



## A Note on Primary and Weakly Primary Submodules

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**Abstract.** In this paper, the generalizations of primary submodules and weakly primary submodules are proposed as  $P(N)$ -locally primary submodules and  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodules, respectively. The relationships of these submodules are investigated extensively.

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### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, we assume that all rings are commutative with identity  $1 \neq 0$ . An ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is called a proper ideal if  $I \neq R$ . Then the radical of a proper ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is denoted by  $\text{rad}(I)$  and  $\text{rad}(I) = \{x \in R \mid x^n \in I \text{ for some positive integer } n\}$ . A proper ideal  $P$  of  $R$  is called prime (primary) if  $ab \in P$  for some  $a, b \in R$  implies that either  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$  (either  $a \in P$  or  $b^n \in P$  for some positive integer  $n$ ). A proper ideal  $P$  of  $R$  is said to be a weakly prime ideal if  $0 \neq ab \in P$  for some  $a, b \in R$  implies that either  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$ , and it is called a weakly primary ideal if  $0 \neq ab \in P$  for some  $a, b \in R$  implies that either  $a \in P$  or  $b^n \in P$  for some positive integer  $n$  (see [2, 3]).

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called a proper submodule if  $N \neq M$ . A proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called a prime submodule if  $rm \in N$  for some  $r \in R$  and  $m \in M$  implies that either  $m \in N$  or  $rM \subseteq N$  and it is said to be a weakly prime submodule if  $0 \neq rm \in N$  for some  $r \in R$  and  $m \in M$  implies that either  $m \in N$  or  $rM \subseteq N$ . A non empty subset  $S$  of  $R$  is said to be multiplicative closed set if  $0 \notin S$  and whenever  $a, b \in S$ , then  $ab \in S$ . Let  $S$  be a multiplicative closed set in  $R$ . It can be easily seen that  $M_S$  is an  $R_S$ -module under the operations  $\frac{a}{s} + \frac{b}{u} = \frac{ua+sb}{su}$  and  $\frac{r}{v} \frac{a}{s} = \frac{ra}{vs}$  for any  $\frac{r}{v} \in R_S$  and  $\frac{a}{s}, \frac{b}{u} \in M_S$  [5]. A proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is said to be  $S(N)$ -locally prime ( $S(N)$ -weakly prime) submodule if  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a prime (a weakly prime) submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$  for each maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{M}$  with  $S(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$  [4].

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A proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is said to be a primary submodule if  $rm \in N$  for some  $r \in R$ ,  $m \in M$  implies that either  $m \in N$  or  $r^n M \subseteq N$  for some positive integer  $n$  and it is said to be a weakly primary submodule if  $0 \neq rm \in N$  for some  $r \in R$ ,  $m \in M$  implies that either  $m \in N$  or  $r^n M \subseteq N$  for some positive integer  $n$ . The ideal  $\{r \in R \mid rM \subseteq N\}$  will be denoted by  $(N : M)$  and  $(0 : N) = \{r \in R \mid rN = 0\}$  where  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ . Then the annihilator of  $M$  is  $(0 : M)$  where  $(0 : M) = \{r \in R \mid rM = 0\}$ . An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a faithful module if  $(0 : M) = (0)$ . Note that if  $N$  is a primary submodule of  $M$ , then  $(N : M)$  is a primary ideal of  $R$  and  $rad(N : M) = \{r \in R \mid r^n M \subseteq N \text{ for some positive integer } n\}$  is a prime ideal of  $R$  ([1, 6, 7]).

Main aim is to obtain the two generalization on primary submodules and weakly primary submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of  $M$ . An element  $r \in R$  is said to be primary to  $N$  if  $r^n m \in N$ , where  $m \in M$  and  $n$  is a positive integer, then  $m \in N$ . Then  $r \in R$  is said to be not primary to  $N$  if  $r^n m \in N$  for some positive integer  $n$  and for some  $m \in M \setminus N$ . The set of all elements of  $R$  that are not primary to  $N$  is denoted by  $P(N)$ . Then we get  $P(N) = \{r \in R \mid r^n m \in N \text{ for some positive integer } n, \text{ for some element } m \in M \setminus N\}$ . If  $N = (0)$ , then  $P((0)) = \{r \in R \mid r^n m = 0 \text{ for some positive integer } n, \text{ for some } 0 \neq m \in M\}$ . A proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is said to be an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -primal if  $P(N)$  forms an ideal of  $R$ .

## 2. $P(N)$ -Locally Primary and $P(N)$ -Locally Weakly Primary Submodules

**Definition 1.** Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . Then  $N$  is called a  $P(N)$ -locally primary submodule of  $M$  if  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a primary submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$  for all maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{M}$  where  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ .

**Definition 2.** A proper submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule of  $M$  if  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a weakly primary submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$  for every maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{M}$  where  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . Then  $rad(N : M) \subseteq P(N)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $r \in rad(N : M)$ . Then  $r^n M \subseteq N$  for some positive integer  $n$ . There exists  $m \in M \setminus N$  such that  $r^n m \in N$ . Then  $r \in P(N)$ . Thus  $rad(N : M) \subseteq P(N)$ .  $\square$

Every primary submodule  $N$  is proposed as  $P(N)$ -locally primary submodule and every weakly primary submodule  $N$  is proposed as  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule in the following propositions, respectively.

**Proposition 1.** A primary submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally primary submodule.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a maximal ideal of  $R$  where  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ . By the previous lemma, we say that  $rad(N : M) \subseteq P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ .  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a proper submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Indeed, if  $N_{\mathfrak{M}} = M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , then  $\frac{m}{1} \in M_{\mathfrak{M}}$  for any  $m \in M$ . Then  $rm \in N$  for some  $r \notin \mathfrak{M}$ . We get  $r^n \notin rad(N : M)$ . Since  $N$  is a primary submodule of  $M$ , then  $m \in N$ . Thus  $N = M$ , a contradiction. Since  $rad(N : M) \cap (R \setminus \mathfrak{M}) = \emptyset$ , then  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a primary submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Consequently,  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally primary submodule.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.** *A weakly primary submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$  where  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ . In the same manner as in the proof of the previous proposition, we have that  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a proper submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Let  $0_{\mathfrak{M}} \neq \frac{r}{s} \frac{m}{p} \in N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  for some  $\frac{r}{s} \in R_{\mathfrak{M}}$  and  $\frac{m}{p} \in M_{\mathfrak{M}}$  (for some  $r \in R$ ,  $m \in M$  and  $s, p \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$ ). Then there is a  $q \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$  such that  $qrm \in N$ . Assume that  $qrm = 0$ . Then  $\frac{r}{s} \frac{m}{p} = \frac{q}{q} \frac{r}{s} \frac{m}{p} = \frac{qrm}{qsp} = 0_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , this is a contradiction. So  $0 \neq qrm \in N$ . As  $rad(N : M) \subseteq P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ , then  $q \notin rad(N : M)$ . Thus  $rm \in N$  since  $N$  is a weakly primary submodule. It is clear that  $rm \neq 0$ . Hence  $0 \neq rm \in N$  implies that  $m \in N$  or  $r^n M \subseteq N$  for some positive integer  $n$ . Thus we get  $\frac{m}{p} \in N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  or  $\frac{r^n}{s^n} M_{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  for some positive integer  $n$  by [4, Corollary 2.9]. Then we get that  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a weakly primary submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Consequently,  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . If  $N$  is primary, then  $N$  is  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $N$  is a primary submodule. Then  $N$  is a weakly primary submodule. Thus,  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule by Proposition 2.  $\square$

Note that if  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally primary submodule of  $M$ , then  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule of  $M$ .

We give an example to show the converse is not true.

**Example 1.** Consider  $R = F[X, Y, Z]$ -module  $M = F[X, Y, Z]/(X^2, YZ)$  and the zero submodule  $N = (0)$  of  $M$ . One can easily see that  $P(N) = \{0, X, Y, Z, \dots\}$ . Note that  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M} = (X, Y, Z)$  which is the unique maximal ideal of  $R$ . Then  $N_{\mathfrak{M}} = (0)$  is weakly primary submodule of  $R_{\mathfrak{M}}$ -module  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Thus  $N$  is  $P(N)$ -weakly primary submodule. But  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is not primary submodule since,  $\frac{Y}{1} \cdot \frac{Z}{1} = \frac{0}{1} \in N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  but  $(\frac{Y}{1})^n \notin (N_{\mathfrak{M}} : M_{\mathfrak{M}})$ ,  $(\frac{Z}{1}) \notin N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  for all positive integer  $n$ . Thus  $N$  is not  $P(N)$ -primary.

In the following example, it is illustrated that a submodule  $N$  can be both  $P(N)$ -locally primary submodule of  $M$  and  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule of  $M$  but it is neither primary submodule of  $M$  nor weakly primary submodule of  $M$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$  and consider the  $R$ -module  $M = \mathbb{Z}_{12}$ . Let  $N$  be the submodule of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  generated by  $\bar{6}$ . It is easily seen that  $\bar{0} \neq \bar{2}\bar{3} (= \bar{3}\bar{2}) \in N$  but  $\bar{2} \notin (N : M)$  and  $\bar{3} \notin N$  ( $\bar{3} \notin (N : M)$  and  $\bar{2} \notin N$ ), that is,  $N$  is not a weakly primary submodule of  $M$ , hence  $N$  is not a primary submodule of  $M$ . Assume that  $N$  is not a  $P(N)$ -locally primary submodule of  $M$ . Then there exists a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{M}$  of  $R$  with  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$  where  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is not a primary submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Note that  $2, 3 \in P(N)$ . Thus  $1 \in \mathfrak{M}$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally primary submodule of  $M$ . Hence  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule of  $M$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . Then the following statements hold:*

- (i)  $N$  is a primary submodule if and only if  $P(N) = \text{rad}(N : M)$ .
- (ii) Let  $P(0) \subseteq \text{rad}(N : M)$ . Then  $N$  is a primary submodule if and only if  $N$  is a weakly primary submodule.

*Proof.* (i) Assume that  $N$  is a primary submodule. Let  $r \in P(N)$ . Then  $r^n m \in N$  for some positive integer  $n$  and for some  $m \in M \setminus N$ . Since  $N$  is a primary submodule, then  $(r^n)^k M = r^{nk} M \subseteq N$  for some positive integer  $k$ , that is,  $r \in \text{rad}(N : M)$ . Hence  $P(N) \subseteq \text{rad}(N : M)$ . By Lemma 1, we get  $P(N) = \text{rad}(N : M)$ .

Suppose that  $P(N) = \text{rad}(N : M)$ . Let  $rm \in N$  and  $m \in M \setminus N$  where  $r \in R$ ,  $m \in M$ . Then  $r \in P(N)$ . Thus  $r \in \text{rad}(N : M)$ , that is,  $r^k M \subseteq N$  for some positive integer  $k$ . Consequently,  $N$  is a primary submodule.

(ii) It is clear that every primary submodule is a weakly primary submodule.

Now, assume that  $N$  is a weakly primary submodule. Let  $r \in P(N)$ . Then  $r^n m \in N$  for some positive integer  $n$  and for some  $m \in M \setminus N$ . Suppose that  $r^n m = 0$ . Since  $m \in M \setminus N$ , then we get  $m \neq 0$ . So  $r \in P(0)$ . Thus  $r \in \text{rad}(N : M)$ , by assumption. Hence  $P(N) = \text{rad}(N : M)$  by Lemma 1. Suppose that  $0 \neq r^n m \in N$ . Since  $m \in M \setminus N$  and  $N$  is a weakly primary submodule, then  $(r^n)^k M \subseteq N$  for some positive integer  $k$ , that is,  $r \in \text{rad}(N : M)$  and so  $P(N) = \text{rad}(N : M)$ . By (i),  $N$  is a primary submodule.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  with  $P(N) = \text{rad}(N : M)$ . Then  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally primary submodule and  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule.

*Proof.* We get that  $N$  is a primary submodule by Theorem 1(i). Then  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally primary submodule by Proposition 1. Since  $N$  is primary submodule, then  $N$  is weakly primary submodule. Therefore,  $N$  is  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule by Proposition 2.  $\square$

Note that, by [4, Lemma 2.19], if  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ , then  $(N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq (N_{\mathfrak{M}} : M_{\mathfrak{M}})$ . Now, we explain that  $\text{rad}((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}}) = \text{rad}(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : M_{\mathfrak{M}})$  when  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$  with  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ .

**Proposition 3.** Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . Then  $\text{rad}((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}}) = \text{rad}(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : M_{\mathfrak{M}})$  for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{M}$  of  $R$  with  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $S(N) \subseteq P(N)$  for any proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , it is clear from [4, Lemma 2.19 and Lemma 2.20].  $\square$

**Lemma 2.** Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . Then  $\text{rad}((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}}) = (\text{rad}(N : M))_{\mathfrak{M}}$  for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{M}$  of  $R$  with  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\frac{r}{p} \in \text{rad}((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  for some  $r \in R$  and  $p \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$ . Then  $(\frac{r}{p})^n = \frac{r^n}{p^n} \in (N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}}$  for some positive integer  $n$ . There exists an element  $q \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$  such that  $qr^n \in (N : M)$ , that is,  $qr^n m \in N$  for every  $m \in M$ . Then  $r^n m \in N$  for every  $m \in M$  since  $q \notin P(N)$ . Thus  $r \in \text{rad}(N : M)$ . Then  $\frac{r}{p} \in \text{rad}((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$ . Conversely, assume that  $\frac{r}{p} \in \text{rad}((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$ . There is an  $u \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$  such that  $ur \in \text{rad}(N : M)$ . Then  $(ur)^n = u^n r^n \in (N : M)$ . Hence  $\frac{u^n r^n}{u^n p^n} \in (N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Consequently,  $\frac{r^n}{p^n} = (\frac{r}{p})^n \in (N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}}$  and so  $\frac{r}{p} \in \text{rad}((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.** Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module. If  $\mathfrak{M}$  is any maximal ideal of  $R$  with  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ , then  $rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}}) = rad(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : M_{\mathfrak{M}})$ .

*Proof.* It is clear from Proposition 3 and Lemma 2. □

**Proposition 4.** Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  and  $m \in M$ . Then  $rad((N : Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}}) = rad(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : (Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{M}$  of  $R$  with  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ .

*Proof.* It is clear. □

If we put  $N = 0$  in Proposition 4, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 4.** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $m \in M$ . Then  $rad((0 : Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}}) = rad(0_{\mathfrak{M}} : (Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  for any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{M}$  of  $R$  with  $P(0) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ .

**Proposition 5.** Let  $N$  be a proper submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  and  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a maximal ideal of  $R$  with  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ . Then the following statements hold:

- (i) Let  $P(0) \subseteq P(N)$ . Then  $rad(N : M)$  is a weakly prime ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  is a weakly prime ideal of  $R_{\mathfrak{M}}$ .
- (ii)  $rad(N : M)$  is a prime ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  is a prime ideal of  $R_{\mathfrak{M}}$ .

*Proof.* (i) Suppose that  $rad(N : M)$  is a weakly prime ideal of  $R$ . If  $rad(N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}} = R_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , then  $\frac{1}{1} \in rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}}) = (rad(N : M))_{\mathfrak{M}}$  and so  $q1 = q \in rad(N : M)$  for some  $q \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$ . But by Lemma 1,  $rad(N : M) \subseteq P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ , which is a contradiction. So  $rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}}) \neq R_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , that is,  $rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  is a proper ideal of  $R_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Let  $0 \neq \frac{r}{p} \frac{s}{q} \in rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$ , where  $r, s \in R$  and  $p, q \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$ . Then we have  $\frac{r}{p} \frac{s}{q} = \frac{rs}{pq} \in (rad(N : M))_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , then there exists an  $u \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$  such that  $urs \in rad(N : M)$ . If  $urs = 0$ , then  $\frac{r}{p} \frac{s}{q} = \frac{u}{u} \frac{r}{p} \frac{s}{q} = \frac{urs}{upq} = 0$ , this is a contradiction. So  $urs \neq 0$ . Since  $0 \neq urs \in rad(N : M)$  and  $rad(N : M)$  is a weakly prime ideal of  $R$ , then  $ur \in rad(N : M)$  or  $s \in rad(N : M)$ . Hence  $\frac{r}{p} = \frac{u}{u} \frac{r}{p} \in (rad(N : M))_{\mathfrak{M}}$  or  $\frac{s}{q} \in (rad(N : M))_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , that is,  $\frac{r}{p} \in rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  or  $\frac{s}{q} \in rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$ .

Assume that  $rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  is a weakly prime ideal of  $R_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . If  $rad(N : M) = R$ , then  $rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}}) = R_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , a contradiction. So  $rad(N : M)$  is a proper ideal of  $R$ . Let  $0 \neq ab \in rad(N : M)$  for some  $a, b \in R$ . Then  $\frac{ab}{1} = \frac{a}{1} \frac{b}{1} \in rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$ . If  $\frac{a}{1} \frac{b}{1} = 0$ , then  $qab = 0$  for some  $q \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$ . As  $0 \neq ab$ , then  $q \in P(0)$ . Thus  $q \in \mathfrak{M}$ , which is a contradiction. So  $0 \neq \frac{a}{1} \frac{b}{1} \in rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$ . Since  $rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  is a weakly prime ideal of  $R_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , then  $\frac{a}{1} \in rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  or  $\frac{b}{1} \in rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$ . Therefore  $pa \in rad(N : M)$  for some  $p \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$  or  $sb \in rad(N : M)$  for some  $s \notin \mathfrak{M}$ . As  $p \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$  and  $s \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$ , then  $p, s \notin P(N)$ . Consequently,  $a \in rad(N : M)$  or  $b \in rad(N : M)$ .

(ii) Assume that  $rad(N : M)$  is a prime ideal of  $R$ . In a similar way, we get  $rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  is a proper ideal of  $R_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Now, let  $\frac{r}{p} \frac{s}{q} \in rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$ , where  $r, s \in R$  and  $p, q \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$ . Then we have  $\frac{rs}{pq} \in (rad(N : M))_{\mathfrak{M}}$  and so we have  $urs \in rad(N : M)$  for some  $u \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$ . Since  $rad(N : M)$  is a prime ideal of  $R$ , then  $ur \in rad(N : M)$  or  $s \in rad(N : M)$ . Consequently,  $\frac{r}{p} = \frac{u}{u} \frac{r}{p} \in (rad(N : M))_{\mathfrak{M}}$  or  $\frac{s}{q} \in (rad(N : M))_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , that is,  $\frac{r}{p} \in rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  or  $\frac{s}{q} \in rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$ .

Suppose that  $rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  is a prime ideal of  $R_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . From (i), it is clear that  $rad(N : M)$  is a proper ideal of  $R$ . Then  $\frac{ab}{1} = \frac{a}{1} \frac{b}{1} \in rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  for some  $a, b \in R$  and since  $rad(N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a prime ideal of  $R_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , then  $\frac{a}{1} \in rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  or  $\frac{b}{1} \in rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$ . Thus  $pa \in rad(N : M)$  for some  $p \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$  or  $sb \in rad(N : M)$  for some  $s \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$ . As  $p \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$  and  $s \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$ , then  $p, s \notin P(N)$ . Therefore,  $a \in rad(N : M)$  or  $b \in rad(N : M)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 6.** *Let  $M$  be a faithful cyclic  $R$ -module and  $N$  be a proper submodule of  $M$  with  $P(0) \subseteq P(N)$ . If  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule of  $M$ , then  $rad(N : M)$  is a weakly prime ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a maximal ideal of  $R$  with  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ . By [4, Proposition 2.18],  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a faithful cyclic  $R_{\mathfrak{M}}$ -module. Then  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a weakly primary submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Thus by [1, Proposition 2.3],  $rad(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : M_{\mathfrak{M}})$  is a weakly prime submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . By Proposition 3,  $rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  is a weakly prime submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . By Proposition 5 i),  $rad(N : M)$  is a weakly prime ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 7.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Suppose that  $N$  is an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -primal and a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule of  $M$  not primary submodule of  $M$ . If  $P(0) \subseteq P(N)$  and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  such that  $I \subseteq rad(N : M)$ , then  $IN = 0$ . Particularly,  $rad(N : M)N = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $P(0) \subseteq P(N)$  and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  such that  $I \subseteq rad(N : M)$ . Since  $N$  is  $\mathfrak{M}$ -primal, then  $P(N)$  is an ideal of  $R$ . As  $1 \notin P(N)$ , then  $P(N)$  is a proper ideal. Hence there is a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{M}$  of  $R$  such that  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ . Then,  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a weakly primary submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$  because  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule of  $M$ . Our aim is to show that  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is not a primary submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Assume that  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a primary submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Let  $rm \in N$  for some  $r \in R$ ,  $m \in M$ . Then  $\frac{rm}{1} = \frac{r}{1} \frac{m}{1} \in N_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . By assumption,  $\frac{m}{1} \in N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  or  $(\frac{r}{1})^n M_{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  for some positive integer  $n$ . By using a similar technique in the previous proofs,  $m \in N$  or  $r^n M \subseteq N$  for some positive integer  $n$  since  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ , but this contradicts with  $N$  which is not a primary submodule of  $M$ . By [4, Lemma 2.19],  $I_{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq rad((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}}) \subseteq rad(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : M_{\mathfrak{M}})$ . By [1, Corollary 3.4],  $I_{\mathfrak{M}} N_{\mathfrak{M}} = 0$ . We get  $\frac{r}{1} \frac{m}{1} = \frac{rm}{1} = 0$  for every  $r \in I$  and every  $m \in N$ . Therefore  $qrm = 0$  for some  $q \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$ . If  $rm \neq 0$ , then  $q \in P(0)$  and so  $q \in \mathfrak{M}$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $rm = 0$ , that is,  $IN = 0$ . Particularly, by putting  $I = rad(N : M)$ , we have  $rad(N : M)N = 0$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 8** ([4, Proposition 2.16]). *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a maximal ideal of  $R$ . If  $\bar{I}$  is an ideal of  $R_{\mathfrak{M}}$  and  $\bar{N}$  is a submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , then*

(i)  $I = \{a \in R \mid \frac{a}{1} \in \bar{I}\}$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $\bar{I} = I_{\mathfrak{M}}$ .

(ii)  $N = \{m \in M \mid \frac{m}{1} \in \bar{N}\}$  is a submodule of  $M$  and  $\bar{N} = N_{\mathfrak{M}}$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $N$  be an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -primal submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  with  $P(0) \subseteq P(N)$ . Then  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $0 \neq ID \subseteq N$  for some ideal  $I$  of  $R$  and some submodule  $D$  of  $M$  implies  $I \subseteq rad(N : M)$  or  $D \subseteq N$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule of  $M$ . Let  $0 \neq ID \subseteq N$  for some ideal  $I$  of  $R$  and some submodule  $D$  of  $M$ . Since  $N$  is  $\mathfrak{M}$ -primal, then  $P(N)$  is an ideal of  $R$ . As  $1 \notin P(N)$ , then  $P(N)$  is a proper ideal. So we have  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$  for some maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{M}$  of  $R$ . Thus  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a weakly primary submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Now,  $I_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is an ideal of  $R_{\mathfrak{M}}$  and  $D_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$  with  $(ID)_{\mathfrak{M}} = I_{\mathfrak{M}}D_{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq N_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Suppose that  $I_{\mathfrak{M}}D_{\mathfrak{M}} = 0_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Then  $\frac{r}{1} \frac{m}{1} = \frac{rm}{1} = 0$  for every  $r \in I$  and every  $m \in D$ . So there exists a  $q \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$  such that  $qrm = 0$ . If  $rm \neq 0$ , then  $q \in P(0)$ . Thus  $q \in \mathfrak{M}$ , which is a contradiction. So  $rm = 0$ , hence  $ID = 0$ , that is a contradiction. Then  $0_{\mathfrak{M}} \neq I_{\mathfrak{M}}D_{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq N_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Since  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule of  $M$ , then  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a weakly primary submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . By [1, Theorem 3.6], either  $I_{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq \text{rad}(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : M_{\mathfrak{M}})$  or  $D_{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq N_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Since  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ , then  $I \subseteq \text{rad}(N : M)$  or  $D \subseteq N$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a maximal ideal of  $R$  with  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ . Since  $N$  is a proper ideal of  $R$ , then there is an  $a \in M \setminus N$ , but  $\frac{a}{1} \in M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . If  $\frac{a}{1} \in N_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , then  $qa \in N$  such that  $q \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$ . As  $a \in M \setminus N$ , then  $q \in P(N)$ , that is,  $q \in \mathfrak{M}$ , which is a contradiction. So  $\frac{a}{1} \in M_{\mathfrak{M}} \setminus N_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Hence  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a proper ideal of  $R_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Let  $\bar{I}$  be an ideal of  $R_{\mathfrak{M}}$  and  $\bar{D}$  be a submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$  with  $0_{\mathfrak{M}} \neq \bar{I}\bar{D} \subseteq N_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . By [4, Proposition 2.16],  $\bar{I} = I_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , for some ideal  $I$  of  $R$  and  $\bar{D} = D_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , for some submodule  $D$  of  $M$ . So  $0_{\mathfrak{M}} \neq I_{\mathfrak{M}}D_{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq N_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , that is,  $0_{\mathfrak{M}} \neq (ID)_{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq N_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Since  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ , then  $ID \subseteq N$ . Also  $0 \neq ID$ . On the contrary,  $(ID)_{\mathfrak{M}} = 0_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . By the hypothesis, we have either  $I \subseteq \text{rad}(N : M)$  or  $D \subseteq N$ . If  $I \subseteq \text{rad}(N : M)$ , then  $\bar{I} = I_{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq \text{rad}((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$ . If  $D \subseteq N$ , then  $\bar{D} = D_{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq N_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . From [1, Theorem 3.6],  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a weakly primary submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Therefore,  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule of  $M$ . □

**Corollary 5.** *Let  $N$  be an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -primal submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  with  $P(0) \subseteq P(N)$ . Then  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $N$  is a weakly primary submodule of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* It is clear from Theorem 2 and [1, Theorem 3.6]. □

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $N$  be an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -primal submodule of  $M$  with  $P(0) \subseteq P(N)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule of  $M$ .
- (ii) For any  $m \in M \setminus N$ ,  $\text{rad}(N : Rm) = \text{rad}(N : M) \cup (0 : Rm)$ .
- (iii) For any  $m \in M \setminus N$ ,  $\text{rad}(N : Rm) = \text{rad}(N : M)$  or  $\text{rad}(N : Rm) = (0 : Rm)$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\implies$  (ii): Let  $N$  be a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule of  $M$  and let  $m \in M \setminus N$ . Since  $N$  is  $\mathfrak{M}$ -primal, then  $P(N)$  is an ideal of  $R$ . As  $i \notin P(N)$ , then  $P(N)$  is a proper ideal. So we have  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$  for some maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{M}$  of  $R$ . Hence  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a weakly primary submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . As  $m \in M$ , then  $\frac{m}{1} \in M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , but  $\frac{m}{1} \in M_{\mathfrak{M}} \setminus N_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . If  $\frac{m}{1} \in N_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , then  $pm \in N$  for some  $p \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$ . Since  $p \notin P(N)$ , then  $m \in N$ , this is a contradiction. By [2, Theorem 2.15],  $\text{rad}(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : R_{\mathfrak{M}} \frac{m}{1}) = \text{rad}(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : M_{\mathfrak{M}}) \cup (0_{\mathfrak{M}} : R_{\mathfrak{M}} \frac{m}{1})$  and from [4, Corollary 2.9],  $\text{rad}(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : (Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}}) = \text{rad}(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : M_{\mathfrak{M}}) \cup (0_{\mathfrak{M}} : (Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}})$ . Then by Proposition 3, Proposition 4 and Corollary 4,  $\text{rad}((N : Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}}) = \text{rad}((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}}) \cup (0 : Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Let  $r \in \text{rad}(N : Rm)$ . Then  $\frac{r}{1} \in \text{rad}((N : Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  and so  $\frac{r}{1} \in \text{rad}((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  or  $\frac{r}{1} \in (0 : Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . If  $\frac{r}{1} \in \text{rad}((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$ , then

$\frac{r^n}{1} \in (N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}}$  for some positive integer  $n$  and thus  $qr^n \in (N : M)$  for some  $q \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$ , that is,  $qr^n M \subseteq N$ . Assume that  $r^n M \not\subseteq N$ . Then  $r^n m \notin N$  for some  $m \in M$ , however  $qr^n m \in N$ . Hence  $q \in P(N)$ . Then  $q \in \mathfrak{M}$ , which is a contradiction. So  $r^n M \subseteq N$  for some positive integer  $n$ , that is,  $r \in \text{rad}(N : M)$ . If  $\frac{r}{1} \in (0 : Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}}$ , then  $pr \in (0 : Rm)$  for some  $p \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$ . Thus  $prRm = 0$ . Assume that  $rRm \neq 0$ . Then  $rs m \neq 0$  for some  $s \in R$ , but  $prsm = 0$ . Therefore  $p \in P(0)$ . As  $P(0) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ , then  $p \in \mathfrak{M}$ , which is a contradiction. So  $rRm = 0$ . Then  $r \in (0 : Rm)$ . Hence  $r \in \text{rad}(N : M) \cup (0 : Rm)$ . Conversely, let  $r \in \text{rad}(N : M) \cup (0 : Rm)$ . If  $r \in \text{rad}(N : M)$ , then  $r^n M \subseteq N$  for some positive integer  $n$  and so we get  $r^n Rm \subseteq r^n M \subseteq N$ . Thus  $r \in \text{rad}(N : Rm)$ . If  $r \in (0 : Rm)$ , then  $rRm = 0 \subseteq N$ . Thus  $r \in (N : Rm) \subseteq \text{rad}(N : Rm)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Clear.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a maximal ideal of  $R$  with  $P(N) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ . Let  $\frac{m}{p} \in M_{\mathfrak{M}} \setminus N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  where  $m \in M$ ,  $p \in R \setminus \mathfrak{M}$ . Then  $m \in M \setminus N$ . By the condition of the theorem,  $\text{rad}(N : Rm) = \text{rad}(N : M)$  or  $\text{rad}(N : Rm) = (0 : Rm)$  for some  $m \in M \setminus N$ . If  $\text{rad}(N : Rm) = \text{rad}(N : M)$ , then  $\text{rad}((N : Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}}) = \text{rad}((N : M)_{\mathfrak{M}})$  and from Proposition 3 and Proposition 4  $\text{rad}(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : (Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}}) = \text{rad}(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : M_{\mathfrak{M}})$ . By [4, Proposition 2.8],  $\text{rad}(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : R_{\mathfrak{M}} \frac{m}{p}) = \text{rad}(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : M_{\mathfrak{M}})$ . If  $\text{rad}(N : Rm) = (0 : Rm)$ , then  $\text{rad}((N : Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}}) = (0 : Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}}$  and by Proposition 4 and Corollary 4,  $\text{rad}(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : (Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}}) = (0_{\mathfrak{M}} : (Rm)_{\mathfrak{M}})$ . By [4, Proposition 2.8],  $\text{rad}(N_{\mathfrak{M}} : R_{\mathfrak{M}} \frac{m}{p}) = (0_{\mathfrak{M}} : R_{\mathfrak{M}} \frac{m}{p})$ . By [2, Theorem 2.15],  $N_{\mathfrak{M}}$  is a weakly primary submodule of  $M_{\mathfrak{M}}$ . Thus  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule of  $M$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $N$  be an  $\mathfrak{M}$ -primal submodule of  $M$  with  $P(0) \subseteq P(N)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $N$  is a  $P(N)$ -locally weakly primary submodule of  $M$ .
- (ii)  $0 \neq ID \subseteq N$  for any ideal  $I$  of  $R$  and any submodule  $D$  of  $M$  implies either  $I \subseteq \text{rad}(N : M)$  or  $D \subseteq N$ .
- (iii)  $\text{rad}(N : Rm) = \text{rad}(N : M) \cup (0 : Rm)$  for any  $m \in M \setminus N$ .
- (iv)  $\text{rad}(N : Rm) = \text{rad}(N : M)$  or  $\text{rad}(N : Rm) = (0 : Rm)$  for any  $m \in M \setminus N$ ,

*Proof.* It is clear from Theorem 2 and Theorem 3.  $\square$

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