



## SS-Coprime Modules

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### Abstract

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unity and  $M$  is a unitary left  $R$ -module. In this paper, we introduce the notion of strongly  $S$ -coprime modules, where  $M$  is called strongly  $S$ -coprime briefly (SS-Coprime) if for each  $r \in R$ ,  $r^2M$  is small in  $M$  implies  $rM=0$ . We investigate many properties about this concept. Moreover many relations between it and other related concepts, are given.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unity and let  $M$  be a unital  $R$ -module. Recall that a proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called prime if whenever  $r \in R, x \in M, rx \in N$  implies that  $x \in N$  or  $r \in [N:M]$ , [10].  $M$  is called a prime  $R$ -module if the zero submodule  $(0)$  is a prime submodule of  $M$ . Equivalently,  $M$  is a prime  $R$ -module if  $\text{ann}_R M = \text{ann}_R N$  for each nonzero submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , [4].

S. Yassemi in [13] introduced the notions of second submodule and second module, where a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called second if whenever  $r \in R - \{0\}, rN = N$  or  $rN = 0$ .  $M$  is called a second module if  $M$  is a second submodule of  $M$ ; that is whenever  $r \in R - \{0\}, rM = M$  or  $rM = 0$ .

S. Annine in [2] introduced the notion of coprime module as follows:  $M$  is called a coprime  $R$ -module if  $\text{ann}M = \text{ann} \frac{M}{N}$  for each proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$ . However, it is known that second modules and coprime modules are equivalent.

Moreover I. E. Wijayant in [15], give the following :

An  $R$ -module  $M$  is coprime if and only if  $\text{ann}_R M = \text{ann}_R \frac{M}{N}$  for each proper fully invariant submodule  $N$  of  $M$ . and proved that it is equivalent to definition of coprime module (in sense of S. Annine).

Recall that a proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called small (denoted by  $N \ll M$ ) if whenever  $N + K = M$ ,  $K$  is a submodule of  $M$ , then  $K = M$  [1]. As a generalization of coprime module. I.M.A.Hadi & R.I.Khalaf in [7] introduce the notion of small coprime (briefly,  $S$ -coprime) module, where an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $S$ -coprime if  $\text{ann}_R M = \text{ann}_R \frac{M}{N}$  for each  $N \ll M$ . Equivalently,  $M$  is  $S$ -coprime if for each  $r \in R - \{0\}$ ,  $rM \ll M$  implies  $rM = 0$ .

Tütuncu, Tribak in [12] introduced an studied the notion of  $T$ -non cosingular, where an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $T$ -noncosingular if whenever  $\varphi \in \text{End}M, \text{Im} \varphi \ll M$ , implies  $\text{Im} \varphi = 0$ . It is clear that  $T$ -noncosingular module is  $S$ -coprime and the converse is not true in general, as we shall see later.

In section two of this paper we investigate the notion of strongly  $S$ -coprime module (briefly  $SS$ -coprime) where an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $SS$ -coprime if for any  $a, b \in R, abM \ll M$  implies  $aM = 0$  or  $bM = 0$ , it is clear that  $SS$ -coprime module is  $S$ -coprime but the converse is not true. However we see by examples that the concept  $SS$ -coprime and  $T$ -noncosingular are independent. However, if  $M$  is  $T$ -noncosingular and  $\text{ann}M$  is a prime ideal then  $M$  is  $SS$ -coprime. Moreover many properties of  $SS$ -coprime modules and some connections between  $SS$ -coprime modules and other related concepts are given.

In section three, the concept of semistrongly  $S$ -coprime (briefly,  $SSS$ -coprime) is presented, where an  $R$ -module is  $SSS$ -coprime if whenever  $r \in R$  with  $r^2M \ll M$ , then  $rM = 0$ . It is clear that every  $SS$ -coprime is  $SSS$ -coprime, but the converse is true under certain condition. Most of properties of  $SS$ -coprime modules generalized to  $SSS$ -coprime.

## 2. SS-Coprime Modules

### Definition 2.1 :

An  $R$ -module is called strongly  $S$ -coprime (briefly  $SS$ -coprime) if for each  $a, b \in R, abM \ll M$  implies  $aM = 0$  or  $bM = 0$

### Remarks and Examples 2.2:

- 1) It is clear that every  $SS$ -coprime module is  $S$ -coprime, but the converse is not true in general, for example:

The  $Z$ -module  $Z_6$  is  $S$ -coprime since  $(\bar{0})$  is the only small submodule in  $Z_6$  and so  $rZ_6 \ll Z_6$  implies  $rZ_6 = (\bar{0})$ . But  $Z_6$  is not  $SS$ -coprime, since  $2 \cdot 3Z_6 = (\bar{0}) \ll Z_6$  and  $2 \cdot Z_6 \neq (\bar{0}), 3 \cdot Z_6 \neq (\bar{0})$ .

- 2) Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module, then  $M$  is  $SS$ -coprime if and only if  $M$  is  $S$ -coprime and  $\text{ann}M$  is a prime ideal

### Proof :

It is easy

- 3) Every  $T$ -noncosingular module is  $S$ -coprime, but neither  $S$ -coprime nor  $SS$ -coprime implies  $T$ -noncosingular in general.

### Proof :

Let  $M$  be a  $T$ -noncosingular  $R$ -module. Let  $r \in R - \{0\}, rM \ll M$ . Define  $\varphi: M \rightarrow M$  by  $\varphi(m) = rm, \forall m \in M$ . Then  $\text{Im} \varphi = rM \ll M$  and since  $M$  is  $T$ -noncosingular,  $rM = 0$ . Thus  $M$  is  $S$ -coprime

Now consider the following example:

Let  $M$  be the  $Z$  module  $Z_2 \oplus Z_2$ . Then  $M$  is not  $T$ -noncosingular  $Z$ -module. However we can show that  $M$  is  $SS$ -coprime so let  $abM \ll M = Z_2 \oplus Z_2$  then  $ab \cdot Z_2 \ll Z_2$  and  $abZ_2 \ll Z_2$ . But  $Z_2$  is divisible so  $abZ_2 \ll Z_2$  implies  $ab = 0$  and hence  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ . Thus  $aM = 0$  or  $bM = 0$ , that is  $M$  is  $SS$ -coprime (and hence  $M$  is  $S$ -coprime)



- 4) T-nonsingular module need not be SS-coprime, for example: The  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  is not SS-coprime by part (1), but it is T-nonsingular .
- 5) If  $M$  is T-nonsingular and  $\text{ann}_R M$  is a prime ideal, then  $M$  is SS-coprime .

**Proof :**

Let  $a, b \in R$ ,  $abM \ll M$  . Define  $f: M \rightarrow M$  by  $f(m) = abm$ ,  $\forall m \in M$ . Then  $\text{Im} f = abM \ll M$ . But  $M$  is T-nonsingular , so  $abM = (0)$ , that is  $ab \in \text{ann}M$ . As  $\text{ann}M$  is a prime ideal, then  $a \in \text{ann}M$  or  $b \in \text{ann}M$  ; thus  $aM = (0)$  or  $bM = (0)$  and  $M$  is SS-coprime.

- 6) An  $R$ -module  $M$  is SS-coprime if and only if  $M$  is an SS-coprime  $\bar{R}$ -module, where  $\bar{R} = R/\text{ann}M$
- 7) Let  $M, M'$  be two isomorphic  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  is SS-coprime if and only if  $M'$  is SS-coprime .
- 8) A ring  $R$  is an SS-coprime  $R$ -module if and only if  $R$  is an integral domain

**Proof :**

Let  $R$  be an integral domain , let  $a, b \in R$  with  $(a)(b)R \ll R$ . Then  $(a)(b) = 0$  and so  $(a) = 0$  or  $(b) = 0$  . Conversely, if  $R$  is SS-coprime  $R$ -module , let  $a, b \in R$   $a.b = 0$  . Then  $(a)(b) \ll R$  and  $R$  is SS-coprime , either  $(a) = 0$  or  $(b) = 0$ . Thus  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ ; that is  $R$  is an integral domain.

- 9) Let  $R$  be an SS-coprime , then  $R$  is K-nonsingular and the converse is not true in general , where  $R$  is K-nonsingular if for each  $f \in R$ ,  $f \neq 0$ ,  $\ker f \not\subseteq_e R$  ( $\ker f$  is not essential in  $R$ ) .

**Proof :**

$R$  is SS-coprime , so part(8),  $J(R) = (0)$  . Thus  $L(R) = Z(R) = (0)$ . Hence  $\ker f \not\subseteq_e R$  .

Also  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  as  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ -module is K-nonsingular , but it is not SS-coprime .

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a scalar module if for each  $f \in \text{End}M$  , there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $f(m) = rm$  ,  $\forall m \in M$  [11].

**Proposition 2.3 :**

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. If  $M$  is S-coprime and scalar module , then  $M$  is T-nonsingular module.

**Proof :**

Let  $f \in \text{End}M$  and  $\text{Im} f \ll M$  . Since  $M$  is a scalar  $R$ -module , there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $f(m) = rm$  ,  $\forall m \in M$  . Thus  $f(M) = rM \ll M$  and since  $M$  is S-coprime  $f(M) = rM = 0$ .

Therefore  $M$  is T-nonsingular.

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a multiplication  $R$ -module , if for each  $N \leq M$  there exists an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $N = IM$ . Equivalently,  $M$  is a multiplication  $R$ -module if for each  $N \leq M$ ,  $N = [N:M]$  [3], where  $[N:M] = \{r \in R : rM \subseteq N\}$  .

**Remark 2.4 :**

Every multiplication SS-coprime  $R$ -module  $M$  has  $(0)$  as the only small submodule of  $M$

**Proof :**

Let  $N \ll M$  . Since  $M$  is SS-coprime so  $M$  is S-coprime . Hence  $\text{ann}M = \text{ann} \frac{M}{N} = [N:M]$ .

This implies  $(0) = (\text{ann}M)M = [N:M]M = N$ .

**Proposition 2.5 :**

Let  $M$  be an SS-coprime  $R$ -module . Then  $M$  is a prime module if and only if  $M$  is a primary module.

**Proof :**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) It is clear .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $r \in R$ ,  $x \in M$  and  $rx = 0$  . Since  $M$  is primary, either  $x = 0$  or  $r^n \in \text{ann}M$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . But  $M$  is SS-coprime implies  $\text{ann}M$  is a prime ideal , hence either  $x = 0$  or  $r \in \text{ann}M$ . Thus  $M$  is a prime module.

The following two results are characterizations of SS-coprime modules.

**Proposition 2.6 :**

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module . Then  $M$  is SS-coprime module if and only if for each ideals  $I, J$  of  $R$   $IJM \ll M$  implies  $IM = 0$  or  $JM = 0$

**Proof :**



( $\Rightarrow$ )

Let  $I, J$  be ideals of  $R$  and  $IJM \ll M$ . Suppose  $JM \neq (0)$ . Hence there exists  $b \in J$ ,  $b \neq 0$  such that  $bM \neq (0)$ . It follows that for each  $a \in I$ ,  $abM \leq IJM \ll M$ . So that  $abM \ll M$ . But  $M$  is SS-coprime and  $bM \neq (0)$ , so that  $aM = (0)$  for each  $a \in I$ . Thus  $IM = (0)$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) It is clear.

### Proposition 2.7 :

An  $R$ -module  $M$  is SS-coprime if and only if for each  $a, b \in R$ ,  $abM \ll M$  implies  $[aM:M] = \text{ann}M$  or  $[bM:M] = \text{ann}M$ .

### Proof :

It is easy so is omitted

### Remark 2.8 :

The homomorphic image of SS-coprime is not necessarily SS-coprime, for example:

The  $Z$ -module  $Z$  is SS-coprime. Let  $\pi: Z \rightarrow Z/\langle 6 \rangle \cong Z_6$  be the natural epimorphism  $\pi(Z) = Z_6$  which is not SS-coprime.

### Proposition 2.9 :

Let  $M$  be an SS-coprime  $R$ -module. Let  $N \ll M$ . Then  $\frac{M}{N}$  is an SS-coprime  $R$ -module.

### Proof :

Let  $a, b \in R$  and  $a.b(\frac{M}{N}) \ll \frac{M}{N}$ . Then  $\frac{abM+N}{N} \ll \frac{M}{N}$  and since  $N \ll M$ , we get  $abM+N \ll M$ , and since  $N \ll M$ , then  $abM \ll M$ . But  $M$  is SS-coprime, so either  $aM = (0)$  or  $bM = (0)$ . It follows that  $a(\frac{M}{N}) = (0)$  or  $b(\frac{M}{N}) = (0)$ . Thus  $\frac{M}{N}$  is SS-coprime.

### Corollary 2.10 :

Let  $f: M \rightarrow M'$  be an epimorphism with  $\ker f \ll M$ . If  $M$  is an SS-coprime  $R$ -module, then  $M'$  is SS-coprime.

### Corollary 2.11 :

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module with projective cover  $f: P \rightarrow M$ . If  $P$  is an SS-coprime  $R$ -module, then  $M$  is SS-coprime.

### Corollary 2.12 :

Let  $R$  be a ring. Then the following statements are equivalent

- 1) Every projective  $R$ -module is SS-coprime
- 2) Every  $R$ -module  $M$  having a projective cover is SS-coprime.

### Proof :

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)

It is following directly by Corollary 2.11.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $M$  be a projective  $R$ -module. Since there exists the identity mapping  $i: M \rightarrow M$  and  $\ker i = 0 \ll M$ , then  $M$  has a projective cover. Hence by (2),  $M$  is SS-coprime.

### Proposition 2.13 :

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Let  $N \ll M$  such that  $[N:M] = \text{ann}M$ . If  $\frac{M}{N}$  is an SS-coprime  $R$ -module, then  $M$  is SS-coprime.

### Proof :

Let  $a, b \in R$  and  $a.bM \ll M$ . It follows that  $\frac{abM+N}{N} \ll \frac{M}{N}$ , that is  $ab(\frac{M}{N}) \ll \frac{M}{N}$ . But  $\frac{M}{N}$  is SS-coprime, so either  $a(\frac{M}{N}) = (0)$  or  $b(\frac{M}{N}) = (0)$ . This implies either  $aM \subseteq N$  or  $bM \subseteq N$ , so either  $a \in [N:M] = \text{ann}M$  or  $b \in [N:M] = \text{ann}M$ . Thus  $aM = (0)$  or  $bM = (0)$ .

### Remark 2.14 :

- 1) A direct summand of SS-coprime module may not be SS-coprime, for example: consider the  $Z$ -module  $M = Z \oplus Z_6$ . It is easy to see that  $M$  is SS-coprime, but by Remark and Example 2.2(1),  $Z_6$  is not SS-coprime.
- 2) The direct sum of SS-coprime modules need not be SS-coprime module, for example: each of the  $Z$ -module  $Z_2$  and  $Z_3$  is SS-coprime, but  $M = Z_2 \oplus Z_3 \cong Z_6$  is not SS-coprime.

### Proposition 2.15 :





Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be  $R$ -modules and  $\text{ann}M_1 = \text{ann}M_2$ . Then  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  is SS-coprime. Particularly,  $M \oplus M$  is SS-coprime if  $M$  is SS-coprime.

**Proof :**

Let  $a, b \in R$  and  $ab(M_1 \oplus M_2) \ll M_1 \oplus M_2$ . Then  $abM_1 \ll M_1$  and  $abM_2 \ll M_2$ . As  $M_1$  &  $M_2$  are SS-coprime, then (either  $aM_1 = 0$  or  $bM_1 = 0$ ) and (either  $aM_2 = 0$  or  $bM_2 = 0$ ). But  $\text{ann}M_1 = \text{ann}M_2$ , hence  $aM = 0$  or  $bM = 0$ . Thus  $M$  is SS-coprime.

**Proposition 2.16 :**

Let  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ . if  $M$  is an SS-coprime  $R$ -module such that  $\text{ann}M_1$  and  $\text{ann}M_2$  are noncomparable prime ideals, then  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are SS-coprime modules.

**Proof :**

Since  $M$  is SS-coprime, then  $M$  is  $S$ -coprime by Remarks and Examples 2.2(2). Hence by [7, Theorem 19],  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are  $S$ -coprime modules. But  $\text{ann}M_1$  and  $\text{ann}M_2$  are prime ideals of  $R$ , so by Remarks and Examples 2.2(2),  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are SS-coprime modules.

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called small prime if  $\text{ann}M = \text{ann}N$  for each  $(0) \neq N \ll M$ . Equivalently  $M$  is a small prime  $R$ -module if  $(0)$  is a small prime submodule, where a proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called a small prime submodule if whenever  $r \in R$ ,  $x \in M$  and  $(x) \ll M$ ,  $rx \in N$  implies  $x \in N$  or  $r \in [N:M]$  [8].

It is clear that every prime module is a small prime module, and if  $M$  is a small prime module, then  $\text{ann}M$  is a prime ideal [8].

**Theorem 2.17 :**

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module such that every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is relatively divisible (i.e.  $rM \cap N = rN$ ,  $\forall r \in R$ ). If  $M$  is small prime, then  $M$  is SS-coprime.

**Proof :**

We claim that  $M$  is  $S$ -coprime. So I shall prove that  $\text{ann}M = [N:M]$  for each  $N \ll M$ .

Suppose that there is a small submodule  $N$  of  $M$  and  $r \in R, r \neq 0$  such that  $r \in [N:M]$  and  $rM \neq (0)$ . As  $M$  is small prime, we get  $rN \neq (0)$ . By hypothesis,  $N$  is relatively divisible, hence  $rM \cap rN = r^2N$  and so  $rN = r^2N$ . This implies that, for any  $n \in N$ ,  $rn = r^2n_1$  for some  $n_1 \in N$ , and hence  $r(n - rn_1) = 0$ . But  $n - rn_1 \in N \ll M$ , so that  $(n - rn_1) \ll M$ . On the other hand,  $M$  is small prime, so  $\text{ann}M = \text{ann}(n - rn_1)$ . Hence  $r \in \text{ann}M$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $\text{ann}M = [N:M]$ ,  $\forall N \ll M$ , i.e.  $M$  is  $S$ -coprime. Beside this,  $M$  is small prime implies  $\text{ann}M$  is a prime, so by Remark and Example 2.2(2),  $M$  is SS-coprime.

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $F$ -regular if  $IM \cap N = IN$  for each  $N \leq M$  and each ideal  $I$  of  $R$  [5].

**Corollary 2.18 :**

Let  $M$  be an  $F$ -regular  $R$ -module. If  $M$  is small prime, then  $M$  is SS-coprime.

**Corollary 2.19 :**

Let  $M$  be a module over a regular ring  $R$  (i.e.  $R$  is regular in sense of VonNeumann)

Then the following statements are equivalent :

- 1)  $M$  is a small prime  $R$ -module
- 2)  $M$  is an SS-coprime  $R$ -module
- 3)  $M$  is a prime  $R$ -module

**Proof :**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)

Since  $R$  is regular ring,  $R/\text{ann}(x)$  is a regular ring for each  $x \in M$ . Hence  $M$  is  $F$ -regular [14]. Thus the result follows by Corollary 2.18.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)

Since  $M$  is SS-coprime, then  $\text{ann}M$  is a prime ideal by Remarks and Examples 2.2(2), so that  $\bar{R} = R/\text{ann}M$  is an integral domain. But  $R$  is regular ring implies  $\bar{R}$  is regular ring, it follows that  $\bar{R}$  is a field, hence  $M$  is a prime  $\bar{R}$ -module which implies that  $M$  is a prime  $R$ -module.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1)

It is clear.

**Remark 2.20 :**



Let  $M$  be a divisible module over an integral domain  $R$ . Then  $M$  is a faithful SS-coprime.

**Proof :**

Let  $a, b \in R$  and  $abM \ll M$ . If  $ab \neq 0$ , then  $abM = M$ , so  $M \ll M$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $ab = 0$  and hence  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ . So that  $aM = 0$  or  $bM = 0$ ; that is  $M$  is SS-coprime.

Also, if  $r \in \text{ann}M$ , then  $rM = 0$ . Since  $M$  is divisible, then  $r = 0$ . Thus  $M$  is faithful.

**Proposition 2.21 :**

Let  $M$  be a faithful  $R$ -module. Consider the following statements :

- 1)  $M$  is SS-coprime
- 2)  $R$  is SS-coprime
- 3)  $R$  is an integral domain

Then  $(1) \Rightarrow (3) \Leftrightarrow (2)$  and  $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  if  $M$  is finitely generated multiplication  $R$ -module.

**Proof :**

$(1) \Rightarrow (3)$

Let  $a, b \in R$  such that  $ab = 0$ . Then  $(ab) \ll R$ . So,  $abM = (0) \ll M$ . But  $M$  is SS-coprime, so either  $aM = 0$  or  $bM = 0$ . Since  $M$  is faithful, then  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ .

$(3) \Rightarrow (1)$

Let  $a, b \in R$  and  $abM \ll M$ . Since  $M$  is finitely generated faithful multiplication module, then  $(ab) \ll R$ . But  $R$  is an integral domain, so  $(ab) = (0)$  and hence either  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ . Thus either  $aM = (0)$  or  $bM = (0)$

$(3) \Leftrightarrow (2)$

See Remarks and Examples 2.2(8)

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module, we say that  $M$  is small retractable if  $\text{Hom}(M, N) \neq 0$  for each  $N \ll M$ .

**Proposition 2.22 :**

Let  $M$  be a small retractable and scalar module. If  $M$  is  $S$ -coprime, then  $\text{Rad}M = (0)$ .

**Proof :**

Suppose there exists  $m \in \text{Rad}M$ ,  $m \neq 0$ . Hence  $(m) \ll M$  and since  $M$  is small retractable, there exists  $f: M \rightarrow (m)$ ,  $f \neq 0$ , hence  $f \in \text{End}M$ . But  $M$  is a scalar  $R$ -module, so that there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $f(x) = rx$ ,  $\forall x \in M$ . Thus  $f(M) = rM \subseteq (m) \ll M$  and as  $M$  is  $S$ -coprime, we get  $rM = 0$ . Hence  $f = 0$  which is a contradiction, therefore  $\text{Rad}M = (0)$ .

Hence it is clear that if  $M$  is small retractable scalar module and  $M$  is SS-coprime then  $\text{Rad}M = 0$ .

**Proposition 2.23 :**

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. If  $\text{Hom}(M, N) = 0$ , for each  $N \ll M$ , then  $M$  is  $S$ -coprime

**Proof :**

Let  $a \in R$  and  $aM \ll M$ . Define  $f: M \rightarrow M$  by  $f(m) = am$ ,  $\forall m \in M$ . Hence  $f(M) = aM \ll M$ , thus  $f \in \text{Hom}(M, aM)$  and  $aM \ll M$ , so by hypothesis  $f = 0$ . Thus  $f(M) = aM = 0$  and  $M$  is  $S$ -coprime.

**Corollary 2.24 :**

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. If  $\text{Hom}(M, N) = 0$  for each  $N \ll M$  and  $\text{ann}M$  is a prime ideal. Then  $M$  is SS-coprime.

**Proof :**

It follows by Proposition 2.23 and Remarks and Examples 2.2(2).

**Proposition 2.25 :**

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  is an SS-coprime  $E$ -module if and only if  $\text{Hom}(M, N) = 0$ ,  $\forall N \ll M$  and  $\text{ann}_E M$  is a prime ideal in  $E$ , where  $E = \text{End}(M)$ .

**Proof :**

$(\Rightarrow)$  Let  $f \in \text{Hom}(M, N)$ ,  $N \ll M$ . Then  $f(M) \subseteq N \ll M$ , so  $f(M) \ll M$ . But  $M$  is SS-coprime  $E$ -module, hence  $M$  is  $S$ -coprime  $E$ -module and so  $f(M) = 0$ . Thus  $\text{Hom}(M, N) = 0$ . Moreover, since  $M$  is SS-coprime  $E$ -module,  $\text{ann}_E M$  is a prime ideal in  $E$  by Remarks and Examples 2.2(2).



( $\Leftarrow$ ) First we shall prove  $M$  is an  $S$ -coprime  $E$ -module . Let  $f \in \text{Hom}(M, N)$ ,  $f(M) \ll M$  . Put  $f(M) = N$  , hence  $f \in \text{Hom}(M, N) = 0$ . Thus  $f = 0$  and so  $M$  is an  $S$ -coprime  $E$ -module. But  $\text{ann}_E M$  is a prime ideal so  $M$  is  $SS$ -coprime  $E$ -module by Remarks and Examples 2.2(2) .

Under the class of multiplication module , we have the following

### Theorem 2.26 :

Let  $M$  be a multiplication  $R$ -module . Then  $M$  is an  $SS$ -coprime if and only if  $M$  is an  $SS$ -coprime  $E$ -module .

#### Proof :

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $f, g \in \text{End} M$ , and  $(f \circ g)(M) \ll M$  . Since  $g(M) \leq M$  and  $M$  is multiplication  $R$ -module,

$g(M) = IM$  for some ideal  $I$  of  $R$ . It follows that  $(f \circ g)(M) = f(g(M)) = f(IM) = If(M)$  . But  $f(M) \leq M$ , so  $f(M) = JM$ , for some ideal  $J$  of  $R$ . Thus  $(f \circ g)(M) = IJM$  and so  $IJM \ll M$ . But  $M$  is an  $SS$ -coprime  $R$ -module , hence either  $IM = 0$  or  $JM = 0$  by Proposition 2.6 . Thus either  $f(M) = 0$  or  $g(M) = 0$  ; that is  $M$  is an  $SS$ -coprime  $E$ -module.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $abM \ll M$  where  $a, b \in R$  . Define  $f, g: M \rightarrow M$  by  $f(m) = am$  ,  $g(m) = bm$  ,  $\forall m \in M$ . Then  $(f \circ g)(M) = abM \ll M$  . Since  $M$  is an  $SS$ -coprime  $E$ -module, then either  $f(M) = 0$  or  $g(M) = 0$  and hence either  $aM = 0$  or  $bM = 0$ . Thus  $M$  is an  $SS$ -coprime  $R$ -module.

Recall that an  $R$ -module is called hollow module if every proper submodule of  $M$  is small[6].

### Proposition 2.27 :

Let  $M$  be a hollow  $R$ -module . Then the following statements are equivalent :

- 1)  $M$  is  $S$ -coprime
- 2)  $M$  is coprime
- 3)  $M$  is  $SS$ -coprime

#### Proof :

(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) It is clear .

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $abM \ll M$  where  $a, b \in R$ . Then either  $aM$  or  $bM$  is a proper submodule of  $M$ . Hence if  $aM \ll M$ , then  $aM = 0$  and so  $aM = 0$  . Similarly ,  $bM = 0$  . Thus  $M$  is  $SS$ -coprime.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) It follows by Remarks and Examples 2.2(2).

### Proposition 2.28 :

Let  $I$  be a nil ideal of a ring  $R$  . If  $M$  is an  $S$ -coprime  $R$ -module, then  $IM = 0$  .

#### Proof :

Let  $a \in I$  , we claim that  $aM \ll M$  . Assume  $aM + K = M$  for some submodule  $K$  of  $M$  . Then for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  ,  $a^n M + K = M$  . But  $a$  is a nilpotent element , so  $K = M$  and  $aM \ll M$  . Since  $M$  is  $S$ -coprime , then  $aM = 0$  for any  $a \in I$  . Thus  $IM = (0)$ .

### Proposition 2.29:

Let  $I, J$  be two ideals of a ring  $R$  such that  $IJ$  is a nil ideal . If  $M$  is an  $SS$ -coprime  $R$ -module, then  $IM = 0$  or  $JM = 0$ .

#### Proof :

Since  $M$  is an  $SS$ -coprime  $R$ -module, then  $M$  is an  $S$ -coprime  $R$ -module and hence by Proposition 2.28,  $IJM = 0$ , so that  $IJM \ll M$  . But  $M$  is  $SS$ -coprime , therefore either  $IM = 0$  or  $JM = 0$ .

Recall that a ring  $R$  is semilocal if  $R/J(R)$  is semisimple.

### Proposition 2.30 :

Let  $R$  be a semilocal ring and  $J(R)$  is nilpotent . Then  $M$  is  $S$ -coprime if and only if  $M$  is semisimple .

#### Proof :

( $\Rightarrow$ ) If  $M$  is  $S$ -coprime . Since  $R$  is semilocal ,  $\frac{R}{J(R)}$  is semilocal, hence  $\text{Rad} M = J(R)M$  and  $\frac{M}{\text{Rad} M}$  is semisimple by [1. Corollary 15.18]. But  $J(R)$  is a nil ideal , so by Proposition 2.28,  $J(R)M = 0$  . then  $\text{Rad} M = 0$  .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) It is clear .

### Note 2.31 :

If  $R$  is a semilocal ring with  $J(R)$  is nilpotent and  $M$  is an  $SS$ -coprime  $R$ -module , then  $M$  is semisimple , but the converse is not true for example: consider  $Z_6$  as  $Z_6$ -module . The ring  $Z_6$  is semilocal ,  $J(Z_6) = 0$  is a nil ideal . Also  $Z_6$  as  $Z_6$ -module is semisimple , but it is not  $SS$ -coprime .



### 3. Semi Strongly S-Coprime Modules

In this section we investigate the notion of semi strongly S-coprime modules and present some of its properties and some of relations between this concept and other related concepts .

#### Definition 3.1 :

An R-module is called semi strongly S-coprime (briefly, SSS-coprime ) if for each  $a \in R$ ,  $a^2M \ll M$  implies  $aM = (0)$  .

#### Remarks and Examples 3.2 :

1) It is clear that every SS-coprime is SSS-coprime , but not conversely , for example : if M is the Z-module  $Z_6$  , then  $a^2Z_6 \ll Z_6$  implies  $a^2Z_6 = (0)$  ; that is  $a^2 \in \text{ann}_Z Z_6 = Z_6$  and so  $a \in 6Z$  . Thus  $aZ_6 = (0)$  and M is SSS-coprime . But M is not SS-coprime .

2) Every SSS-coprime module is S-coprime

#### Proof :

Let M be an SSS-coprime module , let  $a \in R$  with  $aM \ll M$  . Since  $a^2M \subseteq aM$  , then  $a^2M \ll M$  . Hence  $aM = (0)$  because M is SSS-coprime . Thus M is S-coprime .

3) It is easy to see that : an R-module M is S-coprime and  $\text{ann}_R M$  is a semiprime ideal of R if and only if M is SSS-coprime .

4) Let M be a module over a chained ring R . Then M is SS-coprime if and only if M is SSS-coprime .

5) If M and  $M'$  are isomorphic R-module. Then M is SSS-coprime if and only if  $M'$  is SSS-coprime.

6) The image of SSS-coprime need not be SSS-coprime . As example to show this : The Z-module Z is SSS-coprime , let  $\pi: Z \rightarrow Z/\langle 4 \rangle \simeq Z_4$  be the natural epimorphism , then  $\pi(Z) = Z_4$  is not SSS-coprime .

7) For any ring  $R \neq 0$  . If R is SSS-coprime , then  $L(R) = J(R) = (0)$  .

#### Proof :

Suppose there exists  $a \in J(R)$  ,  $a \neq 0$  . Then  $a^2R \ll R$ . Since R is SSS-coprime , then  $aR = (0)$  (i.e.  $a = 0$ ) which is a contradiction . Thus  $J(R) = (0)$ , hence  $L(R) = (0)$ .

#### Proposition 3.3 :

The direct sum of two SSS-coprime modules is SSS-coprime .

#### Proof :

Let  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  , where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are SSS-coprime R-module . If  $r \in R$  such that  $r^2M \ll M$  , then  $r^2M_1 \ll M_1$  and  $r^2M_2 \ll M_2$  . By SSS-coprimeness of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  ,  $rM_1 = (0)$  and  $rM_2 = (0)$  . Thus  $rM = (0)$  and M is SSS-coprime.

#### Remark 3.4 :

A direct summand of SSS-coprime module may be not SSS-coprime , for example : If M is the Z-module  $Z \oplus Z_4$  , then M is SSS-coprime , but  $Z_4$  is not a SSS-coprime Z-module.

The following result is a characterization of SSS-coprime module .

#### Proposition 3.3 :

Let M be an R-module. Then the following statements are equivalent >

- 1) M is SSS-coprime module
- 2) For any ideal I of R ,  $I^2M \ll M$  implies  $IM = (0)$
- 3) For any ideal I of R and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  ,  $I^nM \ll M$  implies  $IM = (0)$ .

#### Proof :

It is easy , so is omitted .

The following results are analogous to results about SS-coprime modules .

#### Proposition 3.4 :

Let  $N \ll M$ . If M is SSS-coprime R-module. Then  $\frac{M}{N}$  is an SS-coprime R-module.

#### Proof :

It is similar to proof of Proposition 2.9 .



**Corollary 3.7 :**

Let  $f: M \rightarrow M'$  be an epimorphism with  $\ker f \ll M$ . If  $M'$  is an SSS-coprime R-module, then  $M$  is SSS-coprime.

**Corollary 3.8 :**

Let  $M$  be an R-module with projective cover  $f: P \rightarrow M$ . If  $P$  is an SSS-coprime R-module, then  $M$  is SSS-coprime.

**Proposition 3.9 :**

Let  $M$  be an R-module. Let  $N \ll M$  such that  $[N:M] = \text{ann} M$ . If  $\frac{M}{N}$  is an SSS-coprime R-module, then  $M$  is SSS-coprime.

**Proof :**

It is similar to the proof of Proposition 2.13

**Theorem 3.10 :**

Let  $M$  be a multiplication R-module. Then  $M$  is an SSS-coprime if and only if  $M$  is an SSS-coprime E-module, where  $E = \text{End}(M)$

**Proof :**

It is similar to the proof of Proposition 2.26

**Remark 3.11 :**

Since every SSS-coprime is S-coprime by Remark and Example 3.2(2). If  $R$  is a semilocal ring with  $J(R)$  is a nilpotent, then every SSS-coprime is semisimple

Next we have

**Proposition 3.12 :**

Let  $M$  be a finitely generated faithful multiplication R-module. Then  $M$  is SSS-coprime if and only if  $R$  is SSS-coprime.

**Proof :**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $a^2 \ll R$ . Since  $M$  is faithful finitely generated multiplication, then  $a^2 M \ll M$ , hence  $aM = 0$ . But  $M$  is faithful so  $a = 0$  (i.e.  $(a) = (0)$ ).

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $a \in R$  and  $a^2 M \ll M$ . Since  $M$  is faithful finitely generated multiplication,  $[a^2 M :_R M] \ll R$ , hence  $(a^2) \ll R$ . So  $(a) = (0)$ . Thus  $aM = (0)$ .

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