

# On generalizations of graded second submodules

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# **Abstract:**

Let G be a group with identity e, R be a commutative G-graded ring with unity 1 and M be a G-graded R-module. In this article, we introduce and study two generalizations of graded second submodules, namely, graded 2-absorbing second submodules and graded strongly 2- absorbing second submodules. Also, we introduce and study the concept of graded quasi 2-absorbing second submodules, that is a generalization for graded strongly 2-absorbing second submodules.

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#### 1. Introduction

Throughout this article, G will be a group with identity e and R will be a commutative ring with a nonzero unity 1. R is said to be G-graded if  $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$  with  $R_g R_h \subseteq R_{gh}$  for all  $g, h \in G$  where  $R_g$  is an additive

subgroup of R for all  $g \in G$ . The elements of  $R_g$  are called homogeneous of degree g. Consider  $supp(R,G) = \{g \in G : R_g = 0\}$ . If  $x \in R$ , then x can be written as  $\sum_{g \in G} x_g$ , where  $x_g$  is the component of x in  $R_g$ . Also,

 $h(R) = \bigcup_{g \in G} R_g$ . Moreover, it has been proved in [21] tha  $R_e$  is a subring of R and  $1 \in R_e$ .

Let *I* be an ideal of a graded ring *R*. Then *I* is said to be graded ideal if  $I = \bigoplus_{g \in G} (I \cap R_g)$ , i.e., for  $x \in I$ ,  $x = \sum_{g \in G} x_g$  where  $x_g \in I$  for all  $g \in G$ . Let *R* be a *G*-graded ring and *I* be a graded ideal of *R*. Then *R*/*I* is *G*-graded by  $(R/I)_g = (R_g + I)/I$  for all  $g \in G$ .

Assume that M is a left R-module. Then M is said to be G-graded if  $M = \bigoplus_{g \in G} M_g$  with  $R_g M_h \subseteq M_{gh}$  for all  $g, h \in G$  where  $M_g$  is an additive

subgroup of M for all  $g \in G$ . The elements of  $M_g$  are called homogeneous of degree g. Also, we consider  $supp(M, G) = \{g \in G : M_g = 0\}$ . It is clear that  $M_g$  is an  $R_e$ -submodule of M for all  $g \in G$ . Moreover,  $h(M) = \bigcup_{g \in G} M_g$ .

Let N be an R-submodule of a graded R-module M. Then N is said to be graded R-submodule if  $N = \bigoplus_{g \in G} (N \cap M_g)$ , i.e., for  $x \in N$ ,  $x = \sum_{g \in G} x_g$ where  $x_g \in N$  for all  $g \in G$ . Let M be a G-graded R-module and N

be a graded R-submodule of M. Then M/N is a graded R-module by  $(M/N)_g = (M_g + N)/N$  for all  $g \in G$ .

**Lemma 1.1.** ([16]) Let R be a G-graded ring and M be a G-graded R-module.

- 1. If I and J are graded ideals of R, then I + J and  $I \cap J$  are graded ideals of R.
- 2. If N and K are graded R-submodules of M, then N + K and  $N \cap K$  are graded R-submodules of M.

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

Also, it has been proved in [17] that if N is a graded R-submodule of M, then  $Ann_R(N) = \{r \in R : rN = \{0\}\}$  is a graded ideal of R.

Graded prime submodules have been introduced by Atani in [12]. A proper graded *R*-submodule *N* of *M* is said to be graded prime if whenever  $r \in h(R)$  and  $m \in h(M)$  such that  $rm \in N$ , then either  $m \in N$  or  $r \in (N :_R M)$ . Graded prime submodules have been widely studied by several authors, for more details one can look in [1], [2], [4] and [8].

Let M and S be two G-graded R-modules. An R-homomorphism  $f: M \to S$  is said to be graded R-homomorphism if  $f(M_g) \subseteq S_g$  for all  $g \in G$  (see [21]). Graded second submodules have been introduced by Ansari-Toroghy and Farshadifar in [9]. A nonzero graded R-submodule N of M is said to be graded second if for each  $a \in h(R)$ , the graded R-homomorphism  $f: N \to N$  defined by f(x) = ax is either surjective or zero. In this case,  $Ann_R(N)$  is a graded prime ideal of R. Graded second submodules have been wonderfully studied by Çeken and Alkan in [14]. On the other hand, graded secondary modules have been introduced by Atani and Farzalipour in [13]. A nonzero graded R-module M is said to be graded secondary if for each  $a \in h(R)$ , the graded R-homomorphism  $f: M \to M$  defined by f(x) = ax is either surjective or nilpotent.

In [20], Naghani and Moghimi gave a generalization of graded prime ideals, called graded 2-absorbing ideals. A proper graded ideal P of R is said to be graded 2-absorbing if whenever  $a, b, c \in h(R)$  such that  $abc \in P$ , then either  $ab \in P$  or  $ac \in P$  or  $bc \in P$ . Graded 2-absorbing ideals have been admirably studied in [6].

The authors in [5] extended graded 2-absorbing ideals to graded 2absorbing submodules. A proper graded *R*-submodule *N* of *M* is said to be graded 2-absorbing if whenever  $a, b \in h(R)$  and  $m \in h(M)$  such that  $abm \in N$ , then either  $am \in N$  or  $bm \in N$  or  $ab \in (N :_R M)$ . Graded 2-absorbing submodules have been deeply studied in [7].

In [15], a proper **Z**-graded *R*-submodule *N* of *M* is said to be graded completely irreducible if whenever  $N = \bigcap_{k \in \Delta} N_k$  where  $\{N_k\}_{k \in \Delta}$  is a family of **Z**-graded *R*-submodules of *M*, then  $N = N_k$  for some  $k \in \Delta$ . In [19], the concept of graded completely irreducible submodules has been extended into G-graded case, for any group G. It has been proved that every graded R-submodule of M is an intersection of graded completely irreducible R-submodules of M. In many instances, we use the following basic fact without further discussion.

**Remark 1.2.** Let N and L be two graded R-submodules of M. To prove that  $N \subseteq L$ , it is enough to prove that: If K is a graded completely irreducible R-submodule of M such that  $L \subseteq K$ , then  $N \subseteq K$ .

The purpose of our article is to follow [11] in order to introduce and study the concept of graded 2-absorbing second submodules, that is a generalization of graded second submodules. A nonzero graded *R*-submodule N of M is said to be graded 2-absorbing second if whenever  $x, y \in h(R)$ and K is a graded completely irreducible *R*-submodule of M such that  $xyN \subseteq K$ , then either  $xN \subseteq K$  or  $yN \subseteq K$  or  $xy \in Ann_R(N)$ . Also, we follow [11] to introduce another generalization, namely, graded strongly 2-absorbing second submodules. A nonzero graded *R*-submodule N of Mis said to be graded strongly 2-absorbing second if whenever  $x, y \in h(R)$ and K is a graded *R*-submodule of M such that  $xyN \subseteq K$ , then either  $xN \subseteq K$  or  $yN \subseteq K$  or  $xy \in Ann_R(N)$ .

In Corollary 3.4, we prove that if N is a graded strongly 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M, then  $Ann_R(N)$  is a graded 2-absorbing ideal of R, and in Example 3.5, we show that the converse is not true in general. Motivated by this, we introduce and study a generalization for graded strongly 2-absorbing second submodules. A nonzero graded R-submodule N of M is said to be graded quasi 2-absorbing second if Ann(N) is a graded 2-absorbing ideal of R. Related results have been obtained.

# 2. Graded 2-Absorbing Second Submodules

In this section, we introduce and study the concept of graded 2-absorbing second submodules.

**Definition 2.1.** Let M be a graded R-module and N be a nonzero graded R-submodule of M. Then N is said to be a graded 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M if whenever  $x, y \in h(R)$  and K is a graded completely irreducible R-submodule of M such that  $xyN \subseteq K$ , then either  $xN \subseteq K$  or  $yN \subseteq K$  or  $xy \in Ann_R(N)$ .

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**Example 2.2.** Let  $R = \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $M = \mathbf{Z}_n[i]$  and  $G = \mathbf{Z}_4$ . Then R is G-graded by  $R_0 = \mathbf{Z}$  and  $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = \{0\}$ . Also, M is G-graded by  $M_0 = \mathbf{Z}_n$ ,  $M_2 = i\mathbf{Z}_n$  and  $M_1 = M_3 = \{0\}$ . Consider the graded R-submodule  $N = \mathbf{Z}_n$ of M. If n = p or n = pq where p, q are primes, then N is a graded 2absorbing second R-submodule of M.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $R = \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $M = \mathbf{Z}[i]$  and  $G = \mathbf{Z}_2$ . Then R is G-graded by  $R_0 = \mathbf{Z}$  and  $R_1 = \{0\}$ . Also, M is G-graded by  $M_0 = \mathbf{Z}$  and  $M_1 = i\mathbf{Z}$ . Consider the graded R-submodule  $N = n\mathbf{Z}$  of M. Obviously,  $n = p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} \dots p_i^{r_k}$  where  $p_i^{r_i}$   $(1 \le i \le k)$  are distinct primes. Now,  $p_1 \in h(R)$  and  $K = p_1^{r_1+2}\mathbf{Z}$  is a graded completely irreducible R-submodule of M such that  $p_1p_1N \subseteq K$ . But  $p_1N \subseteq K$  and  $p_1p_1 \notin Ann_R(N) = \{0\}$ . Hence, N is not graded 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M.

**Remark 2.4.** Consider the **Z**-module **Z** and assume it is *G*-graded by any group *G*. Since the only graded submodules are  $n\mathbf{Z}$ , then by Example 2.3, **Z** has no graded 2-absorbing second submodules.

Let  $\Omega(M)$  be the set of all graded completely irreducible *R*-submodules of *M*. Assume that *P* is a graded prime ideal of *R* and *N* is a graded *R*-submodule of *M*. Then we define

$$I_P^M(N) = \bigcap_{K \in \Omega(M)} \{K : rN \subseteq K \text{ for some } r \in h(R) - P\}$$

. The following lemma gives some characterizations for graded second  $R\!\!-\!\!$  submodules.

**Lemma 2.5.** Let N be a graded R-submodule of a graded R-module M. Then the following are equivalent.

- 1. If  $N = \{0\}$ , K is a graded completely irreducible R-submodule of M and  $r \in h(R)$  such that  $rN \subseteq K$ , then either  $rN = \{0\}$  or  $N \subseteq K$ .
- 2. N is a graded second R-submodule of M.
- 3.  $P = Ann_R(N)$  is a graded prime ideal of R and  $I_P^M(N) = N$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Suppose that  $r \in h(R)$  and  $rN = \{0\}$ . If  $rN \subseteq K$  for some graded completely irreducible *R*-submodule *K* of *M*, then by assumption,  $N \subseteq K$ . Hence,  $N \subseteq rN$ . (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): By [9],  $P = Ann_R(N)$  is a graded prime ideal of *R*. Now, let *K* be a graded completely irreducible

*R*-submodule of M and  $r \in h(R) - P$  such that  $rN \subseteq K$ . Then  $N \subseteq K$ by assumption. Therefore,  $N \subseteq I_P^M(N)$ . The reverse inclusion is clear. (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Since  $Ann_R(N)$  is a graded prime ideal of R,  $N = \{0\}$ . Let Kbe a graded completely irreducible R-submodule of M and  $r \in h(R)$  such that  $rN \subseteq K$ . Suppose that  $rN = \{0\}$ . Then  $r \in h(R) - P$ . Therefore,  $I_P^M(N) \subseteq K$ . But  $I_P^M(N) = N$  by assumption. Hence,  $N \subseteq K$ , as desired.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 2.6.** Let M be a graded R-module. If either L is a graded second R-submodule of M or L is a sum of two graded second R-submodules of M, then L is a graded 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M.

**Proof.** The first assertion is clear. Let N and L be two graded second R-submodules of M. We show that N+L is a graded 2-absorbing second R-submodules of M. Let  $x, y \in h(R)$  and K is a graded completely irreducible R-submodule of M such that  $xy(N + L) \subseteq K$ . Since N is graded second, either  $xyN = \{0\}$  or  $N \subseteq K$  by Lemma 2.5. Similarly, either  $xyL = \{0\}$  or  $L \subseteq K$ . If  $xyN = xyL = \{0\}$ , then we are done. Also, if  $N \subseteq K$  and  $L \subseteq K$ , then we are done. Assume that  $xyN = \{0\}$  and  $L \subseteq K$ . Then  $xN = \{0\}$  or  $yN = \{0\}$  because  $Ann_R(N)$  is a graded prime ideal of R. If  $xN = \{0\}$ , then  $x(N + L) \subseteq xN + L \subseteq L \subseteq K$ . Similarly, if  $yN = \{0\}$ , we have  $y(N + L) \subseteq K$  as desired.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 2.7.** Let M be a graded R-module. If L is a graded secondary R-submodule of M and  $R/Ann_R(L)$  has no nonzero nilpotent homogeneous element, then L is a graded 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M.

**Proof.** Let  $x, y \in h(R)$  and K be a graded completely irreducible Rsubmodule of M such that  $xyL \subseteq K$ . If  $xL \subseteq K$  or  $yL \subseteq K$ , then we are done. Suppose that  $xL \subseteq K$  and  $yL \subseteq K$ . Then  $x, y \in R/Ann_R(L)$ . Thus,  $(xy)^r \in Ann_R(L)$  for some positive integer r. Therefore,  $xy \in Ann_R(L)$ since  $R/Ann_R(L)$  has no nonzero nilpotent homogeneous element. Hence, L is a graded 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 2.8.** Let M be a G-graded R-module, I be a graded ideal of R and L be a graded 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M. If  $x \in h(R)$  and K is a graded completely irreducible R-submodule of M such that  $xIL \subseteq K$ , then either  $xL \subseteq K$  or  $xI \subseteq Ann_R(L)$  or  $I_gL \subseteq K$  for some  $g \in G$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $xL \subseteq K$  and  $xI \subseteq Ann_R(L)$ . Then there exists  $y \in I$  such that  $xyL = \{0\}$ , and then there exists  $g \in G$  such that  $xy_gL = \{0\}$  where  $y_g \in I$  since I is graded. Now, since L is graded 2-absorbing second and  $xy_gL \subseteq K$ , we have  $y_gL \subseteq K$ . We show that  $I_gL \subseteq K$ . Let  $z_g \in I_g$ . Then  $(y_g + z_g)xL \subseteq K$ . Hence, either  $(y_g + z_g)L \subseteq L$  or  $(y_g + z_g)x \in Ann_R(L)$ . If  $(y_g + z_g)L \subseteq K$ , then since  $y_gL \subseteq K$ , we have  $z_gL \subseteq K$ . If  $(y_g + z_g)x \in Ann_R(L)$ , then  $z_gx \notin Ann_R(L)$ , but  $z_gxL \subseteq K$ . Thus,  $z_gL \subseteq K$ . Hence, we conclude that  $I_gL \subseteq K$ .  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 2.9.** Let M be a G-graded R-module and N a graded R-submodule of M. If  $r \in h(R)$ , then  $(N :_M r) = \{m \in M : rm \in N\}$  is a graded R-submodule of M.

**Proof.** Clearly,  $(N :_M r)$  is a graded *R*-submodule of *M*. Let  $m \in (N :_M r)$ . Then  $rm \in N$ . Now,  $m = \sum_{g \in G} m_g$  where  $m_g \in M_g$  for all  $g \in G$ . Since  $r \in h(R)$ ,  $r \in R_h$  for some  $h \in G$  and then  $rm_g \in M_{hg} \subseteq h(M)$  for all  $g \in G$  such that  $\sum_{g \in G} rm_g = r\left(\sum_{g \in G} m_g\right) = rm \in N$ . Since *N* is graded,  $rm_g \in N$  for all  $g \in G$  which implies that  $m_g \in (N :_M r)$  for all  $g \in G$ . Hence,  $(N :_M r)$  is a graded *R*-submodule of *M*.  $\Box$ 

In [23], a graded R-module M is said to be graded cocyclic if the sum of all graded minimal R-submodules of M is a large and graded simple R-submodule of M.

**Lemma 2.10.** A graded *R*-submodule *K* of *M* is a graded completely irreducible *R*-submodule of *M* if and only if M/K is a graded cocyclic *R*-module.

**Proof.** It follows from ([18], Remark 1.1).  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 2.11.** Let K be a graded completely irreducible R-submodule of M. Then  $(K:_M r)$  is a graded completely irreducible R-submodule of M for all  $r \in h(R)$ .

**Proof.** This follows from Lemma 2.9, Lemma 2.10 and that  $M/(K:_M r) \cong (rM + K)/K$ .  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 2.12.** Let *L* be a graded 2-absorbing second *R*-submodule of *M* and *K* is a graded completely irreducible *R*-submodule of *M* such that  $L \subseteq K$ , Then  $(K:_R L)$  is a graded 2-absorbing ideal of *R*.

**Proof.** Since  $L \subseteq K$ , we have  $(K :_R L) = R$ . Let  $x, y, z \in h(R)$  such that  $xyz \in (K :_R L)$ . Then  $xyL \in (K :_M z)$ . Thus  $xL \subseteq (K :_M z)$  or  $yL \subseteq (K :_M z)$  or  $xyL = \{0\}$  since L is graded 2-absorbing second and  $(K :_M z)$  is a graded completely irreducible R-submodule of M by Lemma 2.11. Therefore,  $xz \in (K :_R L)$  or  $yz \in (K :_R L)$  or  $xy \in (K :_R L)$ . Hence,  $(K :_R L)$  is a graded 2-absorbing ideal of R.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 2.13.** If M is a graded cocyclic R-module and L is a graded 2absorbing second R-submodule of M, then  $Ann_R(L)$  is a graded 2-absorbing ideal of R.

**Proof.** Since M is graded cocyclic,  $\{0\}$  is a graded completely irreducible R-submodule of M by Lemma 2.10. Thus the result follows from Proposition 2.12.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 2.14.** Let *L* be a graded 2-absorbing second *R*-submodule of *M*. Then  $x^n L = x^{n+1}L$  for all  $x \in h(R)$  and  $n \ge 2$ .

**Proof.** It is enough to prove that  $x^2L = x^3L$ . Let  $x \in h(R)$ . Then clearly,  $x^3L \subseteq x^2L$ . Let K be a graded completely irreducible R-submodule of M such that  $x^3L \subseteq K$ . Then  $x^2L \subseteq (K :_M x)$ . Thus  $xL \subseteq (K :_M x)$ or  $x^2L = \{0\}$  since L is graded 2-absorbing second submodule of M and  $(K :_M x)$  is a graded completely irreducible R-submodule of M by Lemma 2.11. Therefore,  $x^2L \subseteq K$ . Hence,  $x^2L = x^3L$ .  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 2.15.** Let L be a graded 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M. If  $Ann_R(L)$  is a graded prime ideal of R, then  $(K :_R L)$  is a graded prime ideal of R for all graded completely irreducible R-submodule K of M with  $L \subseteq K$ .

**Proof.** Let K be a graded completely irreducible R-submodule of M such that  $L \subseteq K$ . Assume that  $x, y \in h(R)$  such that  $xy \in (K :_R L)$ . Then  $xyL \subseteq K$ , and then  $xL \subseteq K$  or  $yL \subseteq K$  or  $xyL = \{0\}$ . If  $xyL = \{0\}$ , then  $xy \in Ann_R(L)$ , and then  $xL = \{0\}$  or  $yL = \{0\}$ . So, in all cases, we have  $xL \subseteq K$  or  $yL \subseteq K$ , which implies that  $x \in (K :_R L)$  or  $y \in (K :_R L)$ . Hence,  $(K :_R L)$  is a graded prime ideal of R.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 2.16.** Let *L* be a graded 2-absorbing second *R*-submodule of *M*. If  $Grad(Ann_R(L)) = P$  for some graded prime ideal *P* of *R* and *K* is a graded completely irreducible *R*-submodule of *M* such that  $L \subseteq K$ , then  $Grad((K:_R L))$  is a graded prime ideal of *R* containing *P*.

**Proof.** Let  $x, y \in h(R)$  such that  $xy \in Grad((K :_R L))$ . Then  $x^r y^r L \subseteq K$  for some positive integer r, and then  $x^r L \subseteq K$  or  $y^r L \subseteq K$  or  $x^r y^r L = \{0\}$ . If  $x^r L \subseteq K$  or  $y^r L \subseteq K$ , then we are done. Suppose that  $x^r y^r L = \{0\}$ . Then  $xy \in Grad(Ann_R(L)) = P$ . Thus  $x \in P$  or  $y \in P$ . Clearly,  $P = Grad(Ann_R(L)) \subseteq Grad((K :_R L))$ . Therefore,  $x \in Grad((K :_R L))$  or  $y \in Grad((K :_R L))$ .  $\Box$ 

# 3. Graded Strongly 2-Absorbing Second Submodules

In this section, we introduce and study the concept of graded strongly 2-absorbing second submodules.

**Definition 3.1.** Let M be a graded R-module. Then a nonzero graded R-submodule N of M is said to be graded strongly 2-absorbing second if whenever  $x, y \in h(R)$  and K is a graded R-submodule of M such that  $xyN \subseteq K$ , then either  $xN \subseteq K$  or  $yN \subseteq K$  or  $xy \in Ann_R(N)$ .

Clearly, every graded strongly 2-absorbing second submodule is a graded 2-absorbing second submodule. This motivates the following question.

**Question 3.2.** Let *M* be a graded *R*-module. Is every graded 2-absorbing second *R*-submodule of *M* a graded strongly 2-absorbing second *R*-submodule of *M*?

**Proposition 3.3.** Let N be a graded R-submodule of M. Then N is a graded strongly 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M if and only if for every  $x, y \in h(R)$ , we have xyN = xN or xyN = yN or  $xyN = \{0\}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that N is a graded strongly 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M. Then  $N = \{0\}$ . Let  $x, y \in h(R)$ . Then  $xyN \subseteq xyN$ , which implies that  $xN \subseteq xyN$  or  $yN \subseteq xyN$  or  $xyN = \{0\}$ . Thus xyN = xN or xyN = yN or  $xyN = \{0\}$ . The converse is clear.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 3.4.** If N is a graded strongly 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M, then  $Ann_R(N)$  is a graded 2-absorbing ideal of R.

**Proof.** Let  $x, y, z \in h(R)$  such that  $xyz \in Ann_R(N)$ . Then by Proposition 3.3, we have xyN = xN or xyN = yN or  $xyN = \{0\}$ . If  $xyN = \{0\}$ , then we are done. Suppose that xyN = xN. Then  $zxN \subseteq zxyN = \{0\}$ . Similarly, if xyN = yN.  $\Box$ 

The following example shows that the converse of Corollary 3.4 is not true in general.

**Example 3.5.** In Example 2.3,  $N = \langle p \rangle$  (where p is a prime number) is a graded R-submodule of  $M = \mathbb{Z}[i]$  such that  $Ann_R(N) = \{0\}$  is a graded 2-absorbing ideal of R, but N is not a graded strongly 2-absorbing second R-submodule of  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

**Corollary 3.6.** Let N be a graded strongly 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M. If L is a graded R-submodule of M such that  $N \subseteq L$ , then  $(L:_R N)$  is a graded 2-absorbing ideal of R.

**Proof.** Let  $x, y, z \in h(R)$  such that  $xyz \in (L :_R N)$ . Then  $xyzN \subseteq L$ , and then  $xzN \subseteq L$  or  $yzN \subseteq L$  or  $xyzN = \{0\}$ . If  $xzN \subseteq L$  or  $yzN \subseteq L$ , then we are done. If  $xyzN = \{0\}$ , then the result follows by Corollary 3.4.  $\Box$ 

A graded *R*-module *M* is said to be graded comultiplication if for every graded *R*-submodule *N* of *M* there exists a graded ideal *J* of *R* such that  $N = (0 :_M J)$ , equivalently, for every graded *R*-submodule *N* of *M*, we have  $N = (0 :_M Ann_R(N))$ . The concept of graded comultiplication modules was introduced by H. Ansari-Toroghy and *F*. Farshadifar in [10]. Some generalizations on graded comultiplication modules have been introduced in [3]. The next proposition shows that the converse of Corollary 3.4 is true if *M* is a graded comultiplication *R*-module.

**Proposition 3.7.** Let M be a graded comultiplication R-module. If L is a graded R-submodule of M such that  $Ann_R(L)$  is a graded 2-absorbing ideal of R, then L is a graded strongly 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M. In particular, L is a graded 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M.

**Proof.** Let  $x, y \in h(R)$  and K be a graded R-submodule of M such that  $xyL \subseteq K$ . Then  $Ann_R(K)xyL = \{0\}$ . So,  $Ann_R(K)xL = \{0\}$  or  $Ann_R(K)yL = \{0\}$  or  $xyL = \{0\}$ . If  $xyL = \{0\}$ , then we are done. If  $Ann_R(K)xL = \{0\}$  or  $Ann_R(K)yL = \{0\}$ , then  $Ann_R(K) \subseteq Ann_R(xL)$  or  $Ann_R(K) \subseteq Ann_R(yL)$ . Hence,  $xL \subseteq K$  or  $yL \subseteq K$  since M is graded comultiplication.  $\Box$ 

**Remark 3.8.** Example 3.5 Shows that the condition that M is a graded comultiplication R-module in Proposition 3.7 is necessary since M is not a graded comultiplication R-module.

**Corollary 3.9.** Let M be a graded comultiplication R-module. If M is graded cocyclic, then every graded 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M is graded strongly 2-absorbing second.

**Proof.** Let *L* be a graded 2-absorbing second *R*-submodule of *M*. Then by Corollary 2.13,  $Ann_R(L)$  is a graded 2-absorbing ideal of *R*, and then the result follows by Proposition 3.7.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 3.10.** Let N be a graded strongly 2-absorbing second Rsubmodule of M. If  $(K \cap L :_R N)$  is a graded prime ideal of R for all graded completely irreducible R-submodules K and L of M with  $N \subseteq K \cap L$ , then  $Ann_R(N)$  is a graded prime ideal of R.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $Ann_R(N)$  is not a graded prime ideal of R. Then there exist  $x, y \in h(R)$  such that  $xyN = \{0\}$ ,  $xN = \{0\}$  and  $yN = \{0\}$ . So, there exist graded completely irreducible R-submodules K and L of Msuch that  $xN \subseteq K$  and  $yN \subseteq L$ . Now,  $xyN \subseteq K \cap L$ , which implies that  $xy \in (K \cap L :_R N)$ , and then  $xN \subseteq K \cap L$  or  $yN \subseteq K \cap L$ . In both cases, we have a contradiction.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 3.11.** Suppose that  $f: M \to S$  is a graded *R*-homomorphism of graded *R*-modules.

- 1. If f is a graded R-monomorphism and K is a graded R-submodule of f(M), then  $f^{-1}(K)$  is a graded R-submodule of M.
- 2. If L is a graded R-submodule of M with  $Ker(f) \subseteq L$ , then f(L) is a graded R-submodule of f(M).

#### Proof.

1. Clearly,  $f^{-1}(K)$  is an *R*-submodule of *M*. Let  $x \in f^{-1}(K)$ . Then  $x \in M$  with  $f(x) \in K$ , and then  $x = \sum_{g \in G} x_g$  where  $x_g \in M_g$  for all  $g \in G$ . So, for every  $g \in G$ ,  $f(x_g) \in f(M_g) \subseteq S_g$  such that  $\sum_{g \in G} f(x_g) = f\left(\sum_{g \in G} x_g\right) = f(x) \in K$ . Since *K* is graded,  $f(x_g) \in K$  for all  $g \in G$ , i.e.,  $x_g \in f^{-1}(K)$  for all  $g \in G$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(K)$  is a graded *R*-submodule of *M*.

2. Clearly, f(L) is an *R*-submodule of f(M). Let  $y \in f(L)$ . Then  $y \in f(M)$ , and so there exists  $x \in M$  such that y = f(x), so  $f(x) \in L$ , which implies that  $x \in L$  since  $Ker(f) \subseteq L$ , and hence  $x_g \in L$  for all  $g \in G$  since *L* is graded. Thus,  $y_g = (f(x))_g = f(x_g) \in f(L)$  for all  $g \in G$ . Therefore, f(L) is a graded *R*-submodule of *S*.

**Lemma 3.12.** Let  $f: M \to S$  be a graded monomorphism of graded *R*-modules. If N is a graded completely irreducible *R*-submodule of M, then f(N) is a graded completely irreducible *R*-submodule of f(M).

**Proof.** Let  $\{L_i\}_{i\in\Delta}$  be a family of a graded *R*-submodules of f(M) such that  $f(N) = \bigcap_{i\in\Delta} L_i$ . Then  $N = f^{-1}(f(N)) = f^{-1}\left(\bigcap_{i\in\Delta} L_i\right) = \bigcap_{i\in\Delta} f^{-1}(L_i)$ . So, there exists  $i \in \Delta$  such that  $N = f^{-1}(L_i)$  since *N* is a graded completely irreducible *R*-submodule of *M*. Therefore,  $f(N) = f(f^{-1}(L_i)) = f(M) \cap L_i = L_i$ , as needed.  $\Box$ 

Similarly, one can prove the next lemma.

**Lemma 3.13.** Let  $f: M \to S$  be a graded monomorphism of graded *R*-modules. If *L* is a graded completely irreducible *R*-submodule of f(M), then  $f^{-1}(L)$  is a graded completely irreducible *R*-submodule of *M*.

**Proposition 3.14.** Let  $f : M \to S$  be a graded monomorphism of graded R-modules. If N is a graded strongly 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M with  $Ker(f) \subseteq N$ , then f(N) is a graded 2-absorbing second R-submodule of f(M).

**Proof.** Since  $N = \{0\}$  and f is injective, we have  $f(N) = \{0\}$ . Let  $x, y \in h(R)$  and K be a graded completely irreducible R-submodule of S such that  $xyf(N) \subseteq K$ . Then  $xyN \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$ , and then  $xN \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$  or  $yN \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$  or  $xyN = \{0\}$ . Therefore,  $xf(N) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(K)) = f(M) \cap K \subseteq K$  or  $yf(N) \subseteq K$  or  $xyf(N) = \{0\}$ , as needed.  $\Box$ 

Similarly, one can prove the next proposition.

**Proposition 3.15.** Let  $f: M \to S$  be a graded monomorphism of graded *R*-modules. If *N* is a graded 2-absorbing second *R*-submodule of *M* with  $Ker(f) \subseteq N$ , then f(N) is a graded 2-absorbing second *R*-submodule of f(M).

**Proposition 3.16.** Let  $f: M \to S$  be a graded monomorphism of graded *R*-modules. If *L* is a graded strongly 2-absorbing second *R*-submodule of f(M), then  $f^{-1}(L)$  is a graded 2-absorbing second *R*-submodule of *M*.

**Proof.** If  $f^{-1}(L) = \{0\}$ , then  $f(M) \cap L = f(f^{-1}(L)) = f(\{0\}) = \{0\}$ . Thus  $L = \{0\}$  which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $f^{-1}(L) = \{0\}$ . Let  $x, y \in h(R)$  and K be a graded completely irreducible R-submodule of M such that  $xyf^{-1}(L) \subseteq K$ . Then  $xyL \subseteq xy(f(M) \cap L) = xyf(f^{-1}(L)) \subseteq f(K)$ . So,  $xL \subseteq f(K)$  or  $yL \subseteq f(K)$  or  $xyL = \{0\}$ . Hence,  $xf^{-1}(L) \subseteq K$  or  $yf^{-1}(L) \subseteq K$  or  $xyf^{-1}(L) = \{0\}$ , as needed.  $\Box$ 

Similarly, one can prove the next proposition.

**Proposition 3.17.** Let  $f: M \to S$  be a graded monomorphism of graded *R*-modules. If *L* is a graded 2-absorbing second *R*-submodule of f(M), then  $f^{-1}(L)$  is a graded 2-absorbing second *R*-submodule of *M*.

# 4. Graded Quasi 2-Absorbing Second Submodules

In this section, we introduce and study the concept of graded quasi 2absorbing second submodules.

**Definition 4.1.** Let M be a graded ring and N be a nonzero graded R-submodule of M. Then N is said to be a graded quasi 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M if  $Ann_R(N)$  is a graded 2-absorbing ideal of R.

**Remark 4.2.** By Corollary 3.4, every graded strongly 2-absorbing second *R*-submodule is a graded quasi 2-absorbing second *R*-submodule. But the converse is not true in general by Example 3.5.

**Proposition 4.3.** Let M be a graded comultiplication R-module. Then a graded R-submodule N of M is a graded strongly 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M if and only if it is a graded quasi 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M.

**Proof.** It follows from Corollary 3.4 and Proposition 3.7.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.4.** Let M be a graded R-module and N be a graded quasi 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M. If J is a graded ideal of R such that  $J \subseteq Ann_R(N)$ , then JN is a graded quasi 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M.

**Proof.** Since  $J \subseteq Ann_R(N)$ , we have  $Ann_R(JN)$  is a proper graded ideal of R. Let  $x, y, z \in h(R)$  such that  $xyz \in Ann_R(JN)$ . Then  $xyzJN = \{0\}$ , and then  $xzN = \{0\}$  or  $zyJN = \{0\}$  or  $xyJN = \{0\}$ . If  $zyJN = \{0\}$  or  $xyJN = \{0\}$ , then we are done. Suppose that  $xzN = \{0\}$ . Then  $xz \in Ann_R(N) \subseteq Ann_R(JN)$ , so  $xzJN = \{0\}$ , as required.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.5.** Let M be a graded R-module and N be a graded quasi 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M. Then  $Ann_R(J^nN) = Ann_R(J^{n+1}N)$  for all graded ideal J of R and for all  $n \ge 2$ .

**Proof.** Let J be a graded ideal of R. It is enough to prove that  $Ann_R(J^2N) = Ann_R(J^3N)$ . Clearly,  $Ann_R(J^2N) \subseteq Ann_R(J^3N)$ . Since N is graded quasi 2-absorbing second,  $Ann_R(J^3N)J^3N = \{0\}$  implies that  $Ann_R(J^3N)J^2N = \{0\}$  or  $J^2N = \{0\}$ . If  $Ann_R(J^3N)J^2N = \{0\}$ , then  $Ann_R(J^3N) \subseteq Ann_R(J^2N)$ . If  $J^2N = \{0\}$ , then  $Ann_R(J^3N) \subseteq Ann_R(J^2N)$ . If  $J^2N = \{0\}$ , then  $Ann_R(J^3N) \subseteq Ann_R(J^3N)$ .  $\Box$ 

For a graded *R*-submodule *N* of *M*, the graded second radical of *N* is defined as the sum of all graded second *R*-submodules of *M* contained in *N*, and its denoted by GSec(N). If *N* does not contain any graded second *R*-submodule, then  $GSec(N) = \{0\}$ . The set of all graded second *R*-submodules of *M* is called the graded second spectrum of *M*, and is denoted by  $GSpec^s(M)$ . On the other hand, the set of all graded prime *R*-submodules of *M* is called the graded spectrum of *M*, and is denoted by  $GSpec^s(M)$ . The map  $\phi : GSpec^s(M) \to GSpec(R/Ann_R(M))$  defined by  $\phi(N) = Ann_R(N)/Ann_R(M)$  is called the natural map of  $GSpec^s(M)$ , see [9] and [14].

For a graded ideal I of R, the graded radical of I is defined to be the set of all  $r \in R$  such that for each  $g \in G$ , there exists a positive integer  $n_g$  satisfies  $r_g^{n_g} \in I$ , and it is denoted by Grad(I). One can see that if  $r \in h(R)$ , then  $r \in Grad(I)$  if and only if  $r^n \in I$  for some positive integer n, see [22].

**Lemma 4.6.** Let N and K be two graded R-submodules of M. Then

- 1.  $GSec(N) \subseteq N$ .
- 2. If  $N \subseteq K$ , then  $GSec(N) \subseteq GSec(K)$ .
- 3.  $GSec((0:_M I)) = GSec((0:_M Gr(I)))$  for all graded ideal I of R.
- 4.  $GSec(N) \subseteq (0:_M Gr(Ann_R(N))).$

**Proof.** (1) and (2) are straightforward. (3) Let I be a graded ideal of R. If  $GSec((0 :_M I)) = \{0\}$ , then we are done. Suppose that there exists a graded second R-submodule L of M such that  $L \subseteq (0 :_M I)$ . Then  $I \subseteq Ann_R(L)$ . Since  $Ann_R(L)$  is a graded prime ideal of R, we have  $Gr(I) \subseteq Ann_R(L)$ . Hence,  $L \subseteq (0 :_M Ann_R(L)) \subseteq (0 :_M Gr(I))$ . Consequently,  $GSec((0 :_M I) \subseteq GSec((0 :_M Gr(I)))$ . The reverse inclusion follows by part (2). (4) Since  $N \subseteq (0 :_M Ann_R(N))$ , the result follows by parts (1), (2) and (3).  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 4.7.** Let M be a graded R-module and N be a graded R-submodule of M. If the natural map  $\phi$  of  $GSpec^{s}(N)$  is surjective, then  $Ann_{R}(GSec(N)) = Gr(Ann_{R}(N))$ .

**Proof.** If  $N = \{0\}$ , then we are done. Suppose that  $N = \{0\}$ . Then by Lemma 4.6 part (4), we have  $Gr(Ann_R(N)) \subseteq Ann_R(GSec(N))$ . Assume that  $Gr(Ann_R(N)) = \bigcap P_i$  where  $P_i$  is a graded prime ideal of

*R* containing  $Ann_R(N)$ . Since  $\phi$  is surjective, for every  $P_i$ , there exists  $L_i \in GSpec^s(N)$  such that  $Ann_R(L_i) = P_i$ . Hence,  $\sum_i L_i \subseteq GSec(N)$ .

Therefore,  $Ann_R(GSec(N)) \subseteq Ann_R\left(\sum_i L_i\right) = \bigcap_i P_i = Gr(Ann_R(N)),$ as needed.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.8.** Let N be a graded quasi 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M. If the natural map  $\phi$  of  $GSpec^{s}(N)$  is surjective, then GSec(N) is a graded quasi 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M.

**Proof.** By Lemma 4.7,  $Ann_R(GSec(N)) = Gr(Ann_R(N))$ , and then the result follows from the fact that  $Gr(Ann_R(N))$  is a graded 2-absorbing ideal of R by ([6], Lemma 2.5).  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.9.** Let M be a graded comultiplication R-module,  $N \subseteq L$  be two graded R-submodules of M and L be a graded quasi 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M. Then L/N is a graded quasi 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M/N.

**Proof.** Let  $x, y, z \in h(R)$  such that  $xyz(L/N) = \{0\}$ . Then  $xyzL \subseteq N$ , and then  $Ann_R(N)xyzL = \{0\}$ . Thus,  $Ann_R(N)xyL = \{0\}$  or  $Ann_R(N)xzL = \{0\}$  or  $yzL = \{0\}$ . If  $yzL = \{0\}$ , then  $yz(L/N) = \{0\}$ , and then we are

done. If  $Ann_R(N)xyL = \{0\}$  or  $Ann_R(N)xzL = \{0\}$ , then  $xyL \subseteq (0:_M Ann_R(N))$  or  $xzL \subseteq (0:_M Ann_R(N))$ . Since M is graded comultiplication, we have  $N = (0:_M Ann_R(N))$ , and the result follows obviously.  $\Box$ 

The next example shows that the condition M is a graded comultiplication R-module is necessary in Proposition 4.9.

**Example 4.10.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $M = \mathbb{Z}[i]$  and  $G = \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Then R is G-graded by  $R_0 = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $R_1 = \{0\}$ . Also, M is G-graded by  $M_0 = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $M_1 = i\mathbb{Z}$ . Clearly,  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a graded quasi 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M. On the other hand, 12 $\mathbb{Z}$  is a graded R-submodule of M such that  $12\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z}$  is not graded quasi 2-absorbing second. Note that, M is not graded comultiplication R-module.

**Proposition 4.11.** Let  $f: M \to S$  be a graded monomorphism of graded R-modules. Then N is a graded quasi 2-absorbing second R-submodule of M if and only if f(N) is a graded quasi 2-absorbing second R-submodule of S.

**Proof.** It follows from the fact that  $Ann_R(N) = Ann_R(f(N))$ .  $\Box$ 

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