

MODULES WHOSE PRIMARY-LIKE SPECTRA WITH THE ZARISKI-LIKE TOPOLOGY ARE NOETHERIAN SPACES

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Abstract. Let R be a commutative ring with identity and M be a unital R -module. The primary-like spectrum $Spec_L(M)$ is the collection of all primary-like submodules Q of M such that M/Q is a primeful R -module. The Zariski-like topology on $Spec_L(M)$, denoted \mathcal{T} , is described by taking the set $\eta = \{\nu(N) \mid N \text{ is a submodule of } M\}$ as the set of closed sets of $Spec_L(M)$, where $\nu(N) = \{Q \in Spec_L(M) \mid \sqrt{(N : M)} \subseteq \sqrt{(Q : M)}\}$. We establish necessary and sufficient conditions for topological space $(Spec_L(M), \mathcal{T})$ to be a Noetherian space. We show that if M is a finitely generated R -module and $|Spec_L(M)| < \infty$, then the combinatorial dimension of $(Spec_L(M), \mathcal{T})$ and the Krull dimension of $R/Ann(M)$ are equal. In particular, for the Noetherian space $(Spec_L(M), \mathcal{T})$ of zero combinatorial dimension the set of irreducible components is finite, and its elements have the form $\nu(pM)$ for some minimal prime ideal $p \supseteq Ann(M)$.

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1. Introduction

Throughout this article, R is a commutative ring with $1 \neq 0$ and M is a unitary R -module. For any ideal I of R containing $Ann(M)$, \bar{I} and \overline{R} will denote $I/Ann(M)$ and $R/Ann(M)$, respectively. Also the spectrum $Spec(R)$ of a ring R , consists of all prime ideals of R , will be considered as a topological space in which the closed sets are of the form $V(I) = \{p \in Spec(R) \mid I \subseteq p\}$, where I is an ideal of R (see, for example, [4], [9]).

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Definition 1.1. For M as an R -module and P, Q, N its submodules, we define the following:

- (1) The colon ideal of M into N is $(N : M) = \{r \in R \mid rM \subseteq N\} = \text{Ann}(M/N)$. Dually, the colon submodule of M into an ideal I of R is $(N : I) = \{m \in M \mid Im \subseteq N\}$. In the case that $I = Rr$, we write $(N : r)$.
- (2) P is prime if $P \neq M$, and whenever $rm \in P$, $r \in R$ and $m \in M$, then $m \in P$ or $r \in (P : M)$ [20];
- (3) The prime spectrum (or simply, the spectrum) of M , denoted by $\text{Spec}(M)$, is the set of all prime submodules of M . Also if p is a prime ideal of R , we let $\text{Spec}_p(M) = \{P \in \text{Spec}(M) \mid (P : M) = p\}$ [20];
- (4) The radical of N , denoted by $\text{rad } N$, is the intersection of all prime submodules of M which contain N , unless no such primes exist, in which case $\text{rad } N = M$ [23]. The radical of an ideal I of R will be denoted by \sqrt{I} ;
- (5) Q is primary-like if $Q \neq M$ and $rm \in Q$ implies that $r \in (Q : M)$ or $m \in \text{rad } Q$ [12];
- (6) M is a primeful R -module if either $M = (0)$ or $\text{Spec}_p(M) \neq \emptyset$. N satisfies the primeful property if M/N is a primeful R -module. In this case, $\sqrt{(N : M)} = (\text{rad } N : M)$ [18];
- (7) If Q is a primary-like submodule satisfying the primeful property, then $(Q : M)$ is a primary ideal [12, Lemma 2.1]. In this case, Q is p -primary-like, where $p = \sqrt{(Q : M)} = (\text{rad } Q : M)$;
- (8) The primary-like spectrum of M denoted by $\text{Spec}_L(M)$ is the set of all primary-like submodules of M satisfying the primeful property [12]. If p is a prime ideal of R , we set $\mathcal{X}_p = \{Q \in \text{Spec}_L(M) \mid \sqrt{(Q : M)} = p\}$;
- (9) M is a multiplication module if for every submodule N of M , there exists an ideal I of R such $N = IM$. In this case, we can take $I = (N : M)$ [11].

In the literature, there are many different generalizations of the Zariski topology on the prime spectrum of a ring to modules ([2], [7], [10], [19], [22]). In the following lemma, we introduce one of them.

Lemma 1.2. *Let M be an R -module. Then, for submodules N, N' and $\{N_i \mid i \in I\}$ of M , we have*

- (1) $\nu(0) = \text{Spec}_L(M)$ and $\nu(M) = \emptyset$.
- (2) $\bigcap_{i \in I} \nu(N_i) = \nu\left(\sum_{i \in I} (N_i : M)M\right)$.
- (3) $\nu(N) \cup \nu(N') = \nu(N \cap N')$.

Proof. (1) and (3) are straightforward.

(2) follows from the following implications:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q \in \bigcap_{i \in I} \nu(N_i) &\Rightarrow \sqrt{(Q : M)} \supseteq \sqrt{(N_i : M)} \quad \forall i \in I \\
 &\Rightarrow \sqrt{(Q : M)} \supseteq (N_i : M) \quad \forall i \in I \\
 &\Rightarrow \sqrt{(Q : M)} \supseteq \sum_{i \in I} (N_i : M) \\
 &\Rightarrow \sqrt{(Q : M)}M \supseteq \left(\sum_{i \in I} (N_i : M) \right) M \\
 &\Rightarrow (\sqrt{(Q : M)}M : M) \supseteq \left(\left(\sum_{i \in I} (N_i : M) \right) M : M \right) \\
 &\Rightarrow ((\text{rad } Q : M)M : M) \supseteq \left(\left(\sum_{i \in I} (N_i : M) \right) M : M \right) \\
 &\Rightarrow (\text{rad } Q : M) \supseteq \left(\left(\sum_{i \in I} (N_i : M) \right) M : M \right) \\
 &\Rightarrow \sqrt{(Q : M)} \supseteq \sqrt{\left(\left(\sum_{i \in I} (N_i : M) \right) M : M \right)} \\
 &\Rightarrow Q \in \nu \left(\left(\sum_{i \in I} (N_i : M) \right) M \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

For the reverse inclusion, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q \in \nu \left(\left(\sum_{i \in I} (N_i : M) \right) M \right) &\Rightarrow \sqrt{(Q : M)} \supseteq \sqrt{\left(\left(\sum_{i \in I} (N_i : M) \right) M : M \right)} \\
 &\Rightarrow \sqrt{(Q : M)} \supseteq \left(\left(\sum_{i \in I} (N_i : M) \right) M : M \right) \\
 &\Rightarrow \sqrt{(Q : M)} \supseteq ((N_i : M)M : M) \quad \forall i \in I \\
 &\Rightarrow \sqrt{(Q : M)} \supseteq (N_i : M) \quad \forall i \in I \\
 &\Rightarrow \sqrt{(Q : M)} \supseteq \sqrt{(N_i : M)} \quad \forall i \in I \\
 &\Rightarrow Q \in \bigcap_{i \in I} \nu(N_i). \quad \blacksquare
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $\eta(M)$ denotes the collection of all subsets $\nu(N)$ of $\text{Spec}_L(M)$. Lemma 1.2 shows that $\eta(M)$ satisfies the axioms for the closed subsets of a topological space on $\text{Spec}_L(M)$, called Zariski-like topology and denoted by \mathcal{T} .

Definition 1.3. For a topological space X we define the following:

- (1) X is Noetherian provided that the open (respectively, closed) subsets of X satisfy the ascending (respectively, descending) chain condition [9, § 4.2];
- (2) X is irreducible if the intersection of two non-empty open subsets of X is non-empty [9, §4.1];
- (3) We consider strictly decreasing (or strictly increasing) chain Y_0, Y_1, \dots, Y_r of length r of irreducible closed subsets Y_i of X . The supremum of the lengths, taken over all such chains, is called the combinatorial dimension of X and denoted by $\dim X$. For the empty set, the combinatorial dimension of \emptyset is defined to be -1 [17].

Definition 1.4. In this paper we define and use the following notions:

- (1) Let $\eta^*(M)$ denotes the collection of all subsets

$$\nu^*(N) = \{Q \in \text{Spec}_L(M) \mid \text{rad } N \subseteq Q\},$$

of $\text{Spec}_L(M)$. It is easily seen that $\eta^*(M)$ contains the empty set and $\text{Spec}_L(M)$, and $\eta^*(M)$ is closed under arbitrary intersections. We shall say that M is a top-like module, if $\eta^*(M)$ is closed under finite unions, for in this case $\eta^*(M)$ induces a topology \mathcal{T}^* on $\text{Spec}_L(M)$.

- (2) Z-radical (resp. Z^* -radical) of a submodule N of M , denoted by $\sqrt[Z]{N}$ (resp. $\sqrt[Z^*]{N}$), to be the intersection of all members of $\nu(N)$ (resp. $\nu^*(N)$);
- (3) A submodule N of M is a Z-radical (resp. Z^* -radical) submodule if $\sqrt[Z]{N} = N$ (resp. $\sqrt[Z^*]{N} = N$);
- (4) If $\overline{\text{Spec}_L(M)} \neq \emptyset$, the mapping $\phi : \text{Spec}_L(M) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(\overline{R})$ such that $\phi(Q) = \sqrt{(Q : M)}$ for every $Q \in \text{Spec}_L(M)$, is called the natural map of $\text{Spec}_L(M)$
- (5) A finitely generated module M is quasi-Laskerian if every submodule of M is the intersection of a finite number of primary-like submodules. A ring R is a Laskerian ring if R is a quasi-Laskerian R -module [14];
- (6) An R -module M is a ZFG-module if for every submodule N of M we have $\sqrt[Z]{N} = \sqrt[Z]{IM}$ for some finitely generated ideal I of R ;
- (7) An R -module M is a FIC-module if every closed subset of $\text{Spec}_L(M)$ relative to the Zariski-like topology \mathcal{T} has a finite number of irreducible components.

In recent years, the study of modules whose spectra have a Zariski-topology has grown in various directions. From an algebraic view, the varieties of submodules (closed sets related to a Zariski topology) forms a semimodule which also is called a Zariski-space (see for example [13], [21], [24]). Some of authors have investigated the interplay between algebraic properties of a module one hand and

the topological properties of its spectrum on the other hand (see for example [1], [2], [3], [7], [8], [10], [17], [19], [22], [25]). In the present work, we study modules whose primary-like spectrums equipped with the Zariski-like topology are Noetherian spaces. For this purpose we need to obtain results about Z-Radical and Z^* -Radical of submodules that are essential for the later sections of this article. Let M be an R -module. We see that if $(Spec_L(M), \mathcal{T})$ is a Noetherian space, then every Z-radical submodule of M satisfies ACC (Theorem 3.2). Moreover, if M is a top-like R -module and $(Spec_L(M), \mathcal{T}^*)$ is a Noetherian space, then every Z^* -radical submodule of M satisfies ACC (Theorem 3.2). We also show that if M is a multiplication R -module and the natural map ϕ is surjective, then M is a ZFG-module if and only if $(Spec_L(M), \mathcal{T})$ is a Noetherian space (Theorem 3.14). Finally, it is proved that if M is a finitely generated R -module with $|Spec_L(M)| < \infty$, then the combinatorial dimension of $Spec_L(M)$ and the Krull dimension of \overline{R} are equal (Theorem 4.6).

2. Z-radical and Z^* -radical of submodules

We start this section with some elementary facts about $\nu(N)$ and $\nu^*(N)$.

Lemma 2.1. *Let I be an ideal of R . Let N, N' and $\{N_j \mid j \in J\}$ be submodules of an R -module M . Then the following hold.*

- (1) *If $N \subseteq N'$, then $\nu(N') \subseteq \nu(N)$ and $\nu^*(N') \subseteq \nu^*(N)$.*
- (2) *$\nu^*(N) \subseteq \nu(N)$.*
- (3) *$\nu(IM) = \nu(\sqrt{I}M) = \nu^*(IM) = \nu^*(\sqrt{I}M)$.*
- (4) *$\nu(N) = \nu((N : M)M) = \nu(\sqrt{(N : M)}M) = \nu^*((N : M)M) = \nu^*(\sqrt{(N : M)}M)$.*
- (5) *If $\sqrt{(N : M)} = \sqrt{(N' : M)}$, then $\nu(N) = \nu(N')$. The converse is also true if both N and N' are primary-like.*
- (6) *$\nu^*(N) = \nu^*(\text{rad } N)$.*

Proof. (1) Clear.

(2) Assume $Q \in \nu^*(N)$. Hence $N \subseteq \text{rad } Q$. Thus $\sqrt{(N : M)} \subseteq \sqrt{(Q : M)}$, i.e., $Q \in \nu(N)$.

(3) We have $\nu^*(\sqrt{I}M) \subseteq \nu^*(IM) \subseteq \nu(IM)$, by (1) and (2). Now we show that $\nu(IM) \subseteq \nu^*(\sqrt{I}M)$. Suppose $Q \in \nu(IM)$. Thus $(\text{rad } Q : M) \supseteq \sqrt{(IM : M)} \supseteq \sqrt{I}$. It follows that $\text{rad } Q \supseteq \sqrt{I}M$, i.e., $Q \in \nu^*(\sqrt{I}M)$ and so $\nu(IM) \subseteq \nu^*(\sqrt{I}M)$. Hence we have $\nu^*(\sqrt{I}M) \subseteq \nu^*(IM) \subseteq \nu(IM) \subseteq \nu^*(\sqrt{I}M)$. Thus the assertion holds when I is replaced by \sqrt{I} .

(4) It suffices to show that $\nu(N) = \nu((N : M)M)$ by (3). $Q \in \nu(N)$ if and only if

$\sqrt{(Q : M)} \supseteq \sqrt{(N : M)} = \sqrt{((N : M)M : M)}$ if and only if $Q \in \nu((N : M)M)$. Thus $\nu(N) = \nu((N : M)M)$.

(5) is clear.

(6) $\nu^*(\text{rad } N) \subseteq \nu^*(N)$ by (1). Suppose $Q \in \nu^*(N)$. Hence $N \subseteq \text{rad } Q$. Thus $\text{rad } N \subseteq \text{rad } Q$ and so $Q \in \nu^*(\text{rad } N)$. ■

Proposition 2.2. *Let I be an ideal of R and M an R -module. If N, N' are submodules of M , then the following hold.*

$$(1) \quad \sqrt[z]{N} \subseteq \sqrt[z^*]{N}.$$

$$(2) \quad \sqrt[z]{IM} = \sqrt[z]{\sqrt{IM}} = \sqrt[z^*]{IM} = \sqrt[z^*]{\sqrt{IM}}.$$

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} \sqrt[z]{N} &= \sqrt[z]{(N : M)M} = \sqrt[z]{\sqrt{(N : M)M}} = \sqrt[z^*]{(N : M)M} \\ &= \sqrt[z^*]{\sqrt{(N : M)M}}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. (1) By Lemma 2.1(2), $\nu^*(N) \subseteq \nu(N)$. Thus $\sqrt[z]{N} \subseteq \sqrt[z^*]{N}$.

(2) Use Lemma 2.1(3).

(3) It is clear by Lemma 2.1(4). ■

From now on, we use \mathcal{X} to denote $\text{Spec}_L(M)$ for short. Let \mathcal{Y} be a subset of \mathcal{X} . We will denote the closure of \mathcal{Y} in \mathcal{X} by $\overline{\mathcal{Y}}$ and the intersection of all elements in \mathcal{Y} by $\gamma(\mathcal{Y})$ (note that if $\mathcal{Y} = \emptyset$, then $\gamma(\mathcal{Y}) = M$). It is easy to verify that, if $\mathcal{Y}_1, \mathcal{Y}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{X}$, then $\gamma(\mathcal{Y}_1 \cup \mathcal{Y}_2) = \gamma(\mathcal{Y}_1) \cap \gamma(\mathcal{Y}_2)$.

Lemma 2.3. *Let M be an R -module, $|\mathcal{X}| < \infty$ and $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$. Then $\nu(\gamma(\mathcal{Y})) = \overline{\mathcal{Y}}$. In particular, \mathcal{Y} is closed if and only if $\nu(\gamma(\mathcal{Y})) = \mathcal{Y}$.*

Proof. Suppose $Q \in \mathcal{Y}$. Hence $\gamma(\mathcal{Y}) \subseteq Q$. Therefore $\sqrt{(Q : M)} \supseteq \sqrt{(\gamma(\mathcal{Y}) : M)}$. Thus $Q \in \nu(\gamma(\mathcal{Y}))$ and so $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \nu(\gamma(\mathcal{Y}))$. Next, let $\nu(N)$ be any closed subset of \mathcal{X} containing \mathcal{Y} . Then $\sqrt{(Q : M)} \supseteq \sqrt{(N : M)}$ for every $Q \in \mathcal{Y}$ so that $\sqrt{(\gamma(\mathcal{Y}) : M)} \supseteq \sqrt{(N : M)}$. Hence, for every $Q' \in \nu(\gamma(\mathcal{Y}))$; $\sqrt{(Q' : M)} \supseteq \sqrt{(\gamma(\mathcal{Y}) : M)} \supseteq \sqrt{(N : M)}$. Then $\nu(\gamma(\mathcal{Y})) \subseteq \nu(N)$. Thus $\nu(\gamma(\mathcal{Y}))$ is the smallest closed subset of \mathcal{X} containing \mathcal{Y} and so $\nu(\gamma(\mathcal{Y})) = \overline{\mathcal{Y}}$. ■

Lemma 2.4. *Let M be an R -module and N be a submodule of M . If $|\mathcal{X}| < \infty$, then $\nu(\gamma(\nu(N))) = \nu(\sqrt[z]{N}) = \nu(N)$.*

Proof. It is clear by Lemma 2.3. ■

In the following proposition, we list some more properties of $\sqrt[z]{N}$ and $\sqrt[z^*]{N}$ for a submodule N of M .

Proposition 2.5. *Let N, N' be submodules of an R -module M . Then the following hold.*

- (1) If $\nu(N) \subseteq \nu(N')$, then $\sqrt[N']{N} \subseteq \sqrt{N}$. The converse is true if $N' \subseteq \sqrt[N']{N}$.
- (2) If $Q \in \nu(N)$, then $\sqrt{N} \subseteq Q$.
- (3) If $|\mathcal{X}| < \infty$, then $\sqrt[\mathcal{X}]{\sqrt{N}} = \sqrt{N}$.
- (4) $\sqrt{N \cap N'} = \sqrt{N} \cap \sqrt{N'}$.
- (5) If $\nu^*(N) \subseteq \nu^*(N')$, then $\sqrt[N']{*}N \subseteq \sqrt{*}N$. The converse is true if $N' \subseteq \sqrt[N']{*}N$.
- (6) If $Q \in \nu^*(N)$, then $\sqrt{*}N \subseteq Q$.
- (7) $\sqrt{*}N = \sqrt{*}\text{rad } N$.

Proof. (1) Suppose $\nu(N) \subseteq \nu(N')$. Hence $\gamma(\nu(N')) \subseteq \gamma(\nu(N))$ and so $\sqrt[N']{N} \subseteq \sqrt{N}$. Conversely, assume that $Q \in \nu(N)$. Since $N' \subseteq \sqrt[N']{N} \subseteq \sqrt{N}$, then $Q \in \nu(N')$.

(2) Suppose $Q \in \nu(N)$. Hence $\sqrt{(N : M)} \subseteq \sqrt{(Q : M)}$. Thus $\sqrt{N} \subseteq Q$.

(3) $\nu(\sqrt{N}) = \nu(N)$, by Lemma 2.4. Therefore $\gamma(\nu(\sqrt{N})) = \gamma(\nu(N))$. Thus $\sqrt[\mathcal{X}]{\sqrt{N}} = \sqrt{N}$.

(4) $\sqrt{N \cap N'} = \gamma(\nu(N \cap N')) = \gamma(\nu(N) \cup \nu(N')) = \gamma(\nu(N)) \cap \gamma(\nu(N')) = \sqrt{N} \cap \sqrt{N'}$, by Lemma 1.2(3).

(5) Suppose $\nu^*(N') \subseteq \nu^*(N)$. Hence $\gamma(\nu^*(N)) \subseteq \gamma(\nu^*(N'))$ and so $\sqrt[N']{*}N \subseteq \sqrt{*}N$. Conversely, assume that $Q \in \nu^*(N)$. Since $N' \subseteq \sqrt[N']{*}N \subseteq \sqrt{*}N$, then $Q \in \nu^*(N')$.

(6) Assume $Q \in \nu^*(N)$, i.e., $N \subseteq \text{rad } Q$. Thus $\sqrt{*}N \subseteq Q$.

(7) By Lemma 2.1(6) $\nu^*(N) = \nu^*(\text{rad } N)$. Hence $\gamma(\nu^*(N)) = \gamma(\nu^*(\text{rad } N))$. Thus $\sqrt{*}N = \sqrt{*}\text{rad } N$. ■

Proposition 2.6. Let N be a submodule of an R -module M . If $N \subseteq \sqrt{N}$, then $\nu(N) = \nu^*(N)$. In particular, $\sqrt{N} = \sqrt{*}N$.

Proof. $\nu^*(N) \subseteq \nu(N)$ by Lemma 2.1(2). Suppose $Q \in \nu(N)$. Hence $\sqrt{N} \subseteq Q$ by Proposition 2.5(2). Thus $N \subseteq Q \subseteq \text{rad } Q$ and so $Q \in \nu^*(N)$. ■

Let N be a submodule of M . Unlike the prime radical case the following example shows that $N \not\subseteq \sqrt{N}$ may be occurred in general.

Example 2.7. Let V be a vector space over a field F . Then $\text{Spec}_L(V) = \text{Spec}(V) =$ the set of all proper vector subspaces of V . Suppose W is a non-zero subspace of V . Hence $\sqrt{W} = 0$. Thus $W \not\subseteq \sqrt{W}$.

Proposition 2.8. Let M be a finitely generated R -module. Then the following hold.

- (1) $\sqrt{N} \neq M$ if and only if $\nu(N) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $N \neq M$.
- (2) $\sqrt{*}N \neq M$ if and only if $\nu^*(N) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $N \neq M$.

Proof. (1) Assume $N \neq M$. Then $(N : M) \neq R$ and so $(N : M) \subseteq p$ for some prime ideal p of R . Since M is finitely generated, M is primeful by [18, Proposition 3.8]. Hence there exists $Q \in \text{Spec}(M) \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ such that $\sqrt{(N : M)} \subseteq \sqrt{(Q : M)}$. Thus $Q \in \nu(N)$ and so $\nu(N) \neq \emptyset$. Now suppose $\nu(N) \neq \emptyset$ and $Q \in \nu(N)$. Hence $\sqrt[2]{N} \subseteq Q \neq M$ by Proposition 2.5(2). If $\sqrt[2]{N} \neq M$, then $N \neq M$.

(2) Suppose $\sqrt[2]{N} \neq M$. Hence $N \neq M$. Now assume $N \neq M$. Then $(N : M) \neq R$ and so $(N : M) \subseteq p$ for some prime ideal p of R . Since M is primeful, there exists $Q \in \text{Spec}(M) \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ such that $N \subseteq \text{rad } Q$. Hence $Q \in \nu^*(N)$. Thus $\nu^*(N) \neq \emptyset$. If $\nu^*(N) \neq \emptyset$ and $Q \in \nu^*(N)$. Hence $\sqrt[2]{N} \subseteq Q \neq M$ by Proposition 2.5(6). ■

Proposition 2.9. *Let M be a multiplication R -module. Then the following hold.*

$$(1) \sqrt[2]{N} = \sqrt[2]{N}.$$

$$(2) \text{ If } |\mathcal{X}| < \infty, \text{ then } \sqrt[2]{\sqrt[2]{N}} = \sqrt[2]{\sqrt[2]{N}} = \sqrt[2]{N} = \sqrt[2]{N}.$$

Proof. (1) Since M is multiplication, $\nu(N) = \nu^*(N)$ and so $\sqrt[2]{N} = \sqrt[2]{N}$.

(2) It is clear by (1) and Proposition 2.5(3). ■

Proposition 2.10. *Let M be an R -module and $Q \in \mathcal{X}_p$ for some prime ideal p of R . Then $\sqrt[2]{Q} = \sqrt[2]{Q + pM}$. Furthermore, if M is a multiplication module, then $\sqrt[2]{Q} = \sqrt[2]{Q + pM}$.*

Proof. Since $Q \subseteq Q + pM$, then $\sqrt[2]{Q} \subseteq \sqrt[2]{Q + pM}$. Now, assume $Q_i \in \mathcal{X}_{p_i}$ such that $Q \subseteq \text{rad } Q_i$, ($i \in I$). Hence $\sqrt{(Q : M)} \subseteq (\text{rad } Q_i : M)$. Therefore $pM \subseteq p_i M$. So $Q + pM \subseteq \text{rad } Q_i + p_i M \subseteq \text{rad } Q_i$. Thus $\sqrt[2]{Q + pM} \subseteq \sqrt[2]{Q}$. Suppose M is a multiplication module. Thus $\sqrt[2]{Q} = \sqrt[2]{Q + pM}$ by (1) and Proposition 2.9. ■

3. Noetherian primary-like spectrum

Recall that a topological space X is a Noetherian space provided that the open (resp. closed) subsets of X satisfy the ascending (resp. descending) chain condition.

Theorem 3.1. *Let M be an R -module and $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T})$ be a Noetherian space. Then every Z -radical submodule of M satisfies ACC.*

Proof. Suppose $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T})$ is a Noetherian space. Let $N_1 \subseteq N_2 \subseteq \dots$ be an ascending chain of Z -radical submodules of M . Then $\nu(N_1) \supseteq \nu(N_2) \supseteq \dots$ is a descending chain of closed sets $\nu(N_i)$ of \mathcal{X} . Hence there exists a positive integer k such that $\nu(N_m) = \nu(N_k)$ for every $m \geq k$. Thus $\sqrt[2]{N_m} = \sqrt[2]{N_k}$ and so $N_m = N_k$ for every $m \geq k$. ■

Theorem 3.2. *Let M be a top-like R -module. If $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T}^*)$ is a Noetherian space, then every Z^* -radical submodule of M satisfies ACC.*

Proof. The proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.1. ■

Proposition 3.3. *Let M be a multiplication R -module. Then $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T})$ is a Noetherian space if and only if $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T}^*)$ is a Noetherian space.*

Proof. It follows from the fact that $\nu(N) = \nu^*(N)$ for every submodule N of M . ■

Recall that if $\mathcal{X} \neq \emptyset$, the mapping $\phi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \text{Spec}(\overline{R})$ such that $\phi(Q) = \overline{\sqrt{(Q : M)}}$ for every $Q \in \mathcal{X}$ is called the natural map of \mathcal{X} .

Proposition 3.4. *Let M be an R -module. Then the following hold.*

- (1) $\phi^{-1}(V^{\overline{R}}(\overline{I})) = \nu(IM)$, for every ideal $I \in V(\text{Ann}(M))$. Therefore the map ϕ is continuous for the Zariski-like topology on \mathcal{X} .
- (2) If the map ϕ is surjective, then $\phi(\nu(N)) = V^{\overline{R}}(\overline{(N : M)})$ and $\phi(\mathcal{X} - \nu(N)) = \text{Spec}(\overline{R}) - V^{\overline{R}}(\overline{(N : M)})$ for every submodule N of M , i.e. the map ϕ is both closed and open.

Proof. (1) Obvious.

(2) As we have seen in (1), ϕ is a continuous map such that $\phi^{-1}(V^{\overline{R}}(\overline{I})) = \nu(IM)$ for every ideal I of R containing $\text{Ann}(M)$. Hence, for every submodule N of M we have $\phi^{-1}(V^{\overline{R}}(\overline{(N : M)})) = \nu((N : M)M) = \nu(N)$. It follows that $\phi(\nu(N)) = \phi \circ \phi^{-1}(V^{\overline{R}}(\overline{(N : M)})) = V^{\overline{R}}(\overline{(N : M)})$ as ϕ is surjective. Similarly, we have $\phi(\mathcal{X} - \nu(N)) = \phi(\phi^{-1}(\text{Spec}(\overline{R}) - \phi^{-1}(V^{\overline{R}}(\overline{(N : M)}))) = \text{Spec}(\overline{R}) - V^{\overline{R}}(\overline{(N : M)})$. ■

Theorem 3.5. *Let M be a finitely generated R -module. Then $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T})$ is a Noetherian space if and only if $\text{Spec}(\overline{R})$ is a Noetherian space equipped with the Zariski topology.*

Proof. Suppose $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T})$ is a Noetherian space. Assume $V(\overline{I}_1) \supseteq V(\overline{I}_2) \supseteq \dots$ is a descending chain of closed sets in $\text{Spec}(\overline{R})$. Hence by Proposition 3.4(1), $\phi^{-1}(V(\overline{I}_1)) \supseteq \phi^{-1}(V(\overline{I}_2)) \supseteq \dots$ is a descending chain of closed sets in \mathcal{X} . By hypothesis, there exists an i such that $\phi^{-1}(V(\overline{I}_i)) = \phi^{-1}(V(\overline{I}_{i+1}))$. Thus $V(\overline{I}_i) = V(\overline{I}_{i+1})$ because ϕ is surjective. Therefore $\text{Spec}(\overline{R})$ is a Noetherian space. Conversely, Assume $\nu(N_1) \supseteq \nu(N_2) \supseteq \dots$ is a descending chain of closed sets in \mathcal{X} . Therefore $\phi(\nu(N_1)) \supseteq \phi(\nu(N_2)) \supseteq \dots$ is a descending chain of closed sets in $\text{Spec}(\overline{R})$. Hence there exists an i such that $\phi(\nu(N_i)) = \phi(\nu(N_{i+1}))$. It implies that $V(\overline{(N_i : M)}) = V(\overline{(N_{i+1} : M)})$ by Proposition 3.4(2). Therefore we have $V(\sqrt{(N_i : M)}) = V(\sqrt{(N_{i+1} : M)})$ and so $\nu(N_i) = \nu(N_{i+1})$. ■

Lemma 3.6. *Let M be an R -module. If Q is a primary-like submodule of M and N is a submodule of M such that $\text{rad } Q \cap N = \text{rad}(Q \cap N)$, then $N \subseteq Q$ or $Q \cap N$ is a primary-like submodule of N .*

Proof. Suppose $N \not\subseteq Q$ and for $n \in N$, $rn \in Q \cap N$ such that $r \notin (Q \cap N : N)$. It implies that $rn \in Q$ and $r \notin (Q : M)$. Since Q is a primary-like submodule

of M , we have $n \in \text{rad } Q \cap N$, and so by our assumption $n \in \text{rad}(Q \cap N)$. Thus $Q \cap N$ is a primary-like submodule of N . ■

Let M be a finitely generated R -module. We recall that M is a quasi-Laskerian if every submodule of M is the intersection of a finite number of primary-like submodules.

Proposition 3.7. *Let M be a quasi-Laskerian R -module. If N is a finitely generated submodule of M such that for every primary-like submodule Q of M we have $\text{rad } Q \cap N = \text{rad}(Q \cap N)$, then N and $\frac{M}{N}$ are quasi-Laskerian.*

Proof. Suppose that N' is a submodule of N . Since M is quasi-Laskerian, there exist primary-like submodules Q_i ($1 \leq i \leq n$) of M such that $N' = \bigcap_{i=1}^n Q_i$. Hence $Q_i \cap N$ is a primary-like submodule of N by Lemma 3.6. Thus N is quasi-Laskerian. The scend part follows from [12, Corollary 3.5]. ■

Proposition 3.8. *Let M be a quasi-Laskerian R -module. Then $\text{Spec}(\overline{R})$ is a Noetherian space equipped with the Zariski topology.*

Proof. Since M is finitely generated, $\overline{R} \cong M$. Hence \overline{R} is a Laskerian ring. Thus $\text{Spec}(\overline{R})$ is a Noetherian space by [14, Theorem 4]. ■

Corollary 3.9. *Let M be a quasi-Laskerian R -module. Then $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T})$ is a Noetherian space.*

Proof. By Proposition 3.8, $\text{Spec}(\overline{R})$ is a Noetherian space. Thus $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T})$ is a Noetherian space by Theorem 3.5. ■

Theorem 3.10. *Let M be a finitely generated R -module. Then M is quasi-Laskerian if and only if*

- (1) $\text{Spec}(\overline{R})$ is a Noetherian space equipped with the Zariski topology.
- (2) For every proper submodule N of M , there is a minimal prime ideal p of $\sqrt{(N : M)}$ and an element $r \in R \setminus p$ for which the submodule $(N : r)$ is p -primary-like.

Proof. Assume M is quasi-Laskerian. Therefore $\text{Spec}(\overline{R})$ is a Noetherian space by Proposition 3.8. Suppose N is a proper submodule of M . Hence there exist primary-like submodules Q_1, \dots, Q_n such that $N = Q_1 \cap \dots \cap Q_n$. Let p be minimal prime of $\sqrt{(N : M)}$. Then $p = \sqrt{(Q_i : M)}$ for one of the primary-like submodules. Assume $p = \sqrt{(Q_1 : M)}$. Let r be an element in $(\sqrt{(Q_2 : M)} \cap \dots \cap \sqrt{(Q_n : M)}) \setminus p$; replace r , if necessary, by a power so that $r \in (Q_2 \cap \dots \cap Q_n) : M$. Thus $(N : r) = Q_1$. Conversely, suppose M satisfies (1) and (2) and N is a submodule of M . Assume p is a minimal prime of $\sqrt{(N : M)}$ and $r \in R \setminus p$ so that $(N : r) = Q_1$ is p -primary-like. Then $N = Q_1 \cap N_1$, where $N_1 = N + rM$. Since $N \subseteq N_1$, then $\sqrt{(N : M)} \subseteq \sqrt{(N_1 : M)}$. Applying the process repeatedly yields two sequences of submodules Q_1, \dots, Q_k and N_1, \dots, N_k , where $N_{j-1} = Q_j \cap N_j$ and Q_j is primary-like for $1 \leq j \leq k$. Also $\sqrt{(N_1 : M)} \subseteq \dots \subseteq \sqrt{(N_k : M)}$ is a chain of prime ideals

of \bar{R} . Since $\text{Spec}(\bar{R})$ is a Noetherian space, the sequence of radicals terminates; but it can terminate at $\sqrt{(N_k : M)}$ only if $N_k = M$. Thus $N = Q_1 \cap \dots \cap Q_k$ and so M is quasi-Laskerian. ■

Proposition 3.11. *Let M be an R -module. Then the set*

$$\mathcal{B} = \{\mathcal{X}_r = \mathcal{X} - \nu(rM) \mid r \in R\}$$

forms a base for the topology \mathcal{T} on \mathcal{X} .

Proof. If $\mathcal{X} = \emptyset$, then $\mathcal{B} = \emptyset$ and the proposition is trivially true. Hence we assume that $\mathcal{X} \neq \emptyset$ and let \mathcal{U} be any open set in \mathcal{X} . Hence $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{X} - \nu(IM)$ for some ideal I of R . Note that

$$\nu(IM) = \nu\left(\sum_{a_i \in I} a_i M\right) = \nu\left(\sum_{a_i \in I} (a_i M : M)M\right) = \bigcap_{a_i \in I} \nu(a_i M)$$

by Lemma 1.2. Hence $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{X} - \bigcap_{a_i \in I} \nu(a_i M) = \bigcup_{a_i \in I} \mathcal{X}_{a_i}$. This proves that \mathcal{B} is a base for the topology \mathcal{T} on \mathcal{X} . ■

Proposition 3.12. *Let M be an R -module and the natural map ϕ be surjective. Then \mathcal{X}_r is a quasi-compact subset of \mathcal{X} .*

Proof. For any open covering of \mathcal{X}_r , there is a family $\{r_\lambda \in R : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ of elements of R such that $\mathcal{X}_r \subseteq \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{X}_{r_\lambda}$ by Proposition 3.11. Since the map ϕ is surjective,

$$D_{\bar{r}} = \phi(\mathcal{X}_r) \subseteq \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \phi(\mathcal{X}_{r_\lambda}) \subseteq \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} D_{\bar{r}_\lambda}.$$

It follows that there exists a finite subset Λ' of Λ such that $D_{\bar{r}} \subseteq \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda'} D_{\bar{r}_\lambda}$ as $D_{\bar{r}}$ is quasi-compact and so

$$\mathcal{X}_r = \phi^{-1}(D_{\bar{r}}) \subseteq \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda'} \mathcal{X}_{r_\lambda}.$$

Thus \mathcal{X}_r is quasi-compact. ■

As noted earlier, an R -module M is a ZFG-module if for every submodule N of M we have $\sqrt[2]{N} = \sqrt[2]{IM}$ for some finitely generated ideal I of R . It is easy to see that every multiplication module over a Noetherian ring is a ZFG-module.

Proposition 3.13. *Let N be a submodule of an R -module M and $\sqrt{(N : M)} = \sqrt{I}$ for some finitely generated ideal I of R . Then N is a ZFG-submodule of M .*

Proof. Suppose $\sqrt{(N : M)} = \sqrt{I}$ for some finitely generated ideal I of R . Hence by Proposition 2.2(2,3) we have

$$\sqrt[2]{N} = \sqrt[2]{\sqrt{(N : M)}M} = \sqrt[2]{\sqrt{I}M} = \sqrt[2]{IM}.$$

Thus N is a ZFG-submodule of M . ■

Theorem 3.14. *Let M be a multiplication R -module and the natural map ϕ be surjective. Then M is a ZFG-module if and only if $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T})$ is a Noetherian space.*

Proof. Assume that N is a submodule of M . Therefore $\sqrt[\mathbb{Z}]{N} = \sqrt[\mathbb{Z}]{IM}$ for some finitely generated ideal $I = \sum_{i=1}^n Rr_i$ of R if and only if $\nu(N) = \nu(\sum_{i=1}^n r_i M) = \nu(\sum_{i=1}^n (r_i M : M)M) = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \nu(r_i M)$, by Lemma 1.2(2) and Lemma 2.4 if and only if $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{X} - \nu(N) = \mathcal{X} - \bigcap_{i=1}^n \nu(r_i M) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (\mathcal{X} - \nu(r_i M))$ if and only if \mathcal{U} is quasi-compact by proposition 3.12 if and only if $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T})$ is a Noetherian space by [9, P. 123, Proposition 9]. ■

Corollary 3.15. *Let R be a ring. Then R -module R is a ZFG-module if and only if $\text{Spec}_L(R)$ is a Noetherian space.*

Proof. It is clear by Theorem 3.14. ■

4. Noetherian spectrum, the number of irreducible components and the length of their chains

Recall that a topological space X is irreducible if the intersection of two non-empty open subsets of X is non-empty. Every subset of a topological space consisting of a single point is irreducible and a subset Y of a topological space X is irreducible if and only if its closure is irreducible [9, §4.1]. A maximal irreducible subset Y of X is called an irreducible component of X and it is always closed.

Proposition 4.1. *Let M be an R -module and the natural map ϕ be surjective. If $|\mathcal{X}| < \infty$ and $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$, then \mathcal{Y} is an irreducible closed subset of \mathcal{X} if and only if $\mathcal{Y} = \nu(Q)$ for some $Q \in \mathcal{X}$.*

Proof. Suppose $\mathcal{Y} = \nu(Q)$. Since $\{Q\}$ is an irreducible subset of \mathcal{X} , by [9, P. 13, Exercise 20] $\overline{\{Q\}}$ is an irreducible subset of \mathcal{X} . Thus $\mathcal{Y} = \nu(Q) = \overline{\{Q\}}$ is an irreducible closed subset of \mathcal{X} . Conversely, if \mathcal{Y} is an irreducible closed subset of \mathcal{X} , then $\mathcal{Y} = \nu(N)$ for some submodule N of M such that $\sqrt{(\gamma(\nu(N)) : M)} = \sqrt{(\gamma(\mathcal{Y}) : M)} = p$ is a prime ideal of R . Since ϕ is surjective, there exists a p -primary-like submodule $Q \in \mathcal{X}$ such that $\sqrt{(Q : M)} = p$. It follows that $p = \sqrt{(\gamma(\nu(N)) : M)} = \sqrt{(Q : M)}$. Hence $\nu(\gamma(\nu(N))) = \nu(Q)$ by Lemma 2.1(5). Thus $\mathcal{Y} = \nu(Q)$ by Lemma 2.3. Therefore $\nu(Q)$ is an irreducible subset of \mathcal{X} . ■

Proposition 4.2. *Let M be an R module, $|\mathcal{X}| < \infty$ and the natural map ϕ be surjective. Then the correspondence $\nu(Q) \mapsto \sqrt{(Q : M)}$ is a bijection of the set of irreducible components of \mathcal{X} and the set of minimal prime ideals of \overline{R} .*

Proof. It is easy to see that the correspondence is well-defined and an injection by Lemma 2.1(5). Suppose $\overline{p} \in \text{Spec}(\overline{R})$. Since ϕ is surjective, $\overline{p} = \sqrt{(Q : M)}$ for some $Q \in \mathcal{X}$. Thus the correspondence is a surjection. Since each irreducible component of \mathcal{X} is a maximal element of the set $\{\nu(Q) : Q \in \mathcal{X}\}$ by Proposition 4.1, the assertion hold. ■

We recall that an R -module M is said to be a FIC-module if every closed subset of \mathcal{X} has a finite number of irreducible components. A ring R is said to be a FIC-ring if and only if R -module R is FIC.

Theorem 4.3. *Let M be an R -module. Then the following hold.*

- (1) *If M is finitely generated and $|\mathcal{X}| < \infty$, then M is FIC if and only if for every submodule N of M the ideal $\sqrt{(N : M)}$ is contained in a finite number minimal prime ideal of R .*
- (2) *If $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T})$ is a Noetherian space, then M is FIC.*

Proof. (1) is a direct result of Proposition 4.2.

(2) Since $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T})$ is a Noetherian space, every closed subset of \mathcal{X} is Noetherian by [9, P. 123, Proposition 8(i)]. Hence every closed subset of \mathcal{X} has a finite number of irreducible components, by [9, P. 124, Proposition 10]. Thus M is FIC. ■

Corollary 4.4. *The following are true.*

- (1) *If $|\text{Spec}_L(R)| < \infty$, then R is FIC if and only if every ideal I of R , \sqrt{I} is contained in a finite number minimal prime ideal.*
- (2) *If $\text{Spec}_L(R)$ is a Noetherian space, then R is FIC.*

Proof. By Theorem 4.3 is clear. ■

As it was mentioned, if X is a topological space, we consider strictly decreasing (or strictly increasing) chain Y_0, Y_1, \dots, Y_r of length r of irreducible closed subsets Y_i of X . The supremum of the lengths, taken over all such chains, is called the combinatorial dimension of X and denoted by $\dim X$. For the empty set, the combinatorial dimension of \emptyset is defined to be -1 .

Proposition 4.5. *Let M be a finitely generated R -module and $|\mathcal{X}| < \infty$. Then \mathcal{X} has a chain of irreducible closed subsets of \mathcal{X} of length r if and only if \bar{R} has a chain of prime ideals of length r .*

Proof. Assume that $\mathcal{Y}_0 \subset \mathcal{Y}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{Y}_r$ is a strictly increasing chain of irreducible closed subsets \mathcal{Y}_i of \mathcal{X} of length r . By Proposition 4.1, $\mathcal{Y}_i = \nu(Q_i)$ for some $Q_i \in \mathcal{X}$. Hence $\nu(Q_0) \subset \nu(Q_1) \subset \dots \subset \nu(Q_r)$. Thus $\sqrt{(Q_0 : M)} \supset \sqrt{(Q_1 : M)} \supset \dots \supset \sqrt{(Q_r : M)}$ is a strictly decreasing chain of prime ideals of \bar{R} of length r . Conversely, suppose $\bar{p}_0 \supset \bar{p}_1 \supset \dots \supset \bar{p}_r$ is a strictly decreasing chain of prime ideals of \bar{R} of length r . Since M is finitely generated, M is primeful by [18, Theorem 2.2]. Hence there exists $Q_i \in \text{Spec}(M) \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ such that $\sqrt{(Q_0 : M)} \supset \sqrt{(Q_1 : M)} \supset \dots \supset \sqrt{(Q_r : M)}$. Thus $\nu(Q_0) \subset \nu(Q_1) \subset \dots \subset \nu(Q_r)$ is a strictly increasing chain of irreducible closed subsets \mathcal{X} of length r by proposition 4.1. ■

For a ring R , the Krull dimension of R , $\dim(R)$, equals the combinatorial dimension of $\text{Spec}(R)$ equipped with the Zariski topology.

Theorem 4.6. *Let M be a finitely generated R -module and $|\mathcal{X}| < \infty$. Then the combinatorial dimension of \mathcal{X} and the Krull dimension of \overline{R} are equal.*

Proof. Use Proposition 4.5. ■

Corollary 4.7. *Let M be a finitely generated R -module such that \mathcal{X} has combinatorial dimension zero. Then the following hold.*

- (1) *Every irreducible closed subset of \mathcal{X} is an irreducible component.*
- (2) *If $p \in V(\text{Ann}(M))$ and $|\mathcal{X}| < \infty$, then $\mathcal{X}_p = \nu(Q)$ for every $Q \in \mathcal{X}_p$.*
- (3) *If $|\mathcal{X}| < \infty$ and $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T})$ is a Noetherian space, then the set of irreducible components of \mathcal{X} is $\{\nu(p_1M), \dots, \nu(p_nM)\}$, where the p_i ($1 \leq i \leq n$) are all the minimal prime containing $\text{Ann}(M)$.*

Proof. (1) is obvious.

(2) By Theorem 4.6, $\dim(\mathcal{X}) = \dim(\overline{R})$. Hence $p = \sqrt{(Q : M)}$ is a maximal ideal of R . If $Q' \in \nu(Q)$, then $\sqrt{(Q' : M)} = \sqrt{(Q : M)} = p$ and so $\nu(Q) \subseteq \mathcal{X}_p$. Now suppose $Q' \in \mathcal{X}_p$. Hence $\sqrt{(Q' : M)} = p = \sqrt{(Q : M)}$. Thus $Q' \in \nu(Q)$ and so $\mathcal{X}_p \subseteq \nu(Q)$.

(3) Since $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{T})$ is a Noetherian space with $\dim(\mathcal{X}) = 0$, \overline{R} has Noetherian spectrum and $\dim(\overline{R}) = 0$ by Theorems 3.5 and 4.6. Hence $\text{Spec}(\overline{R})$ has only finitely many elements $\overline{p}_1, \overline{p}_2, \dots, \overline{p}_n$ each of which is both maximal and minimal prime ideal of \overline{R} by [15, P. 41, Examples 1.4, c) and d)]. Since M is a finitely generated R -module, $(p_iM : M) = p_i$ is a maximal ideal of R . Hence $p_iM \in \mathcal{X}_{p_i}$. So $\nu(p_iM)$ is an irreducible component of \mathcal{X} for every i by (1) and Proposition 4.1. Thus by Proposition 4.2, $\{\nu(p_1M), \dots, \nu(p_nM)\}$ is the set of all irreducible components of \mathcal{X} . ■

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