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### ABSTRACT

In this corrigendum, we give an example showing that the implication (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) of Proposition 4 is not true in general. Also, we provide the correct version of Proposition 4.

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The following example shows that the implication (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) of [1, Proposition 4] is not true in general.

**Example 1.** Consider the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $E(p) = \left\{ \gamma : \gamma = \frac{m}{p^n} + \mathbb{Z}, m \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0 \right\}$  and the multiplicatively closed subset  $S = \{p^n : n \geq 0\}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , where  $p$  is a prime number. Then  $E(p)$  is an  $S$ -multiplication module (See, [1, Example 3]). Also, we know that all submodules of  $E(p)$  is of the form  $G_t = \left\{ \gamma : \gamma = \frac{m}{p^t} + \mathbb{Z}, m \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$  for some  $t \geq 0$ . Note that  $(G_t : E(p)) = (0)$  is an  $S$ -prime ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . However,  $G_t$  is not an  $S$ -prime submodule of  $E(p)$ . To see this, choose  $s \in S$ . Then  $s = p^k$  for some  $k \geq 0$ . Since  $p^{k+t+1} \left( \frac{1}{p^{k+t+1}} + \mathbb{Z} \right) \in G_t, sp^{k+t+1} \notin (G_t : E(p))$  and  $s \left( \frac{1}{p^{k+t+1}} + \mathbb{Z} \right) = \frac{1}{p^{t+1}} + \mathbb{Z} \notin G_t$ , it follows that  $G_t$  is not an  $S$ -prime submodule of  $E(p)$ .

Now, we give correct version of Proposition 4 as follows:

**Proposition 1.** Let  $M$  be an  $S$ -multiplication  $R$ -module, where  $S \subseteq R$  is a multiplicatively closed set, and  $N$  a submodule of  $M$ . Suppose that  $(N : tM) \subseteq (N : uM)$  implies that  $(N : t) \subseteq (N : u)$  for each  $t, u \in S$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i)  $N$  is an  $S$ -prime submodule of  $M$ .
- (ii)  $(N : M)$  is an  $S$ -prime ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) : Follows from [2, Proposition 2.9 (i)].

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) : Suppose that  $(N : M)$  is an  $S$ -prime ideal of  $R$ . Then there exists an  $s \in S$  so that  $xy \in (N : M)$  implies  $sx \in (N : M)$  or  $sy \in (N : M)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ . First, we will show that  $(N : tM) \subseteq (N : sM)$  for each  $t \in S$ . Let  $b \in (N : tM)$ . Then we have  $bt \in (N : M)$ , which implies that

$sb \in (N : M)$  or  $st \in (N : M)$ . The latter case is impossible since  $(N : M) \cap S = \emptyset$ . Thus, we have  $sb \in (N : M)$ , that is,  $b \in (N : sM)$ . Then, we conclude  $(N : tM) \subseteq (N : sM)$  for each  $t \in S$ . Suppose that  $am \in N$  for some  $a \in R$  and  $m \in M$ . Now, we will show that  $sa \in (N : M)$  or  $sm \in N$ . Assume that  $sa \notin (N : M)$ . For every  $x \in (Rm : M)$ , we have  $ax \in (N : M)$ ; so  $sx \in (N : M)$ , which implies that  $s(Rm : M) \subseteq (N : M)$ . Since  $M$  is an  $S$ -multiplication module, choose  $t \in S$  such that  $tRm \subseteq (Rm : M)M$ . This gives that  $stRm \subseteq s(Rm : M)M \subseteq N$ , so we have  $Rm \subseteq (N : st)$ . Since  $(N : stM) \subseteq (N : sM)$ , by assumption, we conclude that  $Rm \subseteq (N : st) \subseteq (N : s)$ . Thus, we have  $sm \in N$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** In the previous proposition, the condition “ $(N : tM) \subseteq (N : uM)$  implies that  $(N : t) \subseteq (N : u)$  for each  $t, u \in S$ ” is necessary. Consider the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $E(p)$ . Let  $S$  be the multiplicatively closed set as in Example 1. Take the submodule  $N = G_m$  for some  $m \geq 1$  as in Example 1. Then  $(N : E(p)) = (0)$  is an  $S$ -prime ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . On the other hand, put  $t = p^{k+1}, u = p^k \in S$  for some  $k \geq 1$ . Then note that  $(N : tE(p)) = (0) \subseteq (N : uE(p))$ . Since  $\frac{1}{p^{k+m+1}} + \mathbb{Z} \in (N : t) - (N : u)$ , it follows that the aforementioned condition fails in  $S$ -multiplication  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $E(p)$ . Also, by Example 1,  $N$  is not an  $S$ -prime submodule of  $E(p)$ .

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