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $R$  an associative ring with non-zero identity,  $M$  a left  $R$ -module. A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called small, if for every submodule  $K$  of  $M$  with  $N+K=M$ , then  $K=M$  [1]. Recently, many authors have been interested in studying different kinds of annihilator small submodules as in [2] and [3], where the authors in [3] introduced the concept of  $R$ -annihilator small submodules, that is; a submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $R$ -annihilator small, if whenever  $N+K=M$ , where  $K$  a submodule of  $M$ ; then  $\text{ann}(K)=0$ , where  $\text{ann}_R(T) = \{r \in R : rT=0\}$ . This has led us to introduce the concept of semiannihilator small submodules, in way that a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called semiannihilator small (sa-small) in case  $\text{ann}(K) \ll R$  where  $K$  is a submodule of  $M$  whenever  $N+K=M$ . It is clear that every  $R$ -annihilator small submodule is sa-small, but the converse is not true generally as examples can show next.

In this paper we define a subset of  $M$  that consists of all semiannihilator small elements by  $_{sa}$  and we shall denote the sum of all semiannihilator small submodules of  $M$  by  $J_{sa}(M)$ , and study its properties. Finally, we shall introduce the concept of semiannihilator -hollow modules as a generalization of hollow modules.

## 2. Semi Annihilator – Small Submodules

In this section we introduce the concept of semiannihilator-small submodules and give characterizations, properties of this class of submodules.

**Definition 2.1** A submodule  $N$  of a  $R$ -module  $M$  is called semiannihilator – small in  $M$  (sa-small) if  $N+X=M$ ,  $X$  a submodule of  $M$ , implies that  $\text{ann}X \ll R$ , we write  $N \ll_{sa} M$  in this case.

### Examples and remarks 2.2:-

- 1) sa-small submodule need not be small, For example, consider  $Z$  as  $Z$ -module, every proper submodule of  $Z$  is sa-small. But  $\{0\}$  is the only small submodule of  $Z$ .
- 2) It is clear that  $R$ -a-small submodules are sa-small submodules.
- 3) If  $M$  is a faithful  $R$ -module then every small submodules are  $R$ -annihilator small submodules and then are sa-small submodules.

- 4) Let  $R$  be a smpil ring and let  $M$  be a  $R$ -module. Then every proper submodule of  $M$  is sa-small in  $M$ .
- 5) There are sa-small submodules that are direct summands as in the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -module  $M = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$ , where it is clear that  $A = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus (0)$  is a direct summand of  $M$ ,  $M = A \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 = A \oplus \langle (1,1) \rangle$  and  $\text{ann}(\mathbb{Z}_2) \ll \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

Since the ideal  $A$  of  $R$  is small in  $R$  iff  $A \subseteq J(R)$ , where  $J(R)$  is the jacobson radical of  $R$ . The following is a characterizations of sa-small submodules:

**Proposition 2.3:** A submodule  $N$  of a module  $M$  is sa-small in  $M$  if  $N+X=M$ ,  $X$  a submodule of  $M$ , implies that  $\text{ann}X \ll J(R)$ .

**Proposition 2.4:** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module with submodules  $A \subseteq N$ . If  $N \ll_{sa} M$  then  $A \ll_{sa} M$ .

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be a submodule of  $M$  such that  $A+X=M$ , since  $A \subseteq N$  hence  $N+X=M$ .  $N$  is sa-small in  $M$  then  $\text{ann}X \ll R$  and hence  $A \ll_{sa} M$ .

**Proposition 2.5:** Let  $M$  be a  $R$ -module with submodules  $A \subseteq N$ , if  $A \ll_{sa} N$  then  $A \ll_{sa} M$ .

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be any submodule of  $M$  such that  $A+X=M$ , now  $N \cap M = N \cap (A+X)$  implies that  $N = A + (N \cap X)$  by the modular law. Since  $A \ll_{sa} N$ , thus  $\text{ann}(N \cap X) \ll R$ . But  $\text{ann}(X) \subseteq \text{ann}(N \cap X)$  then  $\text{ann}(X) \ll R$ , hence  $X \ll_{sa} M$ .

**Proposition 2.6:** Let  $I$  be an ideal of commutative ring  $R$  and let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module if  $IM$  is a sa-submodule in  $M$ , then  $I$  is sa-ideal of  $R$ .

**Proof:** Let  $R = I + J$ ,  $J$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then  $M = RM = (I+J)M = IM + JM$ , since  $IM$  is a sa-submodule in  $M$ , then  $\text{ann}(JM) \ll R$ , but  $\text{ann}J \subseteq JM$ , then  $\text{ann}J \ll R$  thus  $I$  is sa-ideal of  $R$ .

**Proposition 2.7:** let  $M$  and  $N$  be  $R$ -modules and  $f: M \rightarrow N$  be an epimorphism. If  $H \ll_{sa} N$ , then  $f^{-1}(H) \ll_{sa} M$ .

**Proof:** Let  $M = f^{-1}(H) + X$ ,  $X \subseteq M$ . Then  $f(M) = f(f^{-1}(H) + X) = f(f^{-1}(H)) + f(X)$ . Since  $f$  is an epimorphism, then  $N = H + f(X)$ . But  $H \ll_{sa} N$ , therefor  $\text{ann}f(X) \ll R$ . Clearly that  $\text{ann}X \subseteq \text{ann}f(X)$  and hence  $\text{ann}X \ll R$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(H) \ll_{sa} M$ .

**Note .** Let  $f: M \rightarrow N$  be an epimorphism . Then the image of sa-small submodule of  $M$  need not be sa-small in  $N$  as the following example shows:-

Consider  $Z_4$  and  $Z$  as  $Z$  - modules and let  $\pi : Z \rightarrow Z_4$  be the natural epimorphism ,  $\{0\} \ll_{sa} Z$ . But  $\pi(\{0\}) = \{0\}$  is not s-small in  $Z_4$  , where  $Z_4 = 0 + Z_4$  and  $\text{ann } Z_4 = 4Z$  is not small in  $R$ .

**Note .** The sum of two sa-small submodules of a module  $M$  need not be sa-small submodule .For example , In  $Z$  as  $Z$ -module. Each of  $2Z$  and  $3Z$  are sa-small submodule of  $Z$  .But  $Z = 3Z + 2Z$  is not sa-small in  $Z$  where  $Z = Z + 0$  and  $\text{ann } 0 = Z$  is not small in  $Z$  .

We prove the following:

**Proposition 2-8:-** Let  $M_1, M_2$  be a  $R$ - modules . If  $N_1 \ll_{sa} M_1$  and  $N_2 \ll_{sa} M_2$  thus  $N_1 \oplus N_2 \ll_{sa} M_1 \oplus M_2$ .

**Proof:-** Let  $p_i: M_1 \oplus M_2 \rightarrow M_i$  be the projection maps .Since  $N_1 \ll_{sa} M_1$  and  $N_2 \ll_{sa} M_2$ , then by prop(2.5),  $N_1 \oplus M_2 = P_1^{-1}(N_1) \ll_{sa} M_1 \oplus M_2$ , and  $M_1 \oplus N_2 = P_2^{-1}(N_2) \ll_{sa} M_1 \oplus M_2$ , and  $(N_1 \oplus M_2) \cap (M_1 \oplus N_2) = N_1 \oplus N_2 \ll_{sa} M_1 \oplus M_2$ .

**Theorem 2.9:** Let  $M = \sum Rm_i$ , be an  $R$ -module and  $d \in M$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $Rd \ll_{sa} M$ .
2.  $\cap i \in I \text{ann}(m_i - r_i d) \ll R$  for each  $r_i \in R$ .
3. There exists  $j \in I$  such that  $rm_j \notin Rrd$  for all  $0 \neq r \in J(R)$ .

**Proof:** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) For each  $i \in I$ ,  $mi = mi - rid + rid$  and hence  $M = \sum R(m_i - r_i d) + Rd$ . By (1) we have .  $Rm \ll_{sa} M$  then  $\text{ann}(\sum R(m_i - r_i d)) = \cap i \text{ann}(mi - rid) \ll R$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Let  $L$  be a submodule of  $M$  with  $L + Rd = M$ . Then for each  $i \in I$   $mi = x_i + rid$  ,  $x_i \in R$  and  $xi \in L$  . Let  $t \in \text{ann}(L)$ , then  $tmi = trid + tx_i$  since  $tx_i = 0$  then  $t(mi - r_i d) = 0$  for each  $i \in I$ , then  $t \in \text{ann}(m_i - r_i d)$ , hence  $t \in \cap i \in I \text{ann}(m_i - r_i d) \ll R$ , then  $\text{ann}(L) \ll R$ .

2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Let  $r \notin J(R)$  and assume that  $rm_i \in Rrd$  for all  $i \in I$ . Then  $rm_i = rird = rrid$  for all  $i \in I$ , so by (1)  $r \in \cap i \in I \text{ann}(mi - rid) \ll R$  which is a contradiction.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Let  $r \in \cap i \in I \text{ann}(mi - rid)$  and hence  $r \in \text{ann}(mi - rid)$  for all  $i \in I$ . Thus  $rm_i = rrid = rird$  for all  $i \in I$ , so  $rm_i \in Rrd$ . By (3)  $r \in J(R)$  then  $\cap i \in I \text{ann}(mi - rid) \subseteq J(R)$  so  $\cap i \in I \text{ann}(m_i - r_i d) \ll R$ .

**Theorem 2.10:** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring,  $M = \sum Rm_i$  and  $N$  a submodule of  $M$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $N \ll_{sa} M$ .
2.  $\cap i \in I \text{ann}(mi - xi) \ll R$  for all  $xi \in N$ .

**Proof:** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) For each  $i \in I$ , let  $xi \in N$ . Then  $mi = mi - xi + xi$  for each  $i \in I$ . Then  $M = \sum R(mi - xi) + N$ , by (1)  $N \ll_{sa} M$ , then  $\text{ann}(\sum R(mi - xi)) = \cap i \in I \text{ann}(R(mi - xi)) \ll R$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Let  $M = A + N$ . Then for each  $i \in I$   $mi = ai + xi$  where  $ai \in A$  and  $xi \in N$ . Hence  $ai = mi - xi$  for each  $i \in I$  and

$M = \sum (mi - xi) + N$ . Now, let  $t \in \text{ann}(A)$  then  $tai = t(mi - xi)$  for each  $i \in I$  and hence  $t \in \text{ann}(R(mi - xi)) \ll R$  by (2), so  $\text{ann}(A) \subseteq \text{ann}(R(mi - xi))$ . Thus  $N \ll_{sa} M$ .

As the same of the definition of Jacobson radical related to small submodules, we will state a definition related to sa-small submodules in the following. But first we need this definition.

**Definition 2.11:** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $a \in M$ . an element  $a$  in  $M$  is semiannihilator small if  $Ra$  is semiannihilator small submodule of  $M$ . let  $A_{sa} = \{a \in M | Ra \ll_{sa} M\}$ .

The set  $A_{sa}$  is not a submodule of  $M$ . In fact, it is not closed under addition, for example in the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}$  we have that  $4, -3 \in A_{sa}$  but  $4 - 3 = 1 \notin A_{sa}$ .

We can see by the use of proposition (2.4) that if  $M$  is an  $R$ -module and  $a \in A_{sa}$ , then  $Ra \subseteq A_{sa}$ .

Now we can prove the following:

**Remark 2.12:-** Let  $M$  be a module and  $N$  be sa- small submodule of  $M$  , then  $N \subseteq A_{sa}$ .

**Proof:-** Let  $x \in N$ ,  $N$  is sa-small submodule then  $Rx$  is sa-small submodule of  $M$  by prop(2.4) .

Thus  $x \in A_{sa}$ .

Since the sum of sa-small submodules is not sa-small (consider  $3Z + 2Z$  in  $Z$ ) we define.

**Definition 2.13:** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Denote  $J_s(M)$  for the sum of all sa- small submodules of  $M$ . If  $M$  has no sa-small submodule , we write  $J_{sa}(M) = M$ .

It is clear that  $A_{sa} \subseteq J_s(M)$  in every module , but this may not be equality (  $Z$  as  $Z$ -module) .

**Proposition 2.14:** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module such that  $A_{sa} \neq \phi$ , then we have the following:

- 1)  $J_s(M)$  is a submodule of  $M$  and contains every sa- small submodule of  $M$ .
- 2)  $J_s(M) = \{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n; a_i \in A_{sa} \text{ for each } i, n \geq 1\}$ .
- 3)  $J_s(M)$  is generated by  $A_{sa}$ .

**Proof:**

1. Let  $\{N_\alpha | \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be the set of all sa- small submodules of  $M$ , thus  $J_s(M) = \sum N_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . Let  $x, y \in J_s(M)$ , this means that  $x = \sum \alpha x_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  and  $y = \sum \alpha y_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  where  $x_\alpha, y_\alpha \in N_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  and  $x_\alpha, y_\alpha \neq 0$  for at most a finite number of  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . Then  $x + y = \sum (\alpha x_\alpha + \alpha y_\alpha)$   $\alpha \in \Lambda$  such that  $x_\alpha + y_\alpha \in N_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ,  $x + y \in J_s(M)$ . Now, let  $r \in R$  and  $x \in J_s(M)$ . it is clear that  $rx \in J_s(M)$ . Hence,  $J_s(M)$  is a submodule of  $M$ .

2. Follows from (1) and  $A_{sa} \subseteq J_s(M)$ .

3. Since  $A_{sa} \subseteq J_s(M)$ , then  $\langle A_{sa} \rangle \subseteq J_s(M)$ . Clearly,  $J_s(M) \subseteq \langle A_{sa} \rangle$ . Then  $J_s(M)$  is generated by  $A_{sa}$ .

**Proposition 2.15:** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module such that  $A_{sa} \neq \phi$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $A_{sa}$  is closed under addition; that is, a finite sum of sa-small elements is sa-small.
2.  $Js(M) = A_{sa}$ .

**Proof:**

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Let  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n \in Js(M)$ ,  $a_i \in A_i$   $i=1, \dots, n$ ,  $A_i$  is sa-small in  $M$  for each  $i=1, \dots, n$ . then  $Ra_i \ll_{sa} M$  by proposition (2.4). Hence  $a_i \in A_{sa}$  for each  $i=1, \dots, n$ , by the assumption in (1) we get that  $a_1 + \dots + a_n \in A_{sa}$ . thus  $Js(M) \subseteq A_{sa}$  and hence  $Js(M) = A_{sa}$ .  
 (2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Let  $x, y \in A_{sa}$ , since  $A_{sa} \subseteq Js(M)$  then  $x, y \in Js(M)$  and by using proposition (2.14) we have  $x+y \in Js(M)$ . Hence,  $x+y \in A_{sa}$ , but  $A_{sa}$  is closed under addition. We can prove that a finite sum of sa-small elements is sa-small by the use of induction.

**Proposition 2.16:** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module such that  $A_{sa} \neq \phi$ . consider the following statements:

- 1)  $Js(M)$  is an sa-small submodule of  $M$ .
- 2) If  $K$  and  $L$  are sa-small submodules of  $M$ , then  $K+L$  is an sa-small submodule of  $M$ .
- 3)  $A_{sa}$  is closed under addition; that is, sum of sa-small elements of  $M$  is sa-small.
- 4)  $Js(M) = A_{sa}$ .

Then (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) $\Leftrightarrow$ (4). If  $M$  is finitely generated, then (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (2).

**Proof:**

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Let  $K, L$  be sa-small in  $M$ , then  $K+L \subseteq Js(M)$  which is sa-small by assumption. Thus by using proposition (2.4) we get  $K+L \ll_{sa} M$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Let  $x, y \in A_{sa}$ , then  $Rx, Ry$  are sa-small in  $M$ , and hence by (2)  $R(x+y)$  is sa-small in  $M$ . But  $R(x+y) \subseteq Rx+Ry$  and by using proposition (2.4) we get  $R(x+y) \ll_{sa} M$ . Hence,  $x+y \in A_{sa}$ .

(3) $\Leftrightarrow$ (4) By proposition (2.14).

Now, let  $M$  be finitely generated to prove (2) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Consider  $\{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n\}$  to be the set of generators of  $M$ . Let  $X$  be a submodule of  $M$  such that  $Js(M)+X=M$ , then  $mi=ai+xi$  such that  $ai \in Js(M)$  and  $xi \in X$  for each  $i=1, \dots, n$ . Thus  $\sum Rmini=1=\sum Raini=1+\sum Rxini=1$  and hence  $M=\sum Raini=1+X$ . Now, since  $ai \in Js(M)$  and since (2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) $\Leftrightarrow$ (4) we get  $Js(M)=A_{sa}$ ; that is,  $ai \in A_{sa}$  and hence  $Rai \ll_{sa} M$  thus  $\text{ann}(X) \ll R$  implies that  $Js(M) \ll_{sa} M$ .

### 3. Semiannihilator-hollow module

In this section we introduce the concept of semiannihilator-hollow modules and give basic properties of this module.

**Definition 3.1:** A nontrivial  $R$ -module  $M$  is called semiannihilator -hollow(sa-hollow) if every proper submodule of  $M$  is sa-small in  $M$ .

**Examples and Remarks 3.2 :**

- (1)  $Z$  as  $Z$ - module is sa-hollow module but it is not hollow.
- (2)  $Z_6$  and  $Z_4$  as  $Z$ - module are not sa-hollow modules.

The epimorphic image of sa-hollow module need not be sa-hollow as the following example shows:-

Consider  $Z$  and  $Z_4$  as  $Z$  - modules and  $\pi:Z \rightarrow Z_4$  let be the natural epimorphism .  $Z$  as  $Z$ - module is sa-hollow module,  $\{0\} \ll_{sa} Z$  . But  $\pi(\{0\})=0$  is not sa-small in  $Z_4$  , where  $Z_4=0+Z_4$  and  $\text{ann } Z_4=4Z$  not small in  $Z$ .

**Proposition 3.3:-**Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two  $R$ - modules and  $f:M \rightarrow N$  be an epimorphism .If  $N$  is sa-hollow module then  $M$  is sa-hollow module.

**Proof:-**Let  $K$  be submodule of  $M$  ,then  $f(K)$  is submodule of  $N$  and since  $N$  is sa-hollow module ,  $f(K)$  is sa-small submodule, then  $f^{-1}(f(k)) \ll_{sa} M$  by (Proposition 2.6),  $f^{-1}(f(k))=K+\ker f$  ,  $K \leq K+\ker f$  then by(Proposition 2.4),  $K$  is sa-small submodule of  $M$ .

**Corollary 3.4:** Let  $M$  be  $R$ - module,  $K$  be submodule of  $M$  . If  $M/K$  is sa-hollow module then  $M$  is sa-hollow module.

A submodule  $N$  of  $R$ -module  $M$  is called fully invariant submodule of  $M$  if  $f(N) \subseteq N$ , for every  $f \in \text{Hom}(M, M)$  .A module  $M$  is called duo module if every submodule of  $M$  is fully invariant[3].

**Proposition 3.5:** Let  $M=M_1 \oplus M_2$  be duo module .If  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are sa-hollow modules, then  $M$  is sa-hollow module.

**Proof:** Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be sa-hollow modules, and  $N_1 \oplus N_2$  be a proper Submodule of  $M_1 \oplus M_2$

$N_1 \leq M_1$  and  $N_2 \leq M_2$  , then  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are sa-small submodules of  $M_1, M_2$  respectively thus by(Proposition 2.7)  $N_1 \oplus N_2$  is sa-small submodule of  $M$ .

**Corollary3.6:** Let  $M= M_1 \oplus M_2$  be an  $R$ - module such that  $R=\text{ann}(M_1)+\text{ann}(M_2)$ .If  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are be sa-hollow, then so is  $M$ .

We call a ring  $R$  is sa-hollow, if  $R$  is sa-hollow  $R$ -module. A module  $M$  is called multiplication , if for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  there exists an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $N = IM = (N:M)M$  [4].

**Proposition 3.7 :**Let  $M$  be a multiplication  $R$ -module. If  $M$  is sa-hollow then  $R$  is a sa-hollow ring.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $M$  is sa-hollow. Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then  $IM$  is a submodule of  $M$  and hence  $IM$  is sa-small( Prop.2.6). Then  $I$  is sa-small ideal of  $R$  and hence  $R$  is sa-hollow.

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