
Graded prime spectrum of a graded module

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Abstract

Let R be a graded ring and M be a graded R -module. We define a topology on graded prime spectrum $G - \text{Spec}(M)$ of the graded R -module M which is analogous to that for $G - \text{Spec}(R)$, and investigate several properties of the topology.

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1. Introduction

Let G be a multiplicative group. A commutative ring R with identity is called a G -graded ring if there exist additive subgroups R_g of R indexed by the elements $g \in G$ such that $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$ and $R_g R_h \subseteq R_{gh}$ for all $g, h \in G$. The elements of R_g are called *homogeneous elements* of R of degree g . The homogeneous elements of the ring R are denoted by $h(R)$, i.e. $h(R) = \bigcup_{g \in G} R_g$. If

$a \in R$, then the element a can be written uniquely as $\sum_{g \in G} a_g$, where a_g is called the g -component of a in R_g . Let R be a graded ring and I be an ideal of R . I is called graded prime ideal of R if $I \neq R$ and whenever $ab \in I$, then either $a \in I$ or $b \in I$, where $a, b \in h(R)$. The *graded radical* of I is the set of all $x \in R$ such that for each $g \in G$ there exists $n_g > 0$ with $x_g^{n_g} \in I$. Note that if $r \in h(R)$, then r is an element of graded radical of I if and only if $r^n \in I$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. The graded radical of I is denoted by \sqrt{I} .

Let R be a G -graded ring and M an R -module. We recall that M is a G -graded R -module (or *graded R -module*) if there exists a family of subgroups $\{M_g\}_{g \in G}$ of M such that $M = \bigoplus_{g \in G} M_g$ and $R_g M_h \subseteq M_{gh}$ for all $g, h \in G$. Here $R_g M_h$ denotes the additive subgroup of M consisting of all finite sums of elements $r_g s_h$ where $r_g \in R_g$ and $s_h \in M_h$. Also, we write $h(M) = \bigcup_{g \in G} M_g$ and the elements of $h(M)$ are called *homogeneous*. Let $M = \bigoplus_{g \in G} M_g$ be a graded R -module and N be a submodule of M . Then recall that N is a *graded submodule* of M if $N = \bigoplus_{g \in G} (N \cap M_g)$. In this case, $N_g = N \cap M_g$ is called the g -component of N .

Let M be a graded R -module and N be a graded R -submodule of M . Then recall that N is a *graded prime submodule* of M if $N \neq M$ and whenever $a \in h(R)$ and $m \in h(M)$ with $am \in N$, then either $m \in N$ or $a \in (N :_R M)$ where $(N :_R M) = \{r \in R \mid rM \subseteq N\}$. Graded prime submodules of graded modules have been studied by various authors, see, for example, [1-3].

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A graded R -module M is called to be a *multiplication graded module* if for every graded submodule N of M has the form IM for some graded ideal I of R . Multiplication graded modules were characterized in [4]. N is a *graded maximal submodule* of M if $N \neq M$ and there is no graded submodule N' of M such that $N \subset N' \subset M$. A graded R -module M is called *graded finitely generated* if there are x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k in $h(M)$ such that $M = \sum_{i=1}^k Rx_i$.

An element $m \in M$ is called *nilpotent* if $(Rm)^k = 0$ for some positive integer k [5]. It is clear that, if M is graded multiplication then $Nil(M) = \bigcap P$ where the intersection runs over all graded prime submodules of M . Moreover, a faithful graded R -module M is multiplication if and only if $\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (I_\lambda M) = \left(\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} I_\lambda \right) M$ where I_λ

is a graded ideal of R [6, Theorem 8].

The graded prime spectrum $G-Spec(R)$ of a graded ring R consists of all graded prime ideals of R and similarly the graded prime spectrum $G-Spec(M)$ of a graded module M consists of all graded prime submodules of M . For each graded ideal I of R , if we introduce the G -variety $V_G^R(I) = \{p \in G-Spec(R) \mid p \supseteq I\}$ then the collection $\zeta(R) = \{V_G^R(I) \mid I \triangleleft_G R\}$ satisfies the topology axioms for closed sets. This topology is called a *Zariski topology* on $G-Spec(R)$. In this study, we generalize this prime spectrum to graded R -modules. For a graded submodule N of M we define the variety $V_G^*(N) = \{P \in G-Spec(M) \mid P \supseteq N\}$ where the collection $\zeta^*(M) = \{V_G^*(N) \mid N \text{ is a submodule of } M\}$ does not satisfy all of the topology axioms for closed sets. Whenever $\zeta^*(M)$ is closed under finite union, then this topology is called a *quasi-Zariski topology* and the module M is called a *G-top module*. After this, we define another variety $V_G(N) = \{P \in G-Spec(M) \mid (P : M) \supseteq (N : M)\}$ of the graded module M , the collection

$\zeta(M) = \{V_G(N) \mid N \text{ is a submodule of } M\}$ satisfies all of the topology axioms for the closed sets. Hence we obtain a topology on $G-Spec(M)$ called a *Zariski topology*. Some properties of these topologies are given and we obtain some relations between properties of the graded prime spectrum $G-Spec(R)$ and $G-Spec(M)$ by using the map $\phi : G-Spec(M) \rightarrow G-Spec(R/Ann(M))$ defined by $P \mapsto (P : M)$ for $P \in G-Spec(M)$. Finally, we give some results that determine under what conditions the graded prime spectrum $G-Spec(M)$ is T_0, T_1 or T_2 -space.

Throughout this paper, we deal with G -graded rings and graded R -modules. If I is a graded ideal of R and N is a graded submodule of M we write respectively, $I \triangleleft_G R$ and $N \triangleleft_G M$. Throughout this paper we assume that $G-Spec(M)$ is nonempty.

2. The Zariski topology on $G-Spec(R)$

In this section we will give some properties of the G -variety $V_G^R(S) = \{p \in G-Spec(R) \mid p \supseteq S\}$ for a homogeneous subset S of R . Note that, if the graded ideal I is generated by S , then it is clear that $V_G^R(S) = V_G^R(I)$. Also, $V_G^R(I) = V_G^R(\sqrt{I})$ for any graded ideal I of R . Therefore, we can easily see that $V_G^R(rR) = V_G^R(r)$ for any $r \in h(R)$. We show that the set $G-Spec(R)$ is a topology for the closed sets $V_G^R(I)$.

Proposition 2.1. Let I, J and $\{I_i\}_{i \in \Lambda}$ be graded ideals of the graded ring R . Then the following hold for G -variety of ideals:

- (1) $V_G^R(0) = G-Spec(R)$ and $V_G^R(R) = \emptyset$,
- (2) $\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G^R(I_i) = V_G^R\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} I_i\right) = V_G^R\left(\bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} I_i\right)$,
- (3) $V_G^R(I) \cup V_G^R(J) = V_G^R(I \cap J) = V_G^R(IJ)$.

Proof: (1) For any $p \in G-Spec(R)$, $0 \subseteq p$, so $p \in V_G^R(0)$. Hence $G-Spec(R) = V_G^R(0)$.

Suppose that $V_G^R(R) \neq \emptyset$. Then there is $p \in V_G^R(R)$. Hence $1 \in R \subseteq p$, a contradiction.

(2) Let $p \in \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G^R(I_i)$. Then $p \in V_G^R(I_i)$ and

we obtain that $I_i \subseteq p$ for all $i \in \Lambda$. Hence $\sum_{i \in \Lambda} I_i \subseteq p$, so that $p \in V_G^R\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} I_i\right)$. Conversely,

let $p \in V_G^R\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} I_i\right)$. Then $\sum_{i \in \Lambda} I_i \subseteq p$ and so $I_i \subseteq p$ for all $i \in \Lambda$. This shows that $p \in V_G^R(I_i)$ for all $i \in \Lambda$ and hence $p \in \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G^R(I_i)$.

(3) Since $V_G^R(I) \subseteq V_G^R(I \cap J)$ and $V_G^R(J) \subseteq V_G^R(I \cap J)$, $V_G^R(I) \cup V_G^R(J) \subseteq V_G^R(I \cap J)$. For the reverse inclusion, let $p \in V_G^R(I \cap J)$. Then $I \cap J \subseteq p$. Since p is a graded prime ideal, then $I \subseteq p$ or $J \subseteq p$. So that $p \in V_G^R(I)$ or $p \in V_G^R(J)$. We obtain $V_G^R(I \cap J) \subseteq V_G^R(I) \cup V_G^R(J)$.

Corollary 2.2. Let R be a graded ring. The collection $\zeta(R) = \{V_G^R(I) \mid I \triangleleft_G R\}$ of all varieties of graded ideals of R satisfies the axioms of topological space for closed sets. We call this topology the Zariski topology on $G - Spec(R)$.

Theorem 2.3. Let R be a graded ring. For any homogeneous elements r and s of R , we have the following properties:

(1) The set $D_r = G - Spec(R) \setminus V_G^R(rR)$ is open in $G - Spec(R)$ and the family $\{D_r \mid r \in h(R)\}$ is the basis for the Zariski topology on $G - Spec(R)$.

(2) For the open sets D_r and D_s , we have $D_r \cap D_s = D_{rs}$.

(3) For the open sets D_r and D_s , we have $D_r = D_s$ if and only if $\sqrt{rR} = \sqrt{sR}$.

(4) The open set D_r is quasi compact for all $r \in h(R)$.

(5) The space $G - Spec(R)$ is a T_0 -space for the Zariski topology.

Proof: (1) Assume that U is an open set in $G - Spec(R)$. Thus $U = G - Spec(R) \setminus V_G^R(I)$ for some graded ideal I of R . Notice that $I = \bigcup_{g \in G} I_g = \langle h(I) \rangle$. Then $V_G^R(I) = V_G^R(h(I)) = \bigcap_{r \in h(I)} V_G^R(r)$. Hence $U = \bigcup_{r \in h(I)} (G - Spec(R) \setminus V_G^R(r)) = \bigcup_{r \in h(I)} D_r$.

This implies that $\{D_r \mid r \in h(R)\}$ is a basis for the Zariski topology on $G - Spec(R)$.

(2) Let $p \in D_r \cap D_s$ for the open sets D_r and D_s . Then $r \notin p$ and $s \notin p$, so that $rs \notin p$. It follows that $p \in D_{rs}$ and hence $D_r \cap D_s \subseteq D_{rs}$. For reverse inclusion, assume that $p \in D_{rs}$. Then $rs \notin p$, namely $r \notin p$ and $s \notin p$. Hence $p \in D_r$ and $p \in D_s$, so that $D_{rs} \subseteq D_r \cap D_s$.

(3) Suppose that $D_r = D_s$. Then $V_G^R(rR) = V_G^R(sR)$, so that $r \in p$ if and only if $s \in p$. This implies $\sqrt{rR} = \sqrt{sR}$. Conversely, assume that $\sqrt{rR} = \sqrt{sR}$. It follows that $r \in p$ if and only if $s \in p$. Then $V_G^R(rR) = V_G^R(sR)$ and hence $D_r = D_s$.

(4) Let $r \in h(R)$ and suppose that $\{D_{s_i} \mid i \in \Lambda\}$ is an open cover of D_r , where for each $i \in \Lambda$, $s_i \in h(R)$. Then,

$$G - Spec(R) \setminus V_G^R(rR) = D_r \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} D_{s_i} = \bigcup_{i \in \Lambda} (G - Spec(R) \setminus V_G^R(s_i R)) = G - Spec(R) \setminus V_G^R\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} s_i R\right) \text{ and hence}$$

$V_G^R\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} s_i R\right) \subseteq V_G^R(rR)$. It follows from (3) that $\sqrt{rR} \subseteq \sqrt{\sum_{i \in \Lambda} s_i R}$, then there exists a positive integer n such that $r^n \in \sum_{i \in \Lambda} s_i R$. Then there exists $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m \in \Lambda$, $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m \in h(R)$

such that $r^n = s_{i_1} t_{i_1} + s_{i_2} t_{i_2} + \dots + s_{i_m} t_{i_m}$. Let

$\Delta = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m\} \subseteq \Lambda$. Notice that $p \in V_G^R(r)$ iff $p \in V_G^R(r^n)$. $(rR)^n \subseteq \sum_{j \in \Delta} s_j R$ implies

$$V_G^R\left(\sum_{j \in \Delta} s_j R\right) \subseteq V_G^R(r^n) = V_G^R(r). \quad \text{Therefore}$$

$$\bigcap_{j \in \Delta} V_G^R(s_j) \subseteq V_G^R(r), \quad \text{so} \quad \bigcup_{i \in \Delta} (G - \text{Spec}(R) \setminus V_G^R(s_i)) \\ \supseteq G - \text{Spec}(R) \setminus V_G^R(r) \quad \text{and hence} \quad D_r \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in \Delta} D_{s_i}.$$

Since Δ is finite set, D_r is quasi compact.

(5) Let $p, q \in G - \text{Spec}(R)$ and $p \neq q$. Then $p \not\subseteq q$ or $q \not\subseteq p$. Suppose that $p \not\subseteq q$. Then there exists an element $r \in p \setminus q$ for $r \in h(R)$. Then $p \notin D_r$ and since $rR \not\subseteq q$, we get $q \notin V_G^R(rR)$. So $q \in D_r$ and since D_r is an open set, $G - \text{Spec}(R)$ is a T_0 -space for the Zariski topology.

3. The Zariski topology on $G - \text{Spec}(M)$

In this section we will give different varieties for any graded submodule of a graded module. Also, we investigate under what conditions these varieties give a topology on $G - \text{Spec}(M)$. Now we give some relations between graded ideals of R and graded submodules of graded R -modules M .

Lemma 3.1. Let R be a G -graded ring, M be a graded R -module, and N be a graded R -submodule of M . Then the following hold:

- (i) $(N :_R M) = \{r \in R \mid rM \subseteq N\}$ is a graded ideal of R ,
- (ii) If I is a graded ideal of R , $r \in h(R)$ and $x \in h(M)$, then IN , rN , and Rx are graded submodules of M .

Proof: One can look for the proof of (i) and (ii) to [1, Lemma 2.1], [7, Lemma 2.2], and [6, Lemma 1]. Also, for the proof of (i), see [5, Lemma 1.2 (iii)].

Theorem 3.2. Let M be a graded R -module. If N is a graded prime submodule of M then $(N :_R M)$ is a graded prime ideal of R . The converse part is true when M is a multiplication graded R -module.

Proof: One can look for the proof to [6, Theorem 3].

Proposition 3.3. Let M be a graded R -module. For any graded submodule N of M , we define the variety of N to be $V_G^*(N) = \{P \in G - \text{Spec}(M) \mid P \supseteq N\}$. Then the following hold:

- (1) $V_G^*(0) = G - \text{Spec}(M)$ and $V_G^*(M) = \emptyset$.
- (2) $\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G^*(N_i) = V_G^*\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} N_i\right)$, for any family $\{N_i\}_{i \in \Lambda}$ of graded submodules.
- (3) $V_G^*(N) \cup V_G^*(L) \subseteq V_G^*(N \cap L)$ for any graded submodules N, L of M .

Proof: (1) Trivial.

(2) Let $P \in \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G^*(N_i)$. Then, $P \in V_G^*(N_i)$

gives us $N_i \subseteq P$ for all $i \in \Lambda$. It follows that

$$\sum_{i \in \Lambda} N_i \subseteq P \quad \text{and hence} \quad P \in V_G^*\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} N_i\right).$$

Conversely, assume that $P \in V_G^*\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} N_i\right)$. Then

$$\sum_{i \in \Lambda} N_i \subseteq P \quad \text{and so,} \quad N_i \subseteq P \quad \text{for all } i \in \Lambda. \quad \text{Thus}$$

$$P \in \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G^*(N_i) \quad \text{and equality holds.}$$

(3) Since $N \cap L \subseteq N$ and $N \cap L \subseteq L$, then $V_G^*(N) \subseteq V_G^*(N \cap L)$ and $V_G^*(L) \subseteq V_G^*(N \cap L)$. Hence $V_G^*(N) \cup V_G^*(L) \subseteq V_G^*(N \cap L)$.

Remark that, the reverse inclusion in Proposition 3.3 (3) is not true in general. For this, if we take the Z_2 -graded Z -module $M = Z \times Z$ and $N = 4Z \times \{0\}$, $L = \{0\} \times 4Z$ as graded submodules of M , then $P = \{0\} \times \{0\} \in V^*(N \cap L)$ but $P \notin V_G^*(N) \cup V_G^*(L)$ since $N \not\subseteq P$ and $L \not\subseteq P$, where $P \in G - \text{Spec}(M)$.

Definition 3.4. Let M be a graded R -module and $\zeta^*(M)$ be the set of all varieties $V_G^*(N)$ of M , i.e., $\zeta^*(M) = \{V_G^*(N) \mid N \leq_G M\}$.

M is called a G -top module if the set $\zeta^*(M)$ is closed under finite union. Then $\zeta^*(M)$ is a topology on $G - Spec(M)$ and this topology is called a quasi Zariski topology on $G - Spec(M)$, denoted by τ^* .

Theorem 3.5. If M is a multiplication graded R -module, then M is a G -top module.

Proof: It is enough to prove that the inclusion $V_G^*(N \cap L) \subseteq V_G^*(N) \cup V_G^*(L)$ is satisfied. Let $P \in V_G^*(N \cap L)$. Then $N \cap L \subseteq P$ and we get $(N \cap L : M) \subseteq (P : M)$. Since $(P : M)$ is a graded prime ideal and $(N \cap L : M) = (N : M) \cap (L : M)$, we get $(N : M) \subseteq (P : M)$ or $(L : M) \subseteq (P : M)$. Then $(N : M)M \subseteq (P : M)M$ or $(L : M)M \subseteq (P : M)M$. Since M is graded multiplication module, then $N \subseteq P$ or $L \subseteq P$. Hence $P \in V_G^*(N) \cup V_G^*(L)$.

Proposition 3.6. Let M be a graded R -module. Then the family $\zeta'(M) = \{V_G^*(IM) \mid I \triangleleft_G R\}$ is closed under finite union. Further, $\zeta'(M)$ is a topology on $G - Spec(M)$ denoted by τ' .

Proposition 3.7. Let M be a graded R -module. If M is a G -top module then the quasi Zariski topology τ^* on $G - Spec(M)$ is finer than τ' .

Now we define another variety for a graded submodule N of a graded module M . We define the variety of N to be $V_G(N) = \{P \in G - Spec(M) \mid (P : M) \supseteq (N : M)\}$

The following proposition shows that this variety satisfies the topology axioms for closed sets.

Proposition 3.8. Let M be a graded R -module. Then the following hold:

- (1) $V_G(0) = G - Spec(M)$ and $V_G(M) = \emptyset$.
- (2) $\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G(N_i) = V_G\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} (N_i : M)M\right)$, for any family $\{N_i\}_{i \in \Lambda}$ of graded submodules.

- (3) $V_G(N) \cup V_G(L) = V_G(N \cap L)$ for any graded submodules N, L of M .

Proof: (1) It is clear.

- (2) Let $P \in \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G(N_i)$. For all $i \in \Lambda$,

$$P \in V_G(N_i) \text{ implies } (N_i : M) \subseteq (P : M).$$

Then $(N_i : M)M \subseteq (P : M)M$. It follows that

$$\sum_{i \in \Lambda} (N_i : M)M \subseteq (P : M)M \subseteq P \text{ for all } i \in \Lambda.$$

Therefore $P \in V_G\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} (N_i : M)M\right)$, so

$$\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G(N_i) \subseteq V_G\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} (N_i : M)M\right).$$

Conversely, let $P \in V_G\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} (N_i : M)M\right)$. Then

$$\left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} (N_i : M)M : M\right) \subseteq (P : M). \text{ Since}$$

$$(N_i : M) \subseteq \left(\sum_{i \in \Lambda} (N_i : M)M : M\right), \text{ we get}$$

$$(N_i : M) \subseteq (P : M) \text{ for all } i \in \Lambda. \text{ Thus}$$

$$P \in V_G(N_i), \text{ for all } i \in \Lambda. \text{ Hence}$$

$$P \in \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} V_G(N_i).$$

- (3) Let $P \in V_G(N \cap L)$. Then $(N \cap L : M) \subseteq (P : M)$,

so that $(N : M) \cap (L : M) \subseteq (P : M)$. Since $(P : M)$ is graded prime ideal, then

$$(N : M) \subseteq (P : M) \text{ or } (L : M) \subseteq (P : M). \text{ It follows that } P \in V_G(N) \text{ or } P \in V_G(L). \text{ Hence}$$

$$P \in V_G(N) \cup V_G(L). \text{ Reverse inclusion is clear.}$$

Definition 3.9. Let M be a graded R -module. Since $\zeta(M) = \{V_G(N) \mid N \triangleleft_G M\}$ is closed under finite union, the family $\zeta(M)$ satisfies the axioms of topological space for closed sets. So, there exists a topology on $G - Spec(M)$ called the Zariski topology and denoted by τ .

Definition 3.10. Let M be a graded R -module and $p \in G - Spec(R)$. Then the set

$G - \text{Spec}_p(M)$ is defined to be $\{P \in G - \text{Spec}(M) \mid (P : M) = p\}$.

Now we give some relations between the varieties $V_G^*(N)$ and $V_G(N)$ for any submodule N of the graded R -module M .

Lemma 3.11: Let M be a graded R -module and N, L be graded submodules of M .

(1) If $(N : M) = (L : M)$, then $V_G(N) = V_G(L)$. The converse is true if N and L are graded prime submodules.

(2) $V_G(N) = V_G((N : M)M) = V_G^*((N : M)M)$.

Theorem 3.12. For any graded R -module M , the Zariski topology τ on $G - \text{Spec}(M)$ is identical with τ' and the quasi Zariski topology τ^* on $G - \text{Spec}(M)$ is finer than the Zariski topology τ .

Proof: It is clear.

Let M be a graded R -module. Now we give the relation between $G - \text{Spec}(M)$ and $G - \text{Spec}\left(\frac{R}{\text{Ann}(M)}\right)$. For this we set X^M and $X^{\bar{R}}$ to represent $G - \text{Spec}(M)$ and $G - \text{Spec}(\bar{R})$ respectively, where $\bar{R} = \frac{R}{\text{Ann}(M)}$.

The map $\varphi : X^M \rightarrow X^{\bar{R}}$, defined by $P \mapsto \overline{(P : M)}$ for $P \in X^M$ is called the natural map of X^M .

Proposition 3.13. Let M be a graded R -module. The natural map φ of X^M is continuous for the Zariski topologies defined on M and \bar{R} . More precisely, $\varphi^{-1}(V_G^{\bar{R}}(\bar{I})) = V_G(IM)$ for every graded ideal I of R containing $\text{Ann}(M)$.

Proof: Let \bar{I} be a graded ideal of \bar{R} , $V_G^{\bar{R}}(\bar{I}) \in \zeta(\bar{R})$ and $P \in \varphi^{-1}(V_G^{\bar{R}}(\bar{I}))$. Then $\overline{(P : M)} = \varphi(P) \in V_G^{\bar{R}}(\bar{I})$, thus $\overline{(P : M)} \supseteq \bar{I}$. It follows that $(P : M) \supseteq I$, that $P \in V_G(IM)$.

Therefore $\varphi^{-1}(V_G^{\bar{R}}(\bar{I})) \subseteq V_G(IM)$. For the converse inclusion, let $P \in V_G(IM)$. Then, $IM \subseteq P \in G - \text{Spec}(M)$ and hence $I \subseteq (P : M) \subseteq G - \text{Spec}(R)$. And so we get $\varphi(P) = \overline{(P : M)} \in V_G^{\bar{R}}(\bar{I})$. This implies $P \in \varphi^{-1}(V_G^{\bar{R}}(\bar{I}))$. Hence the proof is completed.

Proposition 3.14. The following statements are equivalent for any graded R -module M and any $P, Q \in X^M$:

- (1) The natural map φ is injective.
- (2) If $V_G(P) = V_G(Q)$, then $P = Q$.
- (3) $|G - \text{Spec}_p(M)| \leq 1$ for every $p \in G - \text{Spec}(R)$.

Proof: (1) \Rightarrow (2): Suppose that $V_G(P) = V_G(Q)$. By Lemma 3.11, we get $\overline{(P : M)} = \overline{(Q : M)}$. Thus $\varphi(P) = \varphi(Q)$. Since φ is injective, we obtain $P = Q$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3): Let $|G - \text{Spec}_p(M)| > 1$ and let $P, Q \in G - \text{Spec}_p(M)$ such that $P \neq Q$. So, $(P : M) = (Q : M) = p$. Hence we get $V_G(P) = V_G(Q)$ and by hypothesis we obtain $P = Q$, which is a contradiction.

(3) \Rightarrow (1): Let $\varphi(P) = \varphi(Q)$. It follows that $\overline{(P : M)} = \overline{(Q : M)}$. So, we can write $(P : M) = (Q : M) = p$ and since $|G - \text{Spec}_p(M)| \leq 1$, we get $P = Q$.

Proposition 3.15. Let M be a graded R -module and let φ be the natural map of X^M . If φ is surjective, then φ is both open and closed, more precisely for every $N <_G M$, $\varphi(V_G(N)) = V_G^{\bar{R}}(\overline{(N : M)})$ and $\varphi(X^M \setminus V_G(N)) = X^{\bar{R}} \setminus V_G^{\bar{R}}(\overline{(N : M)})$.

Proof: Since φ is a continuous map such that $\varphi^{-1}(V_G^{\bar{R}}(\bar{I})) = V_G(IM)$, we get for every $N <_G M$, $\varphi^{-1}(V_G^{\bar{R}}(\overline{(N : M)})) = V_G((N : M)M) = V_G(N)$. As φ is surjective,

$\varphi \circ \varphi^{-1} \left(V_G^{\bar{R}} \left(\overline{(N : M)} \right) \right) = V_G^{\bar{R}} \left(\overline{(N : M)} \right)$. Thus $\varphi \left(V_G(N) \right) = V_G^{\bar{R}} \left(\overline{(N : M)} \right)$. Similarly $\varphi \left(X^M \setminus V_G(N) \right) = \varphi \left(\varphi^{-1} \left(X^{\bar{R}} \right) \setminus \varphi^{-1} \left(V_G^{\bar{R}} \left(\overline{(N : M)} \right) \right) \right) = \varphi \circ \varphi^{-1} \left(X^{\bar{R}} \setminus V_G^{\bar{R}} \left(\overline{(N : M)} \right) \right)$ and so $\varphi \left(X^M \setminus V_G(N) \right) = X^{\bar{R}} \setminus V_G^{\bar{R}} \left(\overline{(N : M)} \right)$.

Corollary 3.16. Let φ be surjective and M be a graded R -module. Then φ is bijective if and only if φ is homeomorphic.

Proposition 3.17: Let M and M' be graded R -modules, $X^M = G - Spec(M)$ and $X^{M'} = G - Spec(M')$. If $f : M \rightarrow M'$ is an epimorphism, then the function $\phi : X^{M'} \rightarrow X^M$ defined by $P' \rightarrow f^{-1}(P')$ is continuous.

Proof: For any $N <_G M$ and $P' \in X^{M'}$ and any closed set $V_G(N)$ of X^M , we have $P' \in \phi^{-1} \left(V_G(N) \right) = \phi^{-1} \left(V_G^* \left((N : M)M \right) \right)$ iff $\phi(P') = f^{-1}(P') \supseteq (N : M)M$ iff $P' \supseteq f \left((N : M)M \right) = (N : M)M'$ iff $P' \in V_G^* \left((N : M)M' \right) = V_G \left((N : M)M' \right)$. Thus $\phi^{-1} \left(V_G(N) \right) = V_G \left((N : M)M' \right)$. Hence ϕ is continuous.

4. A base for the Zariski topolgy on $G - Spec(M)$

In this section we write $X_r = X^M \setminus V_G(rM)$ of X^M for $r \in h(R)$ and show that $B = \{X_r \mid r \in h(R)\}$ forms a base for X^M . Further, we compare this base with the base of $X^{\bar{R}}$. For each element r of $h(R)$, we write $X_r = X^M \setminus V_G(rM)$. Clearly, every X_r is an open set of X^M and we have $X_0 = \emptyset$ and $X_1 = X^M$ for $0_R, 1_R \in h(R)$.

Proposition 4.1: Let M be a graded R -module with natural map φ on X^M and $r \in h(R)$. Then,

- (1) $\varphi^{-1}(D_{\bar{r}}) = X_r$
- (2) $\varphi(X_r) \subseteq D_{\bar{r}}$. If φ is surjective, then the equality holds.
- (3) The set $B = \{X_r \mid r \in h(R)\}$ is a base for the Zariski topology on X^M .
- (4) $X_{rs} = X_r \cap X_s$, for any $r, s \in h(R)$.

Proof: (1) $\varphi^{-1}(D_{\bar{r}}) = \varphi^{-1} \left(X^{\bar{R}} \setminus V_G^{\bar{R}}(\bar{r}\bar{R}) \right) = X^M \setminus \varphi^{-1} \left(V_G^{\bar{R}}(\bar{r}\bar{R}) \right) = X^M \setminus V_G(rM) = X_r$.
 (2) Trivial.
 (3) Let U be any open set in X^M . Since $\zeta(M) = \zeta'(M) = \{V_G^*(IM) = V_G(IM) \mid I <_G R\}$ by Lemma 3.11, $U = X^M \setminus V_G(IM)$ for some graded ideal I of R . Notice that $I = \langle h(I) \rangle$. Then, $IM = \langle h(I) \rangle M = \langle h(I)M \rangle$. So, $V_G(IM) = V_G(h(I)M) = \bigcap_{r \in h(I)} V_G(rM)$. It

follows that $U = X^M \setminus V_G(IM) = X^M \setminus \bigcap_{r \in h(I)} V_G(rM) = \bigcup_{r \in h(I)} X_r$. Therefore B is a base for the Zariski topology on X^M .
 (4) $X_{rs} = \varphi^{-1}(D_{\bar{rs}}) = \varphi^{-1}(D_{\bar{r}} \cap D_{\bar{s}}) = \varphi^{-1}(D_{\bar{r}}) \cap \varphi^{-1}(D_{\bar{s}}) = X_r \cap X_s$ by (1).

Theorem 4.2. Let M be a graded R -module. If the natural map φ is surjective, then the open set X_r is quasi compact for each $r \in h(R)$. Specifically, X^M is quasi compact.

Proof: As the set $B = \{X_r \mid r \in h(R)\}$ is a base for the Zariski topology by Proposition 4.1(3), for every open cover of X_r , there is a set $\{r_\alpha \in h(R) \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ such that $X_r \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_{r_\alpha}$. Then $D_{\bar{r}} = \varphi(X_r) \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \varphi(X_{r_\alpha}) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} D_{\bar{r}_\alpha}$ by Proposition 10(2). Since $D_{\bar{r}}$ is quasi compact, there exists a finite subset $\Lambda' \subset \Lambda$ such that

$$D_{\bar{r}} \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda'} D_{\bar{r}_\alpha} . \quad \text{Hence we obtain}$$

$$X_r = \varphi^{-1}(D_{\bar{r}}) \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda'} X_{r_\alpha} .$$

Let M be a graded R -module and Y be any subset of X^M . We will denote the intersection of all elements in Y by $\xi(Y)$ and the closure of Y in X^M for the Zariski topology by $Cl(Y)$.

Proposition 4.3. Let M be a graded R -module and $Y \subseteq X^M$. Then $V_G(\xi(Y)) = Cl(Y)$. In particular, Y is closed if and only if $V_G(\xi(Y)) = Y$.

Proof: We can see easily that $Y \subseteq V_G(\xi(Y))$. Let $V_G(L)$ be any closed subset of X^M which contains Y . Thus for all $Q \in Y$, we have $(Q:M) \supseteq (L:M)$. This implies that $(L:M) \subseteq \bigcap_{Q \in Y} (Q:M) \subseteq (\xi(Y):M)$. So, $(P:M) \supseteq (\xi(Y):M) \supseteq (L:M)$ for every $P \in V_G(\xi(Y))$, that is, $V_G(\xi(Y)) \subseteq V_G(L)$. Hence $V_G(\xi(Y))$ is the smallest closed subset of X^M including Y , which means $V_G(\xi(Y)) = Cl(Y)$.

Proposition 4.4. Let M be a graded R -module, $P \in X^M$, and $\delta = \{(Q:M) \mid Q \in X^M\} \subseteq X^R$.

Then,

- (1) $Cl(\{P\}) = V_G(P)$.
- (2) For any $Q \in X^M$, $Q \in Cl(\{P\})$, if and only if $(Q:M) \supseteq (P:M)$ if and only if $V_G(P) \supseteq V_G(Q)$.
- (3) Let M be a finitely generated graded R -module. The set $\{P\}$ is closed in X^M if and only if
 - a) $p = (P:M)$ is a maximal element of the set δ , and
 - b) $G-Spec_p(M) = \{P\}$, that is, $|G-Spec_p(M)| = 1$.

Proof: (1) We can easily see that (1) holds by taking $Y = \{P\}$ from Proposition 4.3.

(2) This follows from (1).

(3) Assume that $\{P\}$ is closed in X^M . Hence $\{P\} = Cl(\{P\}) = V_G(P)$ by (1). Let $q \in \delta$ such that $p \subseteq q$. Then there exists $Q \in X^M$ such that $q = (Q:M)$. So, $(P:M) = p \subseteq (Q:M)$. We have $Q \in V_G(P) = \{P\}$, namely $Q = P$. So, $p = q$ and p is a maximal element of the set δ . Let $P^* \in G-Spec_p(M)$. Then $(P^*:M) = p = (P:M)$ and so $P^* \in V_G(P) = \{P\}$. Hence $G-Spec_p(M) = \{P\}$. Conversely, we suppose that (a) and (b) hold. Since P is graded prime we have $\{P\} \subseteq V_G(P)$. If $Q \in V_G(P)$, then $q = (Q:M) \supseteq (P:M) = p$. Therefore $q = p$ by (a) and $Q = P$ by (b). Thus $V_G(P) \subseteq \{P\}$, so that $V_G(P) = \{P\}$. By (1), $Cl(\{P\}) = \{P\}$. Hence the set $\{P\}$ is closed in X^M .

The following corollary is a result of Proposition 4.4(1).

Corollary 4.5. For every graded prime submodule P of a graded R -module M , $V_G(P)$ is an irreducible closed subset of X^M .

Proposition 4.6. Let M be a graded R -module and Y be a subset of X^M . If $\xi(Y)$ is a graded prime submodule of M , then Y is irreducible.

Proof: Assume that $\xi(Y)$ is a graded prime submodule of M . Then, $V_G(\xi(Y)) = Cl(Y)$ is irreducible by Corollary 4.5 and Proposition 4.3. So Y is irreducible.

Corollary 4.7. Let M be a graded R -module. If $Y = \{P_i \mid i \in \Lambda\}$ is a non-empty family of graded prime submodules P_i of M , which is linearly ordered by inclusion, then Y is irreducible in X^M .

Proof: Let $\xi(Y) = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} P_i = P$. P is a proper submodule of M . Suppose that $rm \in P$ but $m \notin P$ where $r \in h(R)$ and $m \in h(M)$. Then $m \notin P_i$ for some $i \in \Lambda$. Since P_i is a graded prime submodule, we get $r \in (P_i : M)$. Let j be any element of Λ such that $j \neq i$. Since Y is linearly ordered by inclusion, we have either $P_i \subseteq P_j$ or $P_j \subseteq P_i$. If $P_i \subseteq P_j$, then we obtain $r \in (P_i : M) \subseteq (P_j : M)$. If $P_j \subseteq P_i$, then since $m \notin P_i$ and P_j is a graded prime submodule, we have $r \in (P_j : M)$. Hence $r \in (P : M)$ and $\xi(Y)$ is a graded prime submodule, so Y is irreducible on X^M by Proposition 4.6.

Proposition 4.8. Let M be a graded multiplication R -module. If $Nil(M)$ is graded prime submodule of M , then X^M is irreducible.

Proof: Let U and V be open subsets of X^M and P_U and P_V be elements of U and V , respectively. Then there exist submodules N and K of M such that $U = X^M \setminus V_G(N)$ and $V = X^M \setminus V_G(K)$. So $P_U \notin V_G(N)$ and $P_V \notin V_G(K)$, that is, $N \not\subseteq P_U$ and $K \not\subseteq P_V$. Since $Nil(M) \subseteq P_U$, $N \not\subseteq Nil(M)$. Hence, we get $Nil(M) \in U$. Similarly $Nil(M) \in V$. Consequently, $Nil(M) \in U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ and we obtain X^M , irreducible.

Proposition 4.9. Let M be a graded R -module. Assume that $G-Spec_p(M) \neq \emptyset$ for some $p \in G-Spec(R)$. Then the following hold:

- $G-Spec_p(M)$ is irreducible.
- If p is a graded maximal ideal of R , then $G-Spec_p(M)$ is an irreducible closed subset of X^M .

Proof: (a) Let

$$G-Spec_p(M) = \{P_i \in G-Spec(M) \mid (P_i : M) = p, i \in \Lambda\}.$$

Then $\xi(G-Spec_p(M)) = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} P_i$ is a graded

prime submodule. Indeed, we assume $rm \in \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} P_i$

$$\text{and } r \notin \left(\bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} P_i : M \right) = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} (P_i : M), \text{ where}$$

$r \in h(R)$ and $m \in h(M)$. Notice that $(P_i : M) = p$. Then $r \notin p = (P_i : M)$ for all

$i \in \Lambda$. Since $rm \in P_i$ and P_i is graded prime, we get $m \in P_i$ for all $i \in \Lambda$. Hence $m \in \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} P_i$ and

$G-Spec_p(M)$ is irreducible by Proposition 4.6.

(b) To prove this, it suffices to show that $G-Spec_p(M) = V_G(pM)$ for the graded maximal ideal p . Let $N \in V_G(pM)$, that is, $(N : M) \supseteq (pM : M) \supseteq p$. Since p is maximal, $(N : M) = p$. So, $N \in G-Spec_p(M)$. Conversely, let $P \in G-Spec_p(M)$. Then $(P : M) = p \subseteq (pM : M)$ and because of maximality of p , we obtain $p = (pM : M)$ and so $P \in V_G(pM)$.

Proposition 4.10. Let M be a graded R -module and Y be a subset of X^M such that $(\xi(Y) : M) = p$ is a graded prime ideal of R . If $G-Spec_p(M) \neq \emptyset$, then Y is irreducible.

Proof: Take $P \in G-Spec_p(M)$. Since $(P : M) = p = (\xi(Y) : M)$ we have $V_G(P) = V_G(\xi(Y)) = Cl(Y)$ by Lemma 3.11 and Proposition 4.3. Therefore, $Cl(Y)$ is irreducible and so is Y .

Theorem 4.11. Let M be a graded R -module. Then the following statements are equivalent for any $P, Q \in X^M$:

- X^M is T_0 -space.
- The natural map φ is injective.
- If $V_G(P) = V_G(Q)$, then $P = Q$.

$$(4) \quad \left| G - \text{Spec}_p(M) \right| \leq 1 \quad \text{for every } p \in G - \text{Spec}(R).$$

Proof: (1) \Leftrightarrow (3) follows from Proposition 4.4 and the fact that a topological space is a T_0 -space if and only if the closures of distinct points are distinct. The equivalences of (2), (3), and (4) are proved in Proposition 3.14.

Corollary 4.12. Let M be a G -top module, in particular, let M be a graded multiplication module. Then $G - \text{Spec}(M)$ is a T_0 -space for the Zariski topology.

Proposition 4.13. Let M be a graded R -module and $\delta = \{(P : M) \mid P \in X^M\} \subseteq X^R$. Then

$G - \text{Spec}(M)$ is a T_1 -space if and only if

(1) $(P : M) = p$ is a maximal element of δ for all $P \in X^M$,

$$(2) \quad \left| G - \text{Spec}_p(M) \right| = 1 \quad \text{for all } p \in G - \text{Spec}(R).$$

Proof: If $G - \text{Spec}(M)$ is a T_1 -space then the singleton sets are closed in X^M . So we obtain (1) and (2) by Proposition 4.4(3). Conversely, (1) and (2) are equivalent so that the singleton set $\{P\}$ is closed in X^M for every $P \in X^M$, that is, X^M is a T_1 -space.

Theorem 4.14. Let M be a graded R -module. Then X^M is a T_1 -space if and only if every graded prime submodule of M is maximal.

Proof: Assume that X^M is a T_1 -space. Let P be any graded prime submodule of M . By Proposition 4.4(1), $Cl(\{P\}) = V_G(P)$ and since X^M is a T_1 -space, every singleton subset of X^M is closed, that is, $Cl(\{P\}) = V_G(P) = \{P\}$. Now, assume that $P \subseteq Q$. It follows that $(P : M) \subseteq (Q : M)$. So $Q \in V_G(P) = \{P\}$ and we obtain $P = Q$. For the converse, suppose that

every graded prime submodule of M is maximal. Then for all $P \in X^M$ we have $\{P\} = V_G(P)$, and every singleton subset of X^M is closed. Hence X^M is a T_1 -space.

Theorem 4.15. Let M be a graded multiplication R -module. Then X^M is a T_1 -space if and only if it is a T_2 -space.

Proof: Assume that X^M is a T_2 -space. Then it is a T_1 -space. Conversely, assume that X^M is a T_1 -space. If $|X^M| = 1$ or $|X^M| = 2$, then X^M is a T_2 -space. Now assume that $|X^M| > 2$. Then we can take three distinct elements in X^M , say P_1 , P_2 , and P_3 . Since M is graded multiplication, $V_G(P_1P_3) = \{P_1, P_3\} = X^M \setminus V_G(P_2)$, $V_G(P_2P_3) = \{P_2, P_3\} = X^M \setminus V_G(P_1)$ and $V_G(P_2) = \{P_2\} = X^M \setminus V_G(P_1P_3)$ are open sets in X^M . This implies that $P_1 \in V_G(P_1P_3)$ and $P_2 \in V_G(P_2)$. Moreover, $V_G(P_1P_3) \cap V_G(P_2) = \emptyset$.

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