



# Annihilator Condition on Modules

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## Abstract

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with  $1 \neq 0$  and  $M$  a unital  $R$ -module.  $M$  is said to satisfy *Property (A)* if for each finitely generated ideal  $J$  of  $R$  contained in  $Z_R(M)$ , there exists  $0 \neq m \in M$  such that  $Jm = (0)$ . Also  $M$  is said to satisfy *Property (T)* if for each finitely generated submodule  $N$  of  $M$  contained in  $T(M)$ , there exists  $0 \neq a \in R$  such that  $aN = (0)$ . In this article, we study certain annihilator conditions on modules such as *Property (A)* and *Property (T)*. In addition to give many properties of modules satisfying *Property (A)* (*Property (T)*), we characterize these classes of modules in terms of  $r$ -submodules and  $sr$ -submodules. Also, we give a method to construct non Noetherian rings in which every ideal satisfies *Property (A)*.

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## 1 Introduction

This paper concerns with certain annihilator conditions on modules as *Property (A)* and *Property (T)*. Throughout this paper, we focus only on commutative rings with nonzero identity and nonzero unital modules. Let  $R$  always denote such a ring and  $M$  denote such an  $R$ -module. A ring  $R$  is

said to satisfy *Property (A)* if for each finitely generated ideal  $I$  consisting of entirely of zero divisors of  $R$ , then there exists  $0 \neq a \in R$  such that  $aI = (0)$  (Huckaba 1988). The class of rings satisfying *Property (A)* is quite large including Noetherian rings and nontrivial  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded rings (See, [Huckaba (1988), Theorem 2.5] and (Kaplansky 1970, p 63)). Darani, in his paper Darani (2010), initiated to the study of *Property (A)* on modules and he used the name F-McCoy instead of *Property (A)*. Afterwards, Anderson and Chun introduced another extension of *Property (A)* in rings to modules which is called *Property (T)*. Our aim in this paper is to investigate the further properties of *Property (A)* and *Property (T)* for modules and to characterize these two conditions in terms of certain class of submodules such as  $r$ -submodules and  $sr$ -submodules. For the sake of completeness, now we shall give some notions and notations which will be frequently used throughout this paper.

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. An element  $a \in R$  is said to be a zero divisor on  $M$  if  $\text{ann}_M(a) = \{m \in M : am = 0\} \neq (0)$ . Also, an element  $m \in M$  is called a torsion element if  $\text{ann}_R(m) = \{r \in R : rm = 0\}$  is not equal to the zero ideal of  $R$ . Here, the set of all zero divisors on  $M$  and all torsion elements of  $M$  are denoted in the following:

$$Z_R(M) = \{r \in R : \text{ann}_M(r) \neq 0\}$$
$$T(M) = \{m \in M : \text{ann}_R(m) \neq 0\}.$$

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In particular, we denote the set of all zero divisor on  $R$  by  $zd(R)$ . An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a *torsion-free module* if the torsion subset  $T(M) = 0$  (Sharp 2000). For any  $R$ -module  $M$ , the annihilator of  $M$  is denoted by  $ann(M) = \{x \in R : xM = (0)\}$ . Also,  $M$  is said to be a *faithful module* if  $ann(M) = (0)$  (Sharp 2000). Recall from Barnard (1981) that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a *multiplication module* if its each submodule  $P$  of  $M$  has the form  $IM$  for some ideal  $I$  of  $R$ . It is clear that  $M$  is a multiplication module if and only if  $P = (P : M)M$  for each submodule  $P$  of  $M$ , where  $(P : M)$  is the annihilator of  $M/P$  (El-Bast and Smith 1988). Further information on multiplication modules, we refer El-Bast and Smith (1988) and Barnard (1981) to the reader.

Anderson and Chun transferred the Property (A) in rings to modules in two different ways. According to their definition, an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to satisfy *Property (A)* if for each finitely generated ideal  $I$  of  $R$  contained in  $Z_R(M)$ , there exists  $0 \neq m \in M$  such that  $Im = (0)$ . Also,  $M$  satisfies *Property (T)* if for each finitely generated submodule  $N$  of  $M$  with  $N \subseteq T(M)$ , there exists  $0 \neq r \in R$  such that  $rN = (0)$  (Anderson and Chun 2017a). The authors in Anderson and Chun (2017a), gave many properties and characterizations of Property (A) and Property (T). Recently, the notions of Property (A) and Property (T) on modules have been widely studied in many papers. See, for example, Bouchiba et al. (2019)– Bouchiba and El-Arabi (2019). Koc and Tekir in their paper (2018), introduced two classes of submodules which are called  $r$ -submodules and  $sr$ -submodules. Recall from Koc and Tekir (2018), a proper submodule  $P$  of  $M$  is said to be an  $r$ -submodule if whenever  $am \in P$  for some  $a \in R, m \in M$ , then either  $a \in Z_R(M)$  or  $m \in P$ . Also,  $P$  is called a *special  $r$ -submodule* (briefly, *sr-submodule*) if  $am \in P$  for some  $a \in R, m \in M$  implies either  $a \in (P : M)$  or  $m \in T(M)$ . The authors in Koc and Tekir (2018) investigated the properties of these two classes of submodules and characterized torsion free modules in terms of  $sr$ -submodules. Among other results in this paper, we give characterization of Property (T) and Property (A) on modules in terms of  $r$ -submodules and  $sr$ -submodules. Also, we provide some methods to construct non-Noetherian rings in which every ideal satisfies Property (A). These facts produce many examples of non-Noetherian rings satisfying Property (A).

## 2 Modules Satisfying Property (A) and Property (T)

In this section,  $R$  will always denote a commutative ring with nonzero identity and  $M$  will always denote a nonzero unital module.

**Theorem 1** *Let  $M$  be a multiplication  $R$ -module. The following statements are equivalent.*

- (i)  $M$  satisfies Property (A).
- (ii)  $R/ann(M)$  satisfies Property (A).

**Proof**

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Suppose that  $M$  satisfies Property (A). Let  $\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2, \dots, \bar{a}_n \in R/ann(M)$  for some  $a_i \in R$  and assume that  $J = (\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2, \dots, \bar{a}_n) \subseteq zd(R/ann(M))$ . Now, put  $I = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ . Let  $x \in I$ . Then  $\bar{x} \in J \subseteq zd(R/ann(M))$  and so  $\bar{x}\bar{y} = \bar{0}$  for some  $\bar{0} \neq \bar{y} \in R/ann(M)$ . This implies that  $xyM = 0$ . As  $\bar{0} \neq \bar{y}$ , we have  $y \notin ann(M)$  and so there exists  $m' \in M$  such that  $ym' \neq 0$ . As  $xyM = 0$ , we get  $x(ym') = 0$  and so  $x \in Z_R(M)$ . Thus we conclude that  $I = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \subseteq Z_R(M)$ . As  $M$  satisfies Property (A), there exists  $0 \neq m \in M$  such that  $Im = (0)$ . Thus we conclude that  $I(Rm : M) \subseteq ann(M)$ . Since  $M$  is multiplication and  $m \neq 0$ , there exists  $b \in (Rm : M) - ann(M)$  and so  $Ib \subseteq ann(M)$ . Then we obtain  $\bar{J}\bar{b} = \bar{0}$  and  $\bar{b} \neq \bar{0}$ . Hence,  $R/ann(M)$  satisfies Property (A).

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Suppose that  $R/ann(M)$  satisfies Property (A). Let  $I$  be a finitely generated ideal contained in  $Z_R(M)$ . Then we can write  $I = Ra_1 + Ra_2 + \dots + Ra_n$  for some  $a_i \in R$ . Now, put  $J = (\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2, \dots, \bar{a}_n)$ . Take an element  $\bar{x} \in J = (\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2, \dots, \bar{a}_n)$  for some  $x \in R$ . Then there exists  $y \in ann(M)$  and  $r \in I$  such that  $x = r + y$ . As  $r \in I \subseteq Z_R(M)$ , there exists  $0 \neq m \in M$  such that  $rm = 0$  and so  $xm = (r + y)m = 0$ . This yields that  $xRm = x(Rm : M)M = 0$  and hence  $x(Rm : M) \subseteq ann(M)$ . As  $M$  is multiplication and  $m \neq 0$ , there exists  $b \in (Rm : M) - ann(M)$  and so  $xb \in ann(M)$  and this implies that  $\bar{x}\bar{b} = \bar{0}$  for some  $\bar{b} \neq \bar{0}$ . Thus we conclude that  $J = (\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2, \dots, \bar{a}_n) \subseteq zd(R/ann(M))$ . As  $R/ann(M)$  satisfies Property (A), there exists  $\bar{0} \neq \bar{c} \in R/ann(M)$  such that  $\bar{J}\bar{c} = \bar{0}$  and so  $a_i c \in ann(M)$  with  $c \notin ann(M)$ . Thus we have  $cm' \neq 0$  for some  $m' \in M$  and so  $a_i(cm') = c(a_i m') = 0$ . Hence, we get  $I(cm') = 0$  and so  $M$  satisfies Property (A). □

In Anderson and Chun (2017b), Anderson and Chun extended the McCoy Theorem and Dedekind-Mertens Lemma to modules for studying the McCoy Property on modules. The following remark and theorem are well-known and found in Anderson and Chun (2017b). Now, we remind it here to use them in the sequel.

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a *dual McCoy* if for each  $f(X) \in R[X]$  such that  $\text{ann}_{M[X]}(f(X)) \neq 0$ , there exists  $0 \neq m \in M$  such that  $f(X)m = 0$ . Also,  $M$  is called a *McCoy module* if for each  $m(X) \in M[X]$  such that  $\text{ann}_{R[X]}(m(X)) \neq 0$ , there exists  $0 \neq r \in R$  such that  $rm(X) = 0$  (Anderson and Chun 2017b).

Let  $f(X) = a_0 + a_1X + \dots + a_nX^n \in R[X]$  and  $m(X) = m_0 + m_1X + \dots + m_kX^k \in M[X]$ . Then the contents of  $f(X)$  and  $m(X)$  are denoted by  $c(f(X)) = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $c(m(X)) = (m_0, m_1, \dots, m_k)$ . Here,  $c(f(X))$  is an ideal generated by the coefficients of  $f(X)$  and  $c(m(X))$  is a submodule generated by the coefficients of  $m(X)$ .

**Theorem 2** (Anderson and Chun 2017b, Theorem 3.5) For any commutative ring  $R$ , every  $R$ -module is dual McCoy.

**Theorem 3** (Anderson and Chun 2017b, Theorem 3.4) Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Let  $f(X) \in R[X]$  and  $m(X) \in M[X]$ . Suppose that  $m(X)$  has  $n + 1$  nonzero terms. Then  $c(f(X))^{n+1}c(m(X)) = c(f(X))^n c(f(X)m(X))$ .

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $S = R - Z_R(M)$ . Then  $S$  is a multiplicatively closed subset of  $R$ . Here, we denote the quotient module  $S^{-1}M$  of  $M$  by  $q(M)$  and we will call it *total quotient module* of  $M$ .

**Theorem 4** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. The following statements are equivalent.

- (i)  $M$  satisfies Property (A).
- (ii)  $q(M)$  satisfies Property (A).
- (iii) For each  $f(X) \in R[X]$ ,  $\text{ann}_{M[X]}(f(X)) = 0$  if and only if  $c(f(X)) \not\subseteq Z_R(M)$ .

**Proof** (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii) : Follows from (Anderson and Chun 2017a, Theorem 2.1). (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) : Let  $f(X) = a_0 + a_1X + \dots + a_nX^n \in R[X]$  such that  $\text{ann}_{M[X]}(f(X)) = 0$ . Now, we will show  $c(f(X)) \not\subseteq Z_R(M)$ . Suppose to the contrary. Then  $c(f(X)) = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) \subseteq Z_R(M)$ . As  $M$  satisfies Property (A) and  $c(f(X))$  is a finitely generated ideal contained in  $Z_R(M)$ , there exists  $0 \neq m \in M$  such that  $c(f(X))m = 0$  and so  $f(X)m = 0$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $c(f(X)) \not\subseteq Z_R(M)$ . Conversely, assume that  $f(X) = a_0 + a_1X + \dots + a_nX^n \in R[X]$  such that  $c(f(X)) \not\subseteq Z_R(M)$ . Now, we will show that  $\text{ann}_{M[X]}(f(X)) = 0$ . Suppose to the contrary. Then  $\text{ann}_{M[X]}(f(X)) \neq 0$ . As  $M$  is a dual McCoy module, there exists  $0 \neq m \in M$  such that  $f(X)m =$

$0$  and so  $a_i m = 0$  for each  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ . This implies that  $m \in \text{ann}_M(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n)$ . As  $c(f(X)) \not\subseteq Z_R(M)$ , there exists  $a \in R - Z_R(M)$  such that  $a \in c(f(X))$  and so  $a = r_0a_0 + r_1a_1 + \dots + r_na_n$  for some  $r_i \in R$ . Since  $m \in \text{ann}_M(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n)$ , we have  $am = 0$  and so  $a \in Z_R(M)$  which is a contradiction. Hence,  $\text{ann}_{M[X]}(f(X)) = 0$ . (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) : Suppose that  $I$  is a finitely generated ideal contained in  $Z_R(M)$ . Then we can write  $I = Rb_0 + Rb_1 + \dots + Rb_n$  for some  $b_i \in R$ . Put  $f(X) = b_0 + b_1X + \dots + b_nX^n \in R[X]$ . Then  $c(f(X)) = I \subseteq Z_R(M)$ . By (iii),  $\text{ann}_{M[X]}(f(X)) \neq 0$ . As  $M$  is a dual McCoy module, there exists  $0 \neq m \in M$  such that  $f(X)m = 0$  and so  $b_i m = 0$  for each  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ . This implies that  $Im = 0$ . Hence  $M$  satisfies Property (A).  $\square$

Recall that a proper submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is said to be an  $r$ -submodule if for  $a \in R$  and  $m \in M$ ,  $am \in N$  with  $\text{ann}_M(a) = 0$  then  $m \in N$  (Koc and Tekir 2018).

**Lemma 1** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $N$  a submodule of  $M$ . If  $N[X]$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $R[X]$ -module  $M[X]$ , then  $N$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof** It is straightforward.  $\square$

Recall from Lu (1984) that a proper submodule  $P$  of  $M$  is said to be a *prime submodule* if  $am \in P$  for some  $a \in R$  and  $m \in M$ , then  $a \in (P : M)$  or  $m \in P$ . In this case  $\mathfrak{p} = (P : M)$  is a prime ideal of  $R$ . Note that an ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $R$  is said to be a prime ideal if it is a prime submodule of  $R$ -module  $R$ .

**Proposition 5** (i) Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Assume that  $N$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $N[X]$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $R[X]$ -module  $M[X]$ . Then  $M$  satisfies Property (A).

(ii) Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module satisfying Property (A) and  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Then  $N$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $N[X]$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $R[X]$ -module  $M[X]$ .

**Proof** (i) : Suppose that  $N$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $N[X]$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $R[X]$ -module  $M[X]$  for each submodule  $N$  of  $M$ . Now, we will show that  $M$  satisfies Property (A). Suppose to the contrary. By Theorem 4, there exists  $f(X) = a_0 + a_1X + \dots + a_nX^n \in R[X]$  such that  $\text{ann}_{M[X]}(f(X)) = 0$  and  $c(f(X)) \subseteq Z_R(M)$ . Put  $S = R - Z_R(M)$ . Note that  $S$  is a multiplicatively closed subset and  $c(f(X)) \cap S = \emptyset$ . Then there exists a prime ideal  $P$  of  $R$  containing  $c(f(X))$  and disjoint from  $S$ , that is  $c(f(X)) \subseteq P \subseteq Z_R(M)$  (Sharp 2000, Theorem 3.44). This implies that  $c(f(X)) \subseteq P + \text{ann}(M) \subseteq Z_R(M)$ . Similarly, there exists a prime ideal  $P^*$  of  $R$  such that  $c(f(X)) \subseteq P^* + \text{ann}(M) \subseteq P^* \subseteq Z_R(M)$ . As  $M$  is a finitely generated module, by Lu (1984),  $(P^*M : M) = P^*$ . Then by

(McCasland and Moore 1992, Theorem 3.3), there exists a prime submodule  $N$  of  $M$  such that  $(N : M) = P^*$  and  $P^*M \subseteq N$ . As  $(N : M) = P^* \subseteq Z_R(M)$ , by (Koc and Tekir 2018, Proposition 2),  $N$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $M$ . Since  $c(f(X)) \subseteq P^* = (N : M)$ , we have  $f(X) \in (N : M)[X]$  and so  $(f(X))M[X] \subseteq (N : M)[X]M[X] \subseteq N[X]$  and thus  $f(X) \in (N[X] :_{R[X]} M[X])$ . Since  $ann_{M[X]}(f(X)) = 0$ , we get  $(N[X] :_{R[X]} M[X]) \not\subseteq Z_R(M[X])$  and so by (Koc and Tekir 2018, Proposition 2),  $N[X]$  is not an  $r$ -submodule of  $R[X]$ -module  $M[X]$  which contradicts with the assumption. Hence,  $M$  satisfies Property (A).

(ii) : Suppose that  $M$  satisfies Property (A). Let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . If  $N[X]$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $R[X]$ -module  $M[X]$ , then by Lemma 1,  $N$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $M$ . Conversely, assume that  $N$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $M$ . Now, we will show that  $N[X]$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $R[X]$ -module  $M[X]$ . Let  $f(X)m(X) \in N[X]$  with  $ann_{M[X]}(f(X)) = 0$ , where  $f(X) = a_0 + a_1X + \dots + a_nX^n \in R[X]$  and  $m(X) = m_0 + m_1X + \dots + m_kX^k \in M[X]$ . Then  $c(f(X)m(X)) \subseteq N$ . Since  $M$  satisfies Property (A), by Theorem 4,  $c(f(X)) \not\subseteq Z_R(M)$  so there exists  $a \in c(f(X))$  such that  $ann_M(a) = 0$ . First note that  $ann_M(a^{k+1}) = 0$ . Also by Theorem 3,

$c(f(X))^{k+1}c(m(X)) = c(f(X))^k c(f(X)m(X)) \subseteq N$ . Then  $(a^{k+1})c(m(X)) \subseteq c(f(X))^{k+1}c(m(X)) \subseteq N$ . As  $N$  is an  $r$ -submodule, by (Koc and Tekir 2018, Theorem 1),  $c(m(X)) \subseteq N$  and thus  $m(X) \in N[X]$ . Hence,  $N[X]$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $R[X]$ -module  $M[X]$ .  $\square$

Now, we give a characterization of Property (A) on modules in terms of  $r$ -submodules.

**Theorem 6** *Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (i)  $M$  satisfies Property (A).
- (ii)  $N$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $N[X]$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $R[X]$ -module  $M[X]$  for each submodule  $N$  of  $M$ .

**Proof** Follows from Proposition 5 (i) and (ii).  $\square$

Recall that an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is an *irreducible ideal* if whenever  $J \cap K = I$  for some ideals  $J, K$  of  $R$ , then  $J = I$  or  $K = I$  (Sharp 2000). Recall from Anderson and Chun (2017a) that an  $R$ -module  $M$  satisfies *strong Property (T)* if whenever each subset  $N \subseteq T(M)$  with  $|N| \leq m$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $0 \neq a \in R$  such that  $aN = (0)$ . The authors in Anderson and Chun (2017a) showed that if the zero ideal is an irreducible ideal of a ring  $R$ , then each  $R$ -module satisfies strong Property (T). Now, we prove the converse is also true.

**Theorem 7** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following statements are equivalent.*

- (i) Zero ideal is an irreducible ideal of  $R$ .
- (ii) Every  $R$ -module satisfies strong Property (T).

**Proof** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) : Follows from (Anderson and Chun 2017a, Theorem 3.1).

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) : Suppose that every  $R$ -module satisfies Property (T). Now, we will show that zero ideal is irreducible. Let  $I \cap J = 0$  for some ideals  $I$  and  $J$  of  $R$ . Assume that  $I \not\subseteq J$  and  $J \not\subseteq I$ . Put  $M = R/I \oplus R/J$ . Then  $M$  is an  $R$ -module. As  $I \not\subseteq J$  and  $J \not\subseteq I$ , choose  $a \in I - J$  and  $b \in J - I$ . Consider the subset  $N = \{(\bar{a}, \bar{1}), (\bar{1}, \bar{b})\}$ . Then note that  $b(\bar{a}, \bar{1}) = 0_M$  and  $a(\bar{1}, \bar{b}) = 0_M$  and this yields  $N \subseteq T(M)$ . As  $M$  satisfies strong Property (T), there exists a nonzero element  $r \in R$  such that  $rN = (0)$ . This gives  $r(\bar{a}, \bar{1}) = 0_M = r(\bar{1}, \bar{b})$  and this yields  $r \in I \cap J = 0$  which is a contradiction. Hence, we get either  $I \subseteq J$  or  $J \subseteq I$  and so that  $I = 0$  or  $J = 0$ . Therefore, zero ideal is irreducible.  $\square$

**Theorem 8** *Let  $M$  be a faithful  $R$ -module. The following statements are equivalent.*

- (i)  $M$  satisfies Property (T) as an  $R$ -module.
- (ii)  $q(M)$  satisfies Property (T) as a  $q(R)$ -module.

**Proof** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) : Suppose  $M$  satisfies Property (T) as an  $R$ -module. Suppose that  $W = (\frac{m_1}{s_1}, \frac{m_2}{s_2}, \dots, \frac{m_n}{s_n}) \subseteq T_{q(R)}(q(M))$  for some  $\frac{m_i}{s_i} \in q(M)$ . Now, put  $N = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)$  and choose  $x \in N$ . Then there exist  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n \in R$  such that  $x = r_1m_1 + r_2m_2 + \dots + r_nm_n$ . Let  $s = s_1s_2 \dots s_n$ . Then note that  $\frac{x}{s} = \frac{r_1}{s_2s_3 \dots s_n} \frac{m_1}{s_1} + \frac{r_2}{s_1s_3 \dots s_n} \frac{m_2}{s_2} + \dots + \frac{r_n}{s_1s_2 \dots s_{n-1}} \frac{m_n}{s_n} \in W$ . Then there exists  $0 \neq \frac{a}{t} \in q(R)$  such that  $\frac{a}{t} \frac{x}{s} = 0$ . This implies that  $uax = 0$  for some  $u \in R - Z_R(M)$ . Thus we have  $ax = 0$ , that is,  $x \in T_R(M)$ . As  $M$  satisfies Property (T) and  $N \subseteq T_R(M)$ , there exists  $0 \neq y \in R$  such that  $yN = 0$  and so  $\frac{y}{1}W = 0$ . Now, we will show that  $\frac{y}{1} \neq 0$ . If  $\frac{y}{1} = 0$ , then there exists  $ty = 0$  for some  $t \in R - Z_R(M)$ . Then we get  $t(yM) = 0$  and so  $yM = 0$ . Since  $M$  is faithful, we conclude that  $y = 0$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $q(M)$  satisfies Property (T) as a  $q(R)$ -module.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) : Suppose that  $q(M)$  satisfies Property (T) as a  $q(R)$ -module and take a finitely generated submodule  $N$  of  $M$  that is contained in  $T_R(M)$ . Then we can write  $N = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)$  for some  $m_i \in M$ . Now, put  $W = S^{-1}N = (\frac{m_1}{1}, \frac{m_2}{1}, \dots, \frac{m_n}{1})$ . A similar argument in (i) shows that  $W \subseteq T_{q(R)}(q(M))$  since  $M$  is faithful. As  $q(M)$  satisfies Property (T), there exists  $0 \neq \frac{a}{t} \in q(R)$  such that  $\frac{a}{t}W = 0$ . As  $\frac{m_i}{1} \in W$ , we have  $\frac{a}{t} \frac{m_i}{1} = 0$  and so  $uam_i = 0$  for

some  $u \in R - Z_R(M)$ . This implies that  $am_i = 0$ . Also note that  $a \neq 0$  and  $aN = 0$ . Thus,  $M$  satisfies Property (T) as  $R$ -module.  $\square$

Recall from Anderson and Chun (2017b) that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a Gaussian if  $f(X)m(X) = c_0 + c_1X + \dots + c_{m+n}X^{m+n}$  for  $f(X) = a_0 + a_1X + \dots + a_mX^m \in R[X]$  and  $m(X) = m_0 + m_1X + \dots + m_nX^n \in M[X]$ , then  $\sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=0}^n Ra_iRm_j = \sum_{i=0}^{m+n} Rc_i$ . Note that  $M$  is Gaussian if and only if  $c(f(X)m(X)) = c(f(X))c(m(X))$ . Also, note that every Gaussian module is McCoy.

**Theorem 9** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $M$  be a McCoy  $R$ -module. Then, the following statements are equivalent.

- (i)  $M$  satisfies Property (T).
- (ii) For each  $m(X) \in M[X]$ ,  $ann_{R[X]}(m(X)) = 0$  if and only if  $c(m(X)) \not\subseteq T(M)$ .

**Proof** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) : Assume that  $M$  satisfies Property (T). Let  $m(X) = m_0 + m_1X + \dots + m_nX^n \in M[X]$  with  $ann_{R[X]}(m(X)) = 0$ . Suppose that  $c(m(X)) \subseteq T(M)$ . Since  $M$  satisfies Property (T), there exists  $0 \neq r \in R$  such that  $rc(m(X)) = 0$  where  $c(m(X)) = (m_0, m_1, \dots, m_n)$ . This implies that  $rm_i = 0$  for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . So, we get  $rm(X) = 0$  which is a contradiction. Thus,  $c(m(X)) \not\subseteq T(M)$ . On the other hand, assume that  $c(m(X)) \subseteq T(M)$  but  $ann_{R[X]}(m(X)) \neq 0$ . Then, there exists  $0 \neq f(X) \in R[X]$  such that  $f(X)m(X) = 0$ . As  $M$  is a McCoy  $R$ -module,  $rm(x) = 0$  for some  $0 \neq r \in R$ . This gives that  $rm_i = 0$  for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . So,  $r \in ann_R((m_0, m_1, \dots, m_n))$ . Since  $c(m(X)) \not\subseteq T(M)$ , there exists  $m \in M - T(M)$  such that  $m \in c(m(X)) = (m_0, m_1, \dots, m_n)$ . Hence,  $m = r_0m_0 + r_1m_1 + \dots + r_nm_n$  for some  $r_0, r_1, \dots, r_n \in R$ . This implies that  $rm = 0$  and so,  $m \in T(M)$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $ann_{R[X]}(m(X)) = 0$ , as desired.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) : Now, suppose that  $N$  is a finitely generated submodule of  $M$  such that  $N \subseteq T(M)$ . Then,  $N = Rm_0 + Rm_1 + \dots + Rm_k$  for some  $m_i \in M$ . Take  $m(X) = m_0 + m_1X + \dots + m_kX^k \in M[X]$ . So,  $c(m(X)) \subseteq T(M)$  and we get  $ann_{R[X]}(m(X)) \neq 0$ , by the assumption. Then, there exists  $0 \neq f(X) \in R[X]$  such that  $f(X)m(X) = 0$ . As  $M$  is a McCoy  $R$ -module, we have  $rm(X) = 0$  for some  $0 \neq r \in R$ . This means that  $rm_i = 0$  for each  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k$ . Hence, it shows  $rN = 0$  which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 2** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $N$  a submodule of  $M$ . If  $N[X]$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M[X]$ , then  $N$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof** Assume that  $N[X]$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M[X]$ . Suppose  $am \in N$  with  $ann_R(m) = 0$ , where  $a \in R$  and  $m \in M$ . Then note that  $ann_{R[X]}(m) = 0$ . This implies that

$am \in N \subseteq N[X]$  with  $ann_{R[X]}(m) = 0$ . As  $N[X]$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M[X]$ ,  $a \in (N[X] :_{R[X]} M[X])$ . This means  $a \in (N :_R M)$  proving that  $N$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 10** Let  $M$  be a finitely generated multiplication McCoy  $R$ -module. Assume that  $N$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $N[X]$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M[X]$ . Then,  $M$  satisfies Property (T).

**Proof** Assume that  $N$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $N[X]$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M[X]$ . Now, we will show that  $M$  satisfies Property (T). Suppose to the contrary. Then, by Theorem 9, there exists  $m(X) \in M[X]$  such that  $ann_{R[X]}(m(X)) = 0$  and  $c(m(X)) \subseteq T(M)$ . First, we will show that  $S = R - (T(M) : M)$  is a multiplicatively closed set. To see this, choose  $a, b \in S$ . Then there exist  $m_1, m_2 \in M$  such that  $am_1, bm_2 \notin T(M)$ , which implies that  $ann_R(am_1) = ann_R(bm_2) = 0$ . If  $ab \in (T(M) : M)$ , then we have  $abm \in T(M)$  for each  $m \in M$ . Then  $abm_1 \in T(M)$ , which implies that  $ann_R(abm_1) \neq 0$ . Since  $ann_R(am_1) = 0$ , we have  $ann_R(abm_1) = ann_R(b) \neq 0$ . Then there exists  $0 \neq x \in R$  such that  $xb = 0$ , which implies that  $x \in ann_R(bm_2) = 0$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $S = R - (T(M) : M)$  is a multiplicatively closed set. Since  $c(m(X)) \subseteq T(M)$ , we have  $(c(m(X)) : M) \cap S = \emptyset$ . Then there exists a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $R$  such that  $(c(m(X)) : M) \subseteq \mathfrak{p} \subseteq (T(M) : M)$ . Then by (McCasland and Moore 1992, Theorem 3.3), there exists a prime submodule  $P^*$  of  $M$  such that  $c(m(X)) \subseteq P^*$  and also  $(P^* : M) = \mathfrak{p}$ . As  $(P^* : M) = \mathfrak{p} \subseteq (T(M) : M)$  and  $M$  is a multiplication module, we get  $c(m(X)) \subseteq P^* \subseteq T(M)$ . Then by (Koc and Tekir 2018, Proposition 10),  $P^*$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M$ . So by the assumption,  $P^*[X]$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $R[X]$ -module  $M[X]$ . Since  $c(m(X)) \subseteq P^*$ , we have  $m(X) \subseteq P^*[X]$ . As  $ann_{R[X]}(m(X)) = 0$ , we get  $P^*[X] \not\subseteq T_{R[X]}(M[X])$  which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $M$  satisfies Property (T).  $\square$

**Proposition 11** Let  $M$  be a Gaussian  $R$ -module satisfying Property (T) and  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Then,  $N[X]$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M[X]$  if and only if  $N$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof** Assume that  $M$  satisfies Property (T). If  $N[X]$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M[X]$ , then  $N$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M$  by Lemma 2. For the other direction, suppose that  $N$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M$ . Take  $f(X)m(X) \in N[X]$  with  $ann_{R[X]}(m(X)) = 0$ , where  $f(X) \in R[X]$  and  $m(X) \in M[X]$ . As  $M$  satisfies Property (T) and  $M$  is McCoy module, we have  $c(m(X)) \not\subseteq T(M)$ , by Theorem 9. Then, there exists  $m' \in c(m(X))$  such that  $ann_R(m') = 0$ . Since  $M$  is Gaussian,  $c(f(X)m(X)) = c(f(X))c(m(X))$ . Hence,  $c(f(X))(m') \subseteq c(f(X))c(m(X)) = c(f(X)m(X)) \subseteq N$ . Since  $N$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M$  and  $ann_R(m') = 0$ , we

conclude that  $c(f(x)) \subseteq (N :_R M)$ , by (Koc and Tekir 2018, Theorem 10). It implies that  $f(X) \in (N :_R M)[X] \subseteq (N[X] :_{R[X]} M[X])$ , as needed.  $\square$

Recall from Ansari-Toroghy and Farshadifar (2007) that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a *comultiplication module* if each submodule  $N$  of  $M$  has the form  $N = (0 :_M I)$  for some ideal  $I$  of  $R$ .

**Theorem 12** *Every comultiplication module satisfies Property (T).*

**Proof** Let  $M$  be a comultiplication  $R$ -module. Take  $N$  be a finitely generated submodule of  $M$  such that  $N \subseteq T(M)$ . Since  $M$  is a comultiplication module, there exists an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $N = \text{ann}_M(I)$ . Then,  $aN = 0$  for every  $a \in I$ . This shows that  $M$  satisfies Property  $T$ .  $\square$

Recall from Yassemi (2001) that a nonzero submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is said to be *second submodule* if for each  $a \in R$ , the homothety  $N \xrightarrow{a} N$  is either zero or surjective, or equivalently,  $aN = N$  or  $aN = (0)$ .

**Theorem 13** *Every second submodule of  $M$  is an  $r$ -submodule.*

**Proof** Assume that  $N$  is a second submodule of  $M$ . Then for all  $a \in R$ , we have either  $aN = N$  or  $aN = (0)$ . If we choose  $a \in R - Z_R(M)$ , then  $aN = N$ . It is clear that  $N \subseteq (N :_M a)$ . For the converse, take  $m \in (N :_M a)$ . Then,  $am \in N = aN$ . This implies that  $am = an$  for some  $n \in N$  and so  $a(m - n) = 0$ . As  $a \notin Z_R(M)$ , we get  $m = n \in N$  which gives  $(N :_M a) \subseteq N$ . Hence, we conclude that  $(N :_M a) = N$ . By (Koc and Tekir 2018, Proposition 4),  $N$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $M$ .  $\square$

Next example shows that the converse of Theorem 13 may not be true in general.

**Example 1** Consider  $M = \mathbb{Z}_{36}$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module. Every submodule of  $M$  is an  $r$ -submodule. Take  $N = (\overline{6})$  and  $a = 3$ . But neither  $aN = N$  nor  $aN = (\overline{0})$ . So,  $N$  is not a second submodule of  $M$ .

Recall from Anderson and Chun (2017a) that an  $R$ -module  $M$  satisfies strong Property (A) if for each finite subset  $X$  of  $R$  such that  $X \subseteq Z_R(M)$ , then  $Xm = (0)$  for some  $0 \neq m \in M$ . The following result was given in Anderson and Chun (2017a) without a proof. Here, again we give the proof of this result for the sake of completeness.

**Theorem 14**  *$M$  satisfies strong Property (A) if and only if  $M$  satisfies Property (A) and  $Z_R(M)$  is an ideal of  $R$ .*

**Proof** Assume that  $M$  satisfies Property A and  $Z_R(M)$  is an ideal of  $R$ . Suppose  $X = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\} \subseteq Z_R(M)$ . Since  $Z_R(M)$  is an ideal of  $R$ ,  $(X) = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \subseteq Z_R(M)$ . As

$M$  satisfies Property (A), there exists  $0 \neq m \in M$  such that  $Xm \subseteq (X)m = (0)$ . Thus  $M$  satisfies strong Property (A). On the other hand, assume that  $M$  satisfies strong Property (A) and choose  $a, b \in Z_R(M)$ . Since  $X = \{a, b\} \subseteq Z_R(M)$  and  $M$  satisfies strong Property (A), there exists  $0 \neq m \in M$  such that  $m\{a, b\} = 0$ . So,  $m(a - b) = 0$  showing that  $a - b \in Z_R(M)$ . Also, it is clear that  $ra \in Z_R(M)$  for all  $a \in Z_R(M)$  and  $r \in R$ . Therefore,  $Z_R(M)$  is an ideal of  $R$ . The rest is clear.  $\square$

Recall that a proper ideal  $P$  of  $R$  is said to be an  $r$ -ideal if  $xy \in P$  with  $\text{ann}(x) = 0$ , then  $y \in P$  (Mohamadian 2015). Note  $r$ -ideals of  $R$  are exactly the  $r$ -submodule of  $R$ -module  $R$ .

**Proposition 15** *If  $M$  is a faithful multiplication module satisfying strong Property (A), then  $Z_R(M)$  is an  $r$ -ideal of  $R$ .*

**Proof** By Theorem 14,  $Z_R(M)$  is an ideal of  $R$ . Now, take  $ab \in Z_R(M)$  for some  $a, b \in R$  with  $\text{ann}(a) = 0$ . Then, we have  $abm = 0$  for some  $0 \neq m \in M$ . Since  $M$  is a multiplication module and  $Rm \neq (0)$ , choose  $0 \neq x \in (Rm : M)$ . As  $abRm = (0)$ , we have  $abxM \subseteq abRm = (0)$ . As  $M$  is a faithful module, we conclude that  $abx = 0$ . Since  $\text{ann}(a) = 0$ , we get  $bx \in \text{ann}(a) = 0$ . As  $M$  is faithful and  $x \neq 0$ , there exists  $m' \in M$  such that  $xm' \neq 0$ . Then we have  $bxm' = b(xm') = 0$ , which implies that  $b \in Z_R(M)$ . Therefore,  $Z_R(M)$  is an  $r$ -ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 16** *If  $M$  satisfies strong Property (T), then  $T(M)$  is both an  $r$ -submodule of  $M$  and  $sr$ -submodule of  $M$ .*

**Proof** It is clear that  $T(M)$  is a submodule of  $M$  by [Anderson and Chun (2017a), Theorem 3.1]. Now, choose  $am \in T(M)$  with  $\text{ann}_M(a) = 0$ . Since  $am \in T(M)$ , we have  $r(am) = a(rm) = 0$  for some  $0 \neq r \in R$ . So, it gives  $rm = 0$  showing that  $m \in T(M)$ . Second part follows from (Koc and Tekir 2018, Proposition 10), as  $T(M)$  is a prime submodule of  $M$ .  $\square$

We say that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is a *torsion module* if  $T(M) = M$ . Otherwise, we say that  $M$  is a *non-torsion module*, that is,  $M$  is non-torsion if there exists  $m \in M - T(M)$ .

**Proposition 17** *Let  $M$  be a non-torsion  $R$ -module. Then, every prime  $sr$ -submodule of  $M$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $M$ .*

**Proof** Let  $N$  be an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M$ . Then,  $N \subseteq T(M)$  by (Koc and Tekir 2018, Lemma 3). This implies that  $(N : M) \subseteq (T(M) : M)$ . Take  $a \in (T(M) : M)$ . This gives  $aM \subseteq T(M)$ . Since  $T(M) \neq M$ , there exists  $m \in M$  such that  $\text{ann}_R(m) = 0$ . Then we have  $am \in T(M)$  which gives  $\text{ann}_R(am) = \text{ann}(a) \neq 0$ . This means that there exists a nonzero  $r \in R$  such that  $ra = 0$ . Note that if  $M$  is non-torsion, then it is a faithful module. As  $M$  is faithful,  $rm' /$

$= 0$  for some  $m' \in M$ . Thus we have  $a(rm') = (ra)m' = 0$  showing that  $a \in Z_R(M)$ . So we get  $(N : M) \subseteq (T(M) : M) \subseteq Z_R(M)$ . Since  $N$  is prime, we conclude that  $N$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $M$  by (Koc and Tekir 2018, Proposition 2).  $\square$

**Proposition 18** *Let  $M$  be a multiplication  $R$ -module. Then, every prime  $r$ -submodule of  $M$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M$ .*

**Proof** Let  $N$  be a prime  $r$ -submodule of  $M$ . Then,  $(N : M) \subseteq Z_R(M)$ , by (Koc and Tekir 2018, Lemma 1). Now, we will show that  $Z_R(M) \subseteq (T(M) : M)$ . Suppose to the contrary. Choose  $r \in Z_R(M) - (T(M) : M)$ . Then there exists  $0 \neq m \in M$  such that  $rm = 0$ . Since  $M$  is a multiplication module,  $(Rm : M) \neq 0$  and so there exists  $0 \neq a \in (Rm : M)$ . This gives that  $raM \subseteq rRm = 0$  and so  $raM = 0$ . Also, since  $r \notin (T(M) : M)$ , there exists  $m' \in M$  such that  $rm' \notin T(M)$  which means  $ann_R(rm') \neq 0$ . As  $raM = 0$ , we have  $ram' = 0$  implying  $a \in ann_R(rm') = 0$ , a contradiction. Hence, we conclude that  $(N : M) \subseteq Z_R(M) \subseteq (T(M) : M)$  implying  $(N : M)M \subseteq Z_R(M)M \subseteq (T(M) : M)M \subseteq T(M)$ . Since  $M$  is a multiplication module,  $N \subseteq T(M)$  and this proves that  $N$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M$  by (Koc and Tekir 2018, Proposition 10).  $\square$

**Corollary 1** *Let  $M$  be a non-torsion multiplication  $R$ -module and  $N$  be a prime submodule of  $M$ . Then,  $N$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $N$  is an  $sr$ -submodule of  $M$ .*

**Proof** It is an immediate consequence of Proposition 17 and Proposition 18.  $\square$

**Corollary 2** *Let  $M$  be a non-torsion multiplication  $R$ -module. Then, the following assertions hold.*

- (i) Every maximal  $r$ -submodule of  $M$  is an  $sr$ -submodule.
- (ii) Every maximal  $sr$ -submodule of  $M$  is an  $r$ -submodule.

**Proof** It follows from Proposition 17, Proposition 18, (Koc and Tekir 2018, Proposition 7) and (Koc and Tekir 2018, Proposition 14).  $\square$

Recall from Anderson and Chun (2017a) that an  $R$ -module  $M$  satisfies *Property total-A* if for each ideal  $J$  of  $R$  with  $J \subseteq Z_R(M)$ , there exists  $0 \neq m \in M$  such that  $Jm = (0)$ . Also,  $M$  is said to satisfy *Property total-T* if for each submodule  $N$  of  $M$  with  $N \subseteq T(M)$ , there exists  $0 \neq x \in R$  such that  $xN = (0)$ .

Now, we will give some results about  $r$ -submodule and  $sr$ -submodule on modules satisfying Property  $T$ , Property  $A$ , Property total- $A$  and Property total- $T$ .

**Theorem 19**

- (i) If  $M$  satisfies Property  $(T)$ , then  $ann_R(N) \neq 0$  for every finitely generated  $sr$ -submodule  $N$  of  $M$ .
- (ii) If  $M$  satisfies Property total- $T$ , then  $ann_R(N) \neq 0$  for every  $sr$ -submodule  $N$  of  $M$ .
- (iii) If  $M$  is a multiplication module satisfying Property  $(A)$ , then  $ann_R(N) \neq 0$  for every finitely generated  $r$ -submodule  $N$  of  $M$ .
- (iv) If  $M$  is a multiplication module satisfying Property total- $A$ , then  $ann_R(N) \neq 0$  for every  $r$ -submodule  $N$  of  $M$ .

**Proof**

- (i): By [Koc and Tekir (2018), Lemma 3], note that  $N \subseteq T(M)$  for every  $sr$ -submodule  $N$  of  $M$ . The rest is clear.
- (ii): It is similar to (i).
- (iii): Suppose that  $M$  is a multiplication module satisfying Property  $(A)$  and  $N$  is a finitely generated  $r$ -submodule of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is multiplication and  $N$  is a finitely generated submodule of  $M$ , we can write  $N = JM$  for some finitely generated ideal  $J$  of  $R$ . As  $N$  is an  $r$ -submodule of  $M$ , by [Koc and Tekir (2018), Lemma 1],  $J \subseteq (N : M) \subseteq Z_R(M)$ . Since  $M$  satisfies Property  $(A)$ , there exists  $0 \neq m \in M$  such that  $Jm = (0)$ . Since  $M$  is multiplication and  $m \neq 0$ , there exists  $0 \neq x \in (Rm : M)$ . Then we have  $xN = xJM = J(xM) \subseteq Jm = (0)$ , which completes the proof.
- (iv): It is similar to (iii).  $\square$

Let  $A$  be a ring,  $M$  an  $A$ -module and  $R = A \ltimes M$ , the set of pairs  $(a, m)$  with  $a \in A$  and  $m \in M$ , under component-wise addition and under an adjusted multiplication defined by  $(a, m)(a', m') = (aa', am' + d'm)$ , for all  $a, a' \in A; m, m' \in M$ . Then  $R$  is called the *trivial ring extension of  $A$  by  $M$* . We define similarly  $J := I \ltimes N$ , where  $I$  is an ideal of  $A$  and  $N$  is an  $A$ -submodule of  $M$  such that  $IM \subseteq N$ . Trivial ring extensions have been studied extensively; the work is summarized in Glaz (1989) and Huckaba (1988). These extensions have been useful for solving many open problems and conjectures in both commutative and non-commutative ring theory. See for instance Kabbaj and Mahdou (2004) and Mahdou and Hassani (2012).

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  an ideal of  $R$ . We say that  $I$  satisfies Property  $(A)$  if it satisfies Property  $(A)$  as an  $R$ -module. It is clear that if  $R$  is a Noetherian ring, then its every ideal satisfies Property  $(A)$ . Now, we give some methods to construct non-Noetherian rings in which every ideal satisfies Property  $(A)$ .

**Proposition 20** Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring such that  $\mathfrak{m}^2 = 0$ , where  $\mathfrak{m}$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ . Then every proper ideal of  $R$  satisfies Property (A).

**Proof** The proof is elementary.  $\square$

**Example 2** Consider the trivial ring extension  $R = K \rtimes E$  of a field  $K$  by an infinite  $K$ -vector space  $E$ . Then,

- (i) Every proper ideal of  $R$  satisfies Property (A) by Proposition 20.
- (ii)  $R$  is not coherent by (Kabbaj and Mahdou 2004, Theorem 2.6 (2)). In particular,  $R$  is not Noetherian.

**Proposition 21** Consider the trivial ring extension  $R = A \rtimes K$  of a principal ideal domain  $A$  by  $K := \text{qf}(A)$  the quotient field of  $A$ . Then,

- (i) Every proper ideal of  $R$  satisfies Property (A).
- (ii)  $R$  is not coherent. In particular,  $R$  is not Noetherian.

**Proof** (i) : Let  $J$  be a nonzero proper ideal of  $R$ . Two cases are then possible:

**Case 1:**  $J \subseteq 0 \rtimes K$ . In this case, we have  $Z_R(J) = \{(a, e) \in R : (a, e)(0, f) = (0, af) = (0, 0) \text{ for some nonzero } (0, f) \in J\} = 0 \rtimes K$  since  $af = 0$  and  $f \neq 0$ . We claim that  $J$  satisfies Property (A). Indeed, let  $H$  be a finitely generated ideal of  $R$  contained in  $Z_R(J) (= 0 \rtimes K)$ . Then, for every  $(0, 0) \neq (0, m) \in J \subseteq 0 \rtimes K$ , we have  $(0, m)H = (0, 0)$ , as desired.

**Case 2:**  $J \not\subseteq 0 \rtimes K$ . In this case, there exists  $(a, m) \in J$  such that  $a \neq 0$ . Hence,  $J_0 = \{b \in A : (b, m') \in J \text{ for some } m' \in K\}$  is a proper ideal of  $A$  which is a principal ideal domain. Therefore,  $J_0 = Ab$  for some  $b \in A$  and so  $J = R(b, 0)$ , where  $0 \neq b \in A$ . Thus,  $Z_R(J) = 0 \rtimes K$  since  $J = R(b, 0) = Ab \rtimes K \supseteq 0 \rtimes K$ . We claim that  $J$  satisfies Property (A). Indeed, let  $H$  be a finitely generated proper ideal of  $R$  contained in  $Z_R(J) = 0 \rtimes K$ . Then, for each  $(0, 0) \neq (0, f) \in J$ , we have  $(0, f)H \subseteq (0, f)(0 \rtimes K) = (0, 0)$ , as desired.

(ii) :  $R$  is not coherent by (Kabbaj and Mahdou 2004, Theorem 2.8 (1)). In particular,  $R$  is not Noetherian.  $\square$

**Proposition 22** Consider the trivial ring extension  $R = A \rtimes M$  of a local integral domain  $(A, \mathfrak{m})$  by an  $A$ -module  $E$  such that  $\mathfrak{m}E = 0$ . Then, every proper ideal of  $R$  satisfies Property (A).

**Proof** Let  $J$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . Two cases are then possible:

**Case 1:**  $(0 \rtimes E) \cap J \neq (0, 0)$ . In this case, there exists  $(0, 0) \neq (0, e) \in J$ . It is clear that  $J$  satisfies Property (A) since  $(0, e)(\mathfrak{m} \rtimes E) = (0, 0)$  and  $Z_R(J) = M \rtimes E$ .

**Case 2:**  $(0 \rtimes E) \cap J = (0, 0)$ .

In this case, for each  $(a, e) \in J$ , we have  $a \neq 0$ . Hence,  $Z_R(J) = 0 \rtimes E$ . It is clear that  $J$  satisfies Property (A) since  $J \subseteq \mathfrak{m} \rtimes E$  and  $(\mathfrak{m} \rtimes E)Z_R(J) = (\mathfrak{m} \rtimes E)(0 \rtimes E) = (0, 0)$ .  $\square$

**Example 3** Consider the trivial ring extension  $R = A \rtimes E$  of a local integral domain  $(A, \mathfrak{m})$  by an infinite  $(A/\mathfrak{m})$ -vector space  $E$ . Then,

- (i) Every proper ideal of  $R$  satisfies Property (A) by Proposition 22.
- (ii)  $R$  is not coherent by using (Mahdou and Hassani 2012, Theorem 2.1). In particular,  $R$  is not Noetherian.

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