

## **ON GRADED 2-ABSORBING AND WEAKLY GRADED 2-ABSORBING SUBMODULES**

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### **Abstract**

Let  $G$  be a group with identity  $e$ . Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded commutative ring and  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module. In this paper, we introduce the concepts of graded 2-absorbing and weakly graded 2-absorbing submodules and study some of their properties.

### **1. Introduction**

Graded prime and graded primary ideals of a commutative graded ring  $R$  with a nonzero identity have been introduced and studied by Refai and Al-Zoubi in [8]. Graded prime submodules of a graded  $R$ -module have been studied by Ebrahimi Atani and Farzalipour in [1, 5]. Also, graded weakly prime submodules of graded  $R$ -modules have been studied in [2].

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Here, we study graded 2-absorbing and weakly graded 2-absorbing submodules of graded modules over graded commutative rings. Before we state some results, let us introduce some notations and terminologies. Let  $G$  be a group with identity  $e$  and  $R$  be a commutative ring. Then  $R$  is a  $G$ -graded ring if there exist additive subgroups  $R_g$  of  $R$  such that  $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$  and  $R_g R_h \subseteq R_{gh}$  for all  $g, h \in G$ . We denote this by  $(R, G)$ . The elements of  $R_g$  are called homogeneous of degree  $g$ , where  $R_g$  are additive subgroups of  $R$  indexed by the elements  $g \in G$ . If  $x \in R$ , then  $x$  can be written uniquely as  $\sum_{g \in G} x_g$ , where  $x_g$  is the component of  $x$  in  $R_g$ . Also, we write  $h(R) = \bigcup_{g \in G} R_g$ . Moreover,  $R_e$  is a subring of  $R$  and  $1_R \in R_e$ . Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then  $I$  is called graded ideal of  $(R, G)$ , if  $I = \bigoplus_{g \in G} (I \cap R_g)$ . Thus, if  $x \in I$ , then  $x = \sum_{g \in G} x_g$  with  $x_g \in I$ . An ideal of a  $G$ -graded ring need not be  $G$ -graded. Let  $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$  be a  $G$ -graded ring and let  $I$  be a graded ideal of  $R$ . Then the quotient ring  $R/I$  is also a  $G$ -graded ring. Indeed,  $R/I = \bigoplus_{g \in G} (R/I)_g$ , where  $(R/I)_g = \{x + I : x \in R_g\}$ . For simplicity, we will denote the graded ring  $(R, G)$  by  $R$ , see [6].

Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. We say 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  $M = \bigoplus_{g \in G} M_g$  (as abelian groups) 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  $r_g s_h$  with  $r_g \in R_g$  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  $N$  is called a graded submodule of  $M$ , if

$N = \bigoplus_{g \in G} N_g$ , where  $N_g = N \cap M_g$  for  $g \in G$ . In this case,  $N_g$  is called the  $g$ -component of  $N$ . Moreover,  $M/N$  becomes a  $G$ -graded  $R$ -module with  $g$ -component  $(M/N)_g = (M_g + N)/N$  for  $g \in G$ , see [6].

Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring and  $S \subseteq h(R)$  be a multiplicatively closed subset of  $R$ . Then the ring of fraction  $S^{-1}R$  is a graded ring, which is called graded ring of fractions. Indeed,  $S^{-1}R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} (S^{-1}R)_g$ , where  $(S^{-1}R)_g = \{r/s : r \in R, s \in S \text{ and } g = (\deg s)^{-1}(\deg r)\}$ . Let  $M$  be a graded module over a  $G$ -graded ring  $R$  and  $S \subseteq h(R)$  be a multiplicatively closed subset of  $R$ . The module of fraction  $S^{-1}M$  over a graded ring  $S^{-1}R$  is a graded module, which is called module of fractions, if  $S^{-1}M = \bigoplus_{g \in G} (S^{-1}M)_g$ , where  $(S^{-1}M)_g = \{m/s : m \in M, s \in S \text{ and } g = (\deg s)^{-1}(\deg m)\}$ . We write  $h(S^{-1}R) = \bigcup_{g \in G} (S^{-1}R)_g$  and  $h(S^{-1}M) = \bigcup_{g \in G} (S^{-1}M)_g$ .

A graded  $R$ -module  $M$  is called graded cyclic if  $M = Rm$ , where  $m \in h(M)$ . A proper graded ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is said to be graded 2-absorbing (resp., weakly graded 2-absorbing) ideal if whenever  $r, s, t \in h(R)$  with  $rst \in I$  (resp.,  $0 \neq rst \in I$ ), then either  $rs \in I$  or  $rt \in I$  or  $st \in I$ . A proper graded ideal  $P$  of  $R$  is said to be graded prime (resp., graded weakly prime) ideal if whenever  $r, s \in h(R)$  with  $rs \in P$  (resp.,  $0 \neq rs \in P$ ), then either  $r \in P$  or  $s \in P$ , see [3, 8]. A proper graded submodule  $N$  of a graded module  $M$  is said to be graded prime (resp., graded weakly prime) submodule if whenever  $r \in h(R)$  and  $m \in h(M)$  with  $rm \in N$  (resp.,  $0 \neq rm \in N$ ), then either  $r \in (N :_R M)$  or  $m \in N$ , see [1, 2, 5, 7].

## 2. Graded 2-Absorbing Submodules

In this section, we define the graded 2-absorbing submodules and give some of their basic properties.

**Lemma 2.1** ([1] and [4]). *Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module, and  $N$  be a graded submodule of  $M$ . Then the following hold:*

(1)  $(N :_R M) = \{r \in R : rM \subseteq N\}$  is a graded ideal of  $R$ .

(2)  $rN$  and  $Rm$  are graded submodules of  $M$ , where  $r \in h(R)$  and  $m \in h(M)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module,  $N$  be a graded submodule of  $M$  and let  $g \in G$ .

(i) We say that  $N_g$  is  $g$ -2-absorbing submodule of  $R_e$ -module  $M_g$ , if  $N_g \neq M_g$ ; and whenever  $r, s \in R_e$  and  $m \in M_g$  with  $rs m \in N_g$ , then either  $rs \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $rm \in N_g$  or  $sm \in N_g$ .

(ii) We say that  $N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ , if  $N \neq M$ ; and whenever  $r, s \in h(R)$  and  $m \in h(M)$  with  $rs m \in N$ , then either  $rs \in (N :_R M)$  or  $rm \in N$  or  $sm \in N$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module, and  $N$  be a graded submodule of  $M$ . If  $N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ , then  $N_g$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$  for every  $g \in G$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ . For  $g \in G$ , assume that  $rs m \in N_g \subseteq N$ , where  $r, s \in R_e$  and  $m \in M_g$ . Since  $N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ , we have either  $rs \in (N :_R M)$  or  $rm \in N$  or  $sm \in N$ . Since  $M_g \subseteq M$  and  $N_g = N \cap M_g$ , we conclude that either  $rs \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $rm \in N_g$  or  $sm \in N_g$ . So  $N_g$  is  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ .

□

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module, and  $N$  be a graded submodule of  $M$ . If  $N$  is an intersection of two graded prime submodules of  $M$ , then  $N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $N = N_1 \cap N_2$ , where  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are graded prime submodules of  $M$ . Let  $r, s \in h(R)$  and  $m \in h(M)$  with  $rs m \in N$ . Since  $rs m \in N_1$  and  $N_1$  is a graded prime submodule of  $M$ , we have either  $r \in (N_1 :_R M)$  or  $s \in (N_1 :_R M)$  or  $m \in N_1$ . Since  $rs m \in N_2$  and  $N_2$  is a graded prime submodule of  $M$ , we have either  $r \in (N_2 :_R M)$  or  $s \in (N_2 :_R M)$  or  $m \in N_2$ . If  $r \in (N_1 :_R M)$  and  $s \in (N_2 :_R M)$ , then  $rs \in (N :_R M)$ . If  $r \in (N_1 :_R M)$  and  $r \in (N_2 :_R M)$ , then  $r \in (N_1 :_R M) \cap (N_2 :_R M) = (N_1 \cap N_2 :_R M)$ , and hence  $rs \in (N :_R M)$ . If  $r \in (N_1 :_R M)$  and  $m \in M$ , then  $rm \in N$ . In other cases, we do the same. Thus  $N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ . □

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module, and  $N$  be a graded submodule of  $M$ . Let  $g \in G$  such that  $N_g$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ . Then the following hold:*

(i) *For every  $R_e$ -submodule  $V$  of  $M_g$  and every pair of elements  $r, s \in R_e$  such that  $rsV \subseteq N_g$ , either  $rs \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $rV \subseteq N_g$  or  $sV \subseteq N_g$ .*

(ii)  *$(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing ideal of  $R_e$ .*

**Proof.** (i) Suppose that  $r, s \in R_e$ ,  $V$  is  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ ,  $rsV \subseteq N_g$ ,  $rV \not\subseteq N_g$ , and  $sV \not\subseteq N_g$ . We show that  $rs \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$ . There are  $v_1, v_2 \in V$  such that  $rv_1 \notin N_g$  and  $sv_2 \notin N_g$ . Since  $rs(v_1 +$

$v_2) \in N_g$  and  $N_g$  is  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ , we conclude that either  $rs \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $s(v_1 + v_2) \in N_g$  or  $r(v_1 + v_2) \in N_g$ . If  $s(v_1 + v_2) \in N_g$ , then  $sv_1 \notin N_g$ , since  $sv_1 \in N_g$  implies that  $sv_2 \in N_g$ , which is a contradiction. Now, since  $rsv_1 \in N_g$ ,  $rv_1 \notin N_g$  and  $sv_1 \notin N_g$ , we have  $rs \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$ . With a same argument, we can show that if  $r(v_1 + v_2) \in N_g$ , then  $rs \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$ .

(ii) As  $N_g$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing, we get  $(N_g :_{R_e} M_g) \neq R_e$ . Now suppose that  $rst \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$ , for some  $r, s, t \in R_e$ . Let  $V = tM_g$ , then  $V$  is an  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ . Since  $N_g$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing submodule of  $M_g$  and  $rsV \subseteq N_g$ , it follows from (i) that either  $rs \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $rt \subseteq (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $st \subseteq (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$ . Therefore,  $(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing ideal of  $R_e$ .

□

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module, and  $N$  be a graded submodule of  $M$ . Let  $g \in G$  such that  $M_g$  is cyclic  $R_e$ -submodule. Then  $N_g$  is  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ , if and only if  $(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing ideal of  $R_e$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $N_g$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing submodule of  $M_g$ . By Theorem 2.5 (ii), we have  $(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing ideal of  $R_e$ . Conversely, assume that  $(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing ideal of  $R_e$  and let  $rs m \in N_g$ , for some  $r, s \in R_e$  and for some  $m \in M_g$ . Since  $M_g$  is a cyclic  $R_e$ -module,  $M_g = R_e x$  for some  $x \in M_g$ . Hence, there exists  $t \in R_e$  with  $m = tx$ . Hence  $rst \in (N_g :_{R_e} x) = (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$ . Since  $(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  is  $g$ -2-absorbing ideal of  $R_e$  and  $rst \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$ , we

conclude that either  $rs \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $rt \subseteq (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $st \subseteq (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$ . Thus  $rs \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $rm \in N_g$  or  $sm \in N_g$ . Therefore,  $N_g$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing submodule of  $M_g$ .

□

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module,  $N$  and  $V$  be graded  $R$ -submodules of  $M$  with  $V \subseteq N$ . Then  $N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ , if and only if  $N/V$  is a graded 2-absorbing  $R$ -submodule of  $M/V$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ . Let  $r, s \in h(R)$ ,  $m \in h(M)$ , and  $rs(m+V) \in N/V$ . Since  $N$  is a graded 2-absorbing  $R$ -submodule of  $M$  and  $rs(m+V) \in N/V$ , we have either  $rs \in (N :_R M)$  or  $rm \in N$  or  $sm \in N$ . Hence either  $rs \in (N/V :_R M/V)$  or  $r(m+V) \in N/V$  or  $s(m+V) \in N/V$ . Therefore,  $N/V$  is a graded 2-absorbing  $R$ -submodule of  $M/V$ . Conversely, suppose that  $N/V$  is a graded 2-absorbing  $R$ -submodule of  $M/V$ . Let  $rs(m+V) \in N/V$ , for some  $r, s \in h(R)$  and for some  $m \in h(M)$ . Since  $N/V$  is a graded 2-absorbing  $R$ -submodule of  $M/V$  and  $rs(m+V) \in N/V$ , we conclude that either  $rs \in (N/V :_R M/V)$  or  $r(m+V) \in N/V$  or  $s(m+V) \in N/V$  and hence either  $rs \in (N :_R M)$  or  $rm \in N$  or  $sm \in N$ . Therefore,  $N$  is a graded 2-absorbing  $R$ -submodule of  $M$ .

□

Recall that the graded radical of a graded ideal  $I$ , denoted by  $Gr(I)$ , 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  $r$  is a homogeneous element, then  $r \in Gr(I)$ , if and only if  $r^n \in I$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , see [8]. A proper graded submodule  $N$  of a graded module  $M$  is said to be graded primary submodule, if

whenever  $r \in h(R)$  and  $m \in h(M)$  with  $rm \in N$ , then either  $m \in N$  or  $r \in Gr((N :_R M))$ , see [7]. The following theorem shows the relationship between graded primary submodules and graded 2-absorbing submodules:

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module, and  $N$  be a graded submodule of  $M$ . If  $N$  is a graded primary submodule of  $M$  and  $R/(N :_R M)$  has no nonzero nilpotent elements, then  $N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $rs \in N$ ,  $rm \notin N$  and  $sm \notin N$  for some  $r, s \in h(R)$  and for some  $m \in h(M)$ . We show that  $rs \in (N :_R M)$ . Since  $N$  is a graded primary submodule of  $M$ ,  $rs \in N$ ,  $rm \notin N$  and  $sm \notin N$ , we have  $r, s \in Gr((N :_R M))$ . Thus  $(rs)^k \in (N :_R M)$  for some positive integer  $k$ . Since  $R/(N :_R M)$  has no nonzero nilpotent element, we have  $rs \in (N :_R M)$ . Therefore,  $N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ . □

A graded zero-divisor on a graded  $R$ -module  $M$  is an element  $r \in h(R)$  for which there exists  $m \in h(M)$  such that  $m \neq 0$  but  $rm = 0$ . The set of all graded zero-divisors on  $M$  is denoted by  $G - Zdv_R(M)$ . The following result studies the behaviour of graded 2-absorbing submodules under localization.

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module, and  $S \subseteq h(R)$  be a multiplication closed subset of  $R$ . Then the following hold:*

(1) *If  $N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ , then  $S^{-1}N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $S^{-1}M$ .*

(2) *If  $S^{-1}N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $S^{-1}M$  and  $S \cap G - Zdv_R(M/N) = \emptyset$ , then  $N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ .*



**Proof.** (1) Suppose that  $\frac{r_1}{s} \frac{r_2}{t} \frac{m}{l} \in S^{-1}N$  for some  $\frac{r_1}{s}, \frac{r_2}{t} \in h(S^{-1}R)$  and for some  $\frac{m}{l} \in h(S^{-1}M)$ . Hence, there exists  $k \in S$  such that  $kr_1r_2m \in N$ . Since  $N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  and  $kr_1r_2m \in N$ , we conclude that either  $kr_1m \in N$  or  $r_2m \in N$  or  $kr_1r_2 \in (N :_R M)$ . If  $kr_1m \in N$ , then  $\frac{kr_1m}{ksl} = \frac{r_1}{s} \frac{m}{l} \in S^{-1}N$ . If  $r_2m \in N$ , then  $\frac{r_2m}{tl} = \frac{r_2}{t} \frac{m}{l} \in S^{-1}N$ . So assume that  $kr_1r_2 \in (N :_R M)$ . Hence  $\frac{kr_1r_2}{kst} = \frac{r_1r_2}{st} \in S^{-1}(N :_R M)$ . Thus  $\frac{r_1}{s} \frac{r_2}{t} \in (S^{-1}N :_{S^{-1}R} S^{-1}M)$ . Therefore,  $S^{-1}N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $S^{-1}M$ .

(2) Suppose that  $rtm \in N$  for some  $r, t \in h(R)$  and for some  $m \in h(M)$ . Hence  $\frac{rtm}{1} = \frac{r}{1} \frac{t}{1} \frac{m}{1} \in S^{-1}N$ . Since  $S^{-1}N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $S^{-1}M$ , we conclude that either  $\frac{r}{1} \frac{m}{1} = \frac{rm}{1} \in S^{-1}N$  or  $\frac{t}{1} \frac{m}{1} = \frac{tm}{1} \in S^{-1}N$  or  $\frac{r}{1} \frac{t}{1} = \frac{rt}{1} \in (S^{-1}N :_{S^{-1}R} S^{-1}M)$ . If  $\frac{rm}{1} \in S^{-1}N$ , then there exists  $s \in S$  such that  $sr_1m \in N$  and since  $S \cap G - Zdv_R(M/N) = \phi$ , we have  $rm \in N$ . With a same argument, we can show that if  $\frac{tm}{1} \in S^{-1}N$ , then  $tm \in N$ . So assume that  $\frac{rt}{1} \in (S^{-1}N :_{S^{-1}R} S^{-1}M)$  and hence  $rtS^{-1}M \subseteq S^{-1}N$ . Now, we have to show that  $rt \in (N :_R M)$ . Let  $l \in h(M)$ , hence  $\frac{rtl}{1} \in rtS^{-1}M \subseteq S^{-1}N$ . So that there exists  $a \in S$  such that  $artl \in N$ . since  $S \cap G - Zdv_R(M/N) = \phi$ , we have  $rtl \in N$ . Thus  $rt \in (N :_R M)$ . Therefore,  $N$  is a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module,  $N$  be a graded submodule of  $M$  and  $g \in G$ . If  $N_g$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ , then  $(N_g :_{R_e} m)$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing ideal of  $R_e$ , for all  $m \in M_g$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $m \in M_g$ . Suppose that  $rst \in (N_g :_{R_e} m)$ ,  $rs \notin (N_g :_{R_e} m)$  and  $rt \notin (N_g :_{R_e} m)$ , for some  $r, s, t \in R_e$ . We show that  $st \in (N_g :_{R_e} m)$ . Since  $N_g$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ ,  $rstm \in N_g$ ,  $rsm \notin N_g$  and  $rtm \notin N_g$ , we conclude that  $rst \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$ . By Theorem 2.5 (ii), we have  $(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing ideal of  $R_e$ . Since  $rst \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$ ,  $rs \notin (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  and  $rt \notin (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$ , we have  $st \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g) \subseteq (N_g :_{R_e} m)$ . Therefore,  $(N_g :_{R_e} m)$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing ideal of  $R_e$ .

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### 3. Weakly Graded 2-Absorbing Submodules

In this section, we define the weakly graded 2-absorbing submodules and give some of their basic properties.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module,  $N$  be a graded submodule of  $M$  and let  $g \in G$ .

(i) We say that  $N_g$  is a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing submodule of  $R_e$ -module  $M_g$ , if  $N_g \neq M_g$ ; and whenever  $r, s \in R_e$  and  $m \in M_g$  with  $0 \neq rsm \in N_g$ , then either  $rs \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $rm \in N_g$  or  $sm \in N_g$ .

(ii) We say that  $N$  is a weakly graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ , if  $N \neq M$ ; and whenever  $r, s \in h(R)$  and  $m \in h(M)$  with  $0 \neq rsm \in N$ , then either  $rs \in (N :_R M)$  or  $rm \in N$  or  $sm \in N$ .

Clearly, a graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  (resp., a  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ ) is a weakly graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  (resp., weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ ). However, since  $\{0\}$  is always a weakly graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  (resp., a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ ) (by definition), a weakly graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$  (resp., a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ ) need not be graded 2-absorbing (resp.,  $g$ -2-absorbing).

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module, and  $N$  be a graded submodule of  $M$ . If  $N$  is a weakly graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ , then  $N_g$  is a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$  for every  $g \in G$ .*

**Proof.** The proof is similar to that of Lemma 2.3.

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**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a faithful graded cyclic  $R$ -module, and  $N$  be a graded submodule of  $M$ . Then  $N$  is a weakly graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ , if and only if  $(N :_R M)$  is a weakly graded 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $M = Rm$  for some  $m \in h(M)$ . Assume first that  $N$  is a weakly graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ . Let  $r, s, t \in h(R)$ ,  $0 \neq rst \in (N :_R M)$ ,  $rt \notin (N :_R M)$  and  $st \notin (N :_R M)$ . We show that  $rs \in (N :_R M)$ . Then, there are  $x_1, x_2 \in h(R)$  such that  $rtx_1m \notin N$  and  $stx_2m \notin N$  and hence  $rtm \notin N$  and  $stm \notin N$ . Since  $M$  is faithful and  $0 \neq rst$ , we have  $rstM \neq \{0\}$  and hence  $rstm \neq 0$ . Since  $N$  is a weakly

graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ ,  $0 \neq rstm \in N$ ,  $rtm \notin N$  and  $stm \notin N$ , we conclude that  $rs \in (N :_R M)$ . Conversely, assume that  $(N :_R M)$  is a weakly graded 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$ . Let  $0 \neq rsm' \in N$  for some  $r, s \in h(M)$  and for some  $m' \in h(M)$ . Then, there exists  $t \in h(R)$  with  $m' = tm$ . Thus  $0 \neq rst \in (N :_R m) = (N :_R M)$ . Since  $(N :_R M)$  is a weakly graded 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$ , we have either  $rs \in (N :_R M)$  or  $rt \in (N :_R M)$  or  $st \in (N :_R M)$ , and hence either  $rs \in (N :_R M)$  or  $rtm = rm' \in N$  or  $stm = sm' \in N$ . Therefore,  $N$  is a weakly graded 2-absorbing submodule of  $M$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module,  $x \in M_g$  and  $r \in R_e$ . Then the following hold:*

(i) *If  $\text{ann}_{M_g}(r) \subseteq rM_g$ , then the  $R_e$ -submodule  $rM_g$  is a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing submodule of  $M_g$ , if and only if it is a  $g$ -2-absorbing submodule of  $M_g$ .*

(ii) *If  $\text{ann}_{R_e}(x) \subseteq (R_e x :_{R_e} M_g)$ , then the  $R_e$ -submodule  $R_e x$  is a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing submodule of  $M_g$ , if and only if it is a  $g$ -2-absorbing submodule of  $M_g$ .*

**Proof.** (i) Suppose that  $rM_g$  is a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing submodule of  $M_g$ . Let  $a, b, \in R_e$  and  $m \in M_g$  with  $abm \in rM_g$ . If  $0 \neq abm$ , then either  $ab \in (rM_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $am \in rM_g$  or  $bm \in rM_g$ , since  $rM_g$  is a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ . So assume that  $abm = 0$ . Hence  $a(b+r)m = arm \in rM_g$ . Assume first that  $0 \neq a(b+r)m$ . Since  $rM_g$  is a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$  and  $0 \neq a(b+r)m \in rM_g$ , we have either  $a(b+r) \in (rM_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $am \in rM_g$  or  $(b+r)m \in rM_g$ , and since  $r \in (rM_g :_{R_e} M_g)$ , we conclude that either

$ab \in (rM_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $am \in rM_g$  or  $bm \in rM_g$ . Hence, we may assume that  $a(b+r)m = 0$  and thus  $arm = 0$ . Hence  $am \in ann_{M_g}(r) \subseteq rM_g$ . Therefore,  $rM_g$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing submodule of  $M_g$ . The converse is obvious.

(ii) The proof is similar to that of part (i).

□

The following results provides some conditions under which a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing. First, we need the following lemma:

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module, and  $N$  be a graded submodule of  $M$ . Let  $g \in G$  such that  $N_g$  is weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$  and let  $a, b \in R_e, m \in M_g$  such that  $abm \in N_g, am, bm \notin N_g$  and  $ab \notin (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$ . Then the following hold:*

(i)  $abm = 0$ .

(ii)  $abN_g = \{0\}$ .

(iii)  $am(N_g :_{R_e} M_g) = bm(N_g :_{R_e} M_g) = \{0\}$ .

(iv)  $(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)^2 m = \{0\}$ .

(v)  $a(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)N_g = b(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)N_g = \{0\}$ .

**Proof.** (i) Since  $N_g$  is a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ ,  $am, bm \notin N_g$  and  $ab \notin (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$ , we have  $abm = 0$ .

(ii) Assume that  $abN_g \neq \{0\}$ , then there exists an  $n \in N_g$  such that  $abn \neq 0$ . Hence  $0 \neq abn = ab(m+n) \in N_g$ . Since  $N_g$  is a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ , we have either  $ab \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$

or  $a(m+n) \in N_g$  or  $b(m+n) \in N_g$ . Hence either  $ab \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $am \in N_g$  or  $bm \in N_g$ , which is impossible. Consequently,  $abN_g = \{0\}$ .

(iii) Assume that  $am(N_g :_{R_e} M_g) \neq \{0\}$ , then there exists an  $r \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  such that  $arm \neq 0$ . Hence  $0 \neq a(b+r)m \in N_g$ . Since  $N_g$  is a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ , we have either  $a(b+r) \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $am \in N_g$  or  $(b+r)m \in N_g$ , and hence either  $ab \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $am \in N_g$  or  $bm \in N_g$ , which is impossible. Consequently,  $am(N_g :_{R_e} M_g) = \{0\}$ . With a same argument, we can show that  $bm(N_g :_{R_e} M_g) = \{0\}$ .

(iv) Assume that  $(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)^2 m \neq \{0\}$ , then there exist  $a_0, b_0 \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  such that  $a_0 b_0 m \neq 0$ . By parts (i) and (iii), we have  $0 \neq a_0 b_0 m = (a_0 + a)(b_0 + b)m \in N_g$ . Since  $N_g$  is a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ , we have either  $(a_0 + a)(b_0 + b) \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $(a_0 + a)m \in N_g$  or  $(b_0 + b)m \in N_g$ , and hence either  $ab \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $am \in N_g$  or  $bm \in N_g$ , which is impossible. Consequently,  $(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)^2 m = \{0\}$ .

(v) Assume that  $a(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)N_g \neq \{0\}$ , then there exist  $r_0 \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  and  $x_0 \in N_g$  such that  $ar_0 x_0 \neq 0$ . By parts (i), (ii), and (iii), we have  $0 \neq ar_0 x_0 = a(b+r_0)(m+x_0) \in N_g$ . Since  $N_g$  is a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ , we have either  $a(b+r_0) \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $a(m+x_0) \in N_g$  or  $(b+r_0)(m+x_0) \in N_g$ , and hence either  $ab \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $am \in N_g$  or  $bm \in N_g$ , which is impossible. Consequently,  $a(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)N_g = \{0\}$ . With a same argument, we can show  $b(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)N_g = \{0\}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -graded ring,  $M$  be a graded  $R$ -module,  $N$  be a graded submodule of  $M$  and let  $g \in G$  such that  $(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)^2 N_g \neq \{0\}$ . Then  $N_g$  is a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ , if and only if  $N_g$  is  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $N_g$  is a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$  that is not a  $g$ -2-absorbing. Then, there exist  $a, b \in R_e$  and  $m \in M_g$ , such that  $abm \in N_g$ ,  $am, bm \notin N_g$  and  $ab \notin (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$ . Since  $(N_g :_{R_e} M_g)^2 N_g \neq \{0\}$ , there exist,  $a_0, b_0 \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  and  $x_0 \in N_g$  such that  $a_0 b_0 x_0 \neq 0$ . By Lemma 3.5, we have  $a_0 b_0 x_0 = (a + a_0)(b + b_0)(m + x_0)$ . Since  $N_g$  is a weakly  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$  and  $0 \neq a_0 b_0 x_0 = (a + a_0)(b + b_0)(m + x_0) \in N_g$ , we conclude that either  $(a + a_0)(m + x_0) \in N_g$  or  $(b + b_0)(m + x_0) \in N_g$  or  $(a + a_0)(b + b_0) \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  and hence either  $ab \in (N_g :_{R_e} M_g)$  or  $am \in N_g$  or  $bm \in N_g$ , a contradiction. Thus  $N_g$  is a  $g$ -2-absorbing  $R_e$ -submodule of  $M_g$ . The converse is obvious.

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