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Properties of Strongly Harmonic and Gelfand modules: idioms,  
frames and associated topological spaces.

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# Introduction

- In the study of rings and their module categories, we have used techniques and theory of lattices.
  - lattice of preradicals, lattice of classes of modules, lattice of hereditary torsion theories, linear filters,, lattices of submodules, etc.
  - M. J. Arroyo, R. Fernández-Alonso, F. Raggi, H. A. Rincón, J. Ríos,, C. Signoret,...
- The theory of frames (local, complete Heyting algebras) arises in the study of topological spaces by means of the frame of open sets (it point-free topology). This involves the study of interactions between topological and algebraic concepts by means of the frame of open sets of a space.
  - J. Picado, A. Pultr (*Frames and Locales, 2012*)
  - P. T. Johnstone (*Stone Spaces, 1986*)

- Harold Simmons, carried out research in the theory of *idioms* (complete, modular, and upper-continuous lattices), and the study of situations arising in ring theory, in combination with techniques from point-free topology.
  - H. Simmons, [Some methods of attaching a topological space to a ring](#), Private communication, 2016.
- In collaboration with Mauricio Medina Bárcenas, Lorena Morales Callejas, and Angel Zaldivar Corichi, we follow the Simmons research line for the study of modules, particularly in the category  $\sigma[M]$ . We investigate certain frames associated to modules; and in particular those that turn out to be spatial (i.e., isomorphic to the frame of open sets of a topological space).

## **Strongly harmonic and Gelfand rings**

### **Demarco-Orsatti-Simmons Theorem**

### Definition

*A ring  $R$  is said to be strongly harmonic if it satisfies the following condition: for each pair of distinct maximal ideals  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , there are ideals  $I_1, I_2$  such that  $I_1 \not\subseteq M_1$ ,  $I_2 \not\subseteq M_2$  and  $I_1 I_2 = 0$ .*

### Definition

*A ring  $R$  is said to be left Gelfand (Gelfand ring) if it satisfies the following condition: for each pair of distinct maximal ideals  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , there exist left ideals  $I_1, I_2$  such that  $I_1 \not\subseteq M_1$ ,  $I_2 \not\subseteq M_2$  and  $I_1 I_2 = 0$ . It can be proved that the condition is symmetric.*

- The general definition of a strongly harmonic ring was introduced by K. Koh in 1972.<sup>1</sup> In this paper, it was shown that the space of maximal ideals  $Max(R)$  of a strongly harmonic ring  $R$  with hull-kernel topology is a compact Hausdorff space.
- Later, in 1979 C. J. Mulvey<sup>2</sup> introduced the Gelfand rings. It was proved that for these rings, the space of maximal ideals is also compact Hausdorff (it is proved that any Gelfand ring is strongly harmonic).

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<sup>1</sup>[Koh72] On a representation of a strongly harmonic ring by sheaves. K. Koh. Pacific Journal of Mathematics, vol. 41-2, pages 459–46, 1972. Mathematical Sciences Publishers

<sup>2</sup>[Mul79] A generalization of Gelfand duality. Mulvey, C.J. Journal of Algebra, vol. 56-2, pages 499–505, 1979. Academic Press.



- In this paper, it was shown that the space of maximal ideals  $Max(R)$  of a strongly harmonic ring  $R$  with hull-kernel topology is a compact Hausdorff space. [Koh72, Theorem 3.7]
- Borceux, F. and van den Bossche, G. introduced a representation for rings based on the frame  $\Psi(R)$  defined as the set of *pure ideals*.<sup>3</sup> It can be proved that the frame  $\Psi(R)$  works as a good space for unifying known representations; and it is shown that for Gelfand rings, the point space  $\Psi(R)$  is homeomorphic to  $Max(R)$  with the hull-kernel topology, equivalently,

$$\Psi(R) \cong \mathcal{O}(Max(R))$$

. In particular, this means that  $\Psi(R)$  is a spatial frame.<sup>4 5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>[BvdB06] Algebra in a localic topos with applications to ring theory. Borceux, F. and van den Bossche, G. Vol. 1038. Springer, 2006.

<sup>4</sup>[BSvdB84] A sheaf representation for modules with applications to Gelfand rings. Borceux, F. and Simmons, H. and van den Bossche, G. Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society, vol. 3-2, 230–246, 1984. Wiley Online Library

<sup>5</sup>Sheaf representations of strongly harmonic rings. H. Simmons. Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh Section A: Mathematics. Vol. 99, 3-4, pages 249–268, 1985. Royal Society of Edinburgh Scotland Foundation

- H. Simmons studied properties of strongly harmonic rings, applying theory of point-free topology and idioms. <sup>6</sup>
- In a joint work <sup>7</sup> with M. Medina, L. Morales y A. Zaldivar, we introduced a notion of *strongly harmonic module* and *Gelfand module*. In addition, we explored properties of these modules, following those already known in the case of rings. We study the space of fully invariant maximal submodules  $Max^{fi}(M)$  for strongly harmonic modules and  $Max(M)$  for Gelfand modules; and we relate both spaces to the point space of  $\Psi(M)$ . (See also [MSZ21]<sup>8</sup>)

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<sup>6</sup>[Sim]Some methods of attaching a topological space to a ring. Simmons, H. Notes in private communication with A. Zaldivar-Corichi.

<sup>7</sup>[MMSZ20]On strongly harmonic and Gelfand modules. M. Medina Barcenás, L. Morales Callejas, M. L. S. Sandoval Miranda, A. Zaldivar. Communications in Algebra, Volume 48-5. 2020.

<sup>8</sup>[MMSZ21] On the De Morgan's laws for modules. Medina Barcenás, M. L. S. Sandoval Miranda, A. Zaldivar.(Preprint 2020)  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.05607>

## Theorem (Demarco-Orsatti<sup>9</sup>-Simmons<sup>10</sup>)

*For a commutative ring  $R$  the following conditions are equivalent:*

- *$R$  is a pm-ring (each prime ideal is contained in a unique maximal ideal)*
- *$\text{Max}(R)$  is a retract of  $\text{Spec}(R)$*
- *$\text{Spec}(R)$  is normal*
- *$R$  satisfies the following condition: for every pair of distinct maximal ideals  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  there exist ideals  $I_1, I_2$  such that  $I_1 \not\subseteq M_1$ ,  $I_2 \not\subseteq M_2$  and  $I_1 I_2 = 0$ .*

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<sup>9</sup>

G. Demarco and A. Orsatti, Commutative rings in which every prime ideal contained in a unique maximal ideal. Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 30 (1971) 459-466.

<sup>10</sup>

H. Simmons, Reticulated rings, J. Algebra 66 (1980) 169-192; Errata, ibid., 74 (1982) 292.

**What about these ideas for the case of modules?**

## Notation:

- $R\text{-Mod}$  Category of left  $R$ -modules.
- $\Lambda(M)$  the lattices of submodules of a given module  $M$ . Actually, it is an idiom.
- $\sigma[M]$  is the Grothendieck abelian category whose objects are the  $R$ -modules  $N$  which are  $M$ -subgenerated (i.e. there exist morphisms  $0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q$  and  $M^{(X)} \xrightarrow{\beta} Q \rightarrow 0$ )
- $\Lambda^{fi}(M) = \{N \in \Lambda(M) \mid N \text{ is a fully invariant submodule of } M\}$ , the lattice of fully invariant submodules of  $M$ .<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>11</sup>Let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ . It is said that  $N$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$  if it satisfies that for every endomorphism,  $f : M \rightarrow M$ ,  $f(N) \subseteq N$ .

## Some lattice concepts

### Definition

An **idiom**  $(A, \leq, \bigvee, \wedge, 1, 0)$  is a complete, <sup>12</sup> modular and upper continuous lattice. That is,  $A$  is a complete lattice satisfying the following distributive laws:

$$a \wedge (\bigvee X) = \bigvee \{a \wedge x \mid x \in X\},$$

for each  $a \in A$  and  $X \subseteq A$  is directed; and

$$a \leq b \Rightarrow (a \vee c) \wedge b = a \vee (c \wedge b)$$

for each  $a, b, c \in A$ .

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<sup>12</sup>We say that a partially ordered set  $(A, \preceq)$  (i.e.  $\preceq$  is r.a.t.) is a **lattice**, if it satisfies that for every  $a, b \in A$ , there exist  $a \vee b \in A$  and  $a \wedge b \in A$ . In the case that for all  $X \subseteq A$  it is satisfied that there are  $\bigvee X, \bigwedge X \in A$ ,  $A$  is a **complete lattice**.

## Definition

Let  $A$  be a complete lattice.

- ⓐ  $A$  is **distributive** if it is satisfied that  $a \wedge (b \vee c) = (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c)$ , for each  $a \in A$  and  $b, c \in A$ .
- ⓑ  $A$  is a **frame** if it is satisfied that  $a \wedge \bigvee X = \bigvee \{a \wedge x \mid x \in X\}$ , for each  $a \in A$  and  $X \subseteq A$ ,

## Example

Let us consider  $X$  a topological space and  $\mathcal{O}(X) = \{U \subseteq X \mid U \text{ is open}\}$ . Then,  $(\mathcal{O}(X), \subseteq)$  is a frame, where

$$\bigvee_{i \in I} \{U_i\} = \bigcup_{i \in I} \{U_i\} \text{ and } \bigwedge_{i \in I} \{U_i\} = \text{Int}(\bigcap_{i \in I} \{U_i\}).$$

## Quantales and quasi-quantales

### Definition

Let  $A$  be a complete lattice and  $*$  :  $A \times A \rightarrow A$  an associative binary operation. It is said that  $A$  is a *quantale*<sup>13</sup> (*quasi-quantale*)<sup>14</sup>, if

$$a * (\bigvee X) = \bigvee_{i \in I} \{a * x_i \mid x_i \in X\} y$$

$$(\bigvee X) * b = \bigvee_{i \in I} \{x_i * b \mid x_i \in X\}$$

for each  $a \in A$  and each (directed) subset  $X$  of  $A$ .

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<sup>13</sup> The concept of quantale arose around 1920, when W. Krull, followed by R. P. Dilworth and M. Ward, considered a lattice of ideals equipped with multiplication. The "quantale" term is due to C. J. Mulvey.

<sup>14</sup> The quasi-quantale definition was introduced in [[MSZ15]] by M. Medina, M.L.S. Sandoval y A. Zaldivar.



## Example

- (a) *Every frame is a quantale, in this case, the operation  $\star$  is  $\wedge$ .*
- (b) *In particular, the frame of open sets in a topological space.*
- (c) *Give a ring  $R$ ,  $\Lambda^{fi}(R) = Id(R)$  is a quantale, with the usual multiplication of ideals.*
- (d) *(The power set of a semigroup) Let  $(S, \cdot)$  be a semigroup and  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  the set of its subsets. Then,  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  is a complete lattice, and a multiplication in  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  can be defined as follows:*

$$UV = \{u \cdot v \mid u \in U, v \in V\}$$

*for each  $U, V \in \mathcal{P}(S)$ . The quantale  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  is commutative (unitary) if and only if  $S$  is commutative (a monoid).*

## Definition

Let  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$  and  $K, L \in \Lambda(M)$ . The product of  $K$  with  $L$  in  $M$  is defined as follows:

$$K_M L := \sum \{f(K) \mid f \in \text{Hom}_R(M, L)\}.$$

In particular, for  $I, J \in \Lambda(R)$ , notice that  $I_R J = IJ$ . Also, notice that for each  $K \in \Lambda^{fi}(M)$ ,  $K_M M = K$ .

## Proposition

If  $M$  is projective in  $\sigma[M]$ , then:

- (a) the product  $-_M-$  :  $\Lambda(M) \times \Lambda(M) \rightarrow \Lambda(M)$  is associative (Beachy, 2002), and
- (b)  $(\Lambda(M), -_M-)$  is a quasi-quantale.
- (c)  $(\Lambda^{fi}(M), -_M-|_{fi})$  is a subquasi-quantale of  $(\Lambda(M), -_M-)$  right unitary (in this case,  $M$ .)

## Proposition (CRT18)

*If  $M$  is a multiplication<sup>15</sup> module over a commutative ring, then the product  $-_M-$  is associative.*

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<sup>15</sup>A module  $M$  is *multiplicative* if for every  $N \in \Lambda(M)$ , there is an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that  $N = IM$ .

## Proposition

Given any morphism of  $\vee$ -semilattices,  $f^*: A \rightarrow B$ , there exists a map  $f_*: B \rightarrow A$  such that

$$f^*(a) \leq b \Leftrightarrow a \leq f_*(b),$$

for each  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . That is,  $f^*$  and  $f_*$  form an adjunction

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & f^* & \\
 A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \\
 & f_* & \\
 & \xleftarrow{\quad} & 
 \end{array}$$

In fact,  $f_*(b) = \bigvee \{x \in A \mid f^*(x) \leq b\}$ , for each  $b \in B$ .

This is a particular case of the General Adjoint Functor Theorem.

## Definition

Let  $A$  be an idiom. A nucleus on  $A$  is a monotone function  $j: A \rightarrow A$  such that:

- (a)  $a \leq j(a)$  for each  $a \in A$ .
- (b)  $j$  is idempotent.
- (c)  $j$  is a prenucleus, that is,  $j(a \wedge b) = j(a) \wedge j(b)$ .

Given a nucleus  $j$ , the set of all *fixed points* of  $j$  is denoted by

$$A_j = \{a \in A \mid j(a) = a\}.$$

## Definition ([MSZ15])

Let  $B$  be a subquasi-quantale of a quasi-quantale  $A$ . An element  $1 \neq p \in A$  is a prime element relative to  $B$  if whenever  $ab \leq p$  with  $a, b \in B$  then  $a \leq p$  or  $b \leq p$ .

We define the spectrum of  $A$  relative to  $B$  as

$$\text{Spec}_B(A) = \{p \in A \mid p \text{ is prime relative to } B\}.$$

In the case  $A = B$  this is the usual definition of prime element. We denote the set of prime elements of  $A$  by  $\text{Spec}(A)$ .

### Proposition ([MSZ15])

*Let  $B$  be a subquasi-quantale satisfying  $(\star)$  of a quasi-quantale  $A$ . Then  $\text{Spec}_B(A)$  is a topological space with closed subsets given by*

$$\mathcal{V}(b) = \{p \in_B(A) \mid b \leq p\} \text{ with } b \in B.$$

*In dual form, the open subsets are of the form*

$$\mathcal{U}(b) = \{p \in_B(A) \mid b \not\leq p\} \text{ with } b \in B.$$

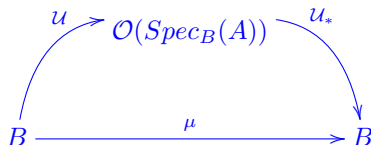
Let  $\mathcal{O}(\text{Spec}_B(A))$  be the frame of open subsets of  $\text{Spec}_B(A)$ . We have an adjunction of  $\vee$ -morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{U} & \\ & \curvearrowright & \\ B & & \mathcal{O}(\text{Spec}_B(A)) \\ & \curvearrowleft & \\ & \mathcal{U}_* & \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{U}(b) := U(b)$$

$$\mathcal{U}_*(W) := \bigvee \{b \in B \mid U(b) \subseteq W\}$$





The composite  $\mu := U_* \circ U : B \rightarrow B$  is a *multiplicative nucleus*, i.e.:

- (a)  $b \leq b'$  implies  $\mu(b) \leq \mu(b')$
- (b)  $b \leq \mu(b)$  for each  $b \in B$
- (c)  $\mu$  is idempotent
- (d)  $\mu(bc) = \mu(b \wedge c) = \mu(b) \wedge \mu(c).$

## Theorem ([MSZ15])

Let  $B$  be a subquasi-quantale satisfying  $(\star)$  of a quasi-quantale  $A$  and  $\mu = \mathcal{U}_* \circ \mathcal{U}: B \rightarrow B$  as above. Then, the following conditions hold.

- (a) For each  $b \in B$ ,  $\mu(b)$  is the largest element of  $B$  such that

$$\mu(b) \leq \bigwedge \{p \in \text{Spec}_B(A) \mid p \in \mathcal{V}(b)\}.$$

- (b)  $\mu$  is a multiplicative nucleus.

- (c)  $B_\mu$  is a meet-continuous lattice.

- (d) If  $B$  satisfies that for any  $X \subseteq B$  and  $a \in B$
- $$(\bigvee X) a = \bigvee \{xa \mid x \in X\}$$

then,  $B_\mu$  is a frame.

### Definition

*Let  $A$  be a multiplicative idiom. We say that  $A$  is normal if for every  $a, b \in A$  with  $a \vee b = 1$ , there exist  $a', b' \in A$  such that  $a \vee b' = 1 = a' \vee b$  and  $a'b' = 0$ .*

### Proposition ([MMSZ20])

Let  $A$  be a quasi-quantale satisfying  $(\star)^{16}$ . Let  $\mu$  be the multiplicative nucleus given by the adjoint situation. Then, the following conditions are equivalent

- (a)  $\text{Spec}(A)$  is a normal space. <sup>17</sup>.
- (b)  $A_\mu$  is a normal lattice.

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<sup>16</sup>Given a subquasi-quantal  $B$  of a quasi-quantale  $A$ , we will say  $B$  satisfies the condition  $(\star)$  if  $0, 1 \in B$  and  $1b, b1 \leq b$  for all  $b \in B$ .

<sup>17</sup>For any two disjoint closed  $F_1, F_2$ , there exist two open sets  $U, V$ , also disjoint, such that  $F_1 \subseteq U$  and  $F_2 \subseteq V$ , respectively

Let  $B$  be a subquasi-quantale satisfying  $(\star)$  of a quasi-quantale  $A$ .  
Let  $S$  be a subspace of un  $\text{Spec}_B(A)$ , we have the hull-kernel adjunction

$$B \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{m} \\ \xleftarrow{m_*} \end{array} \mathcal{O}(S)$$

with  $m(b) = \mathcal{U}(b) \cap S$ . Then  $\tau := m_* \circ m: B \rightarrow B$  is a multiplicative nucleus as in the case of  $\mu$ .

### Theorem ([MMSZ20])

*Let  $B$  be a subquasi-quantale satisfying  $(\star)$  of a quasi-quantale  $A$  and let  $S$  be a subspace of  $\text{Spec}_B(A)$ . Let  $\tau$  be the multiplicative nucleus given previously. Then, the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (a)**  *$S$  is a normal topological space.*
- (b)**  *$B_\tau$  is a normal lattice.*

Applications to modules  
**Prime Spectrum of a Module**

### Definition

Let  $M \in \mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}$  and  $M \neq P \in \Lambda^{fi}(M)$ . We say  $P$  is a prime submodule in  $M$  if for any fully invariant submodules  $K, L$  of  $M$  such that  $K_M L \leq P$ , then  $K \leq P$  or  $L \leq P$ .

*Prime and coprime modules*

Bican, L., Jambor P., Kepka T., Němec P.

Fundamenta Mathematicae, 107:33-44 (1980).



## Applying the theory to the module case

Consider  $M$  projective in  $\sigma[M]$ , such that  $\Lambda^{fi}(M)$  is a subquasiquantale of  $\Lambda(M)$ .

- $LgSpec(M) := Spec_{\Lambda^{fi}(M)}(\Lambda(M))$   
denote  $P \in \Lambda(M)$  which are relative prime in  $\Lambda^{fi}(M)$ ; and we called it *Prime spectrum of  $M$* .
- $Spec(\Lambda^{fi}(M)) := Spec_{\Lambda^{fi}(M)}(\Lambda^{fi}(M))$

### Remark

*To be sure that these spectra are not empty, we can assume that  $M$  is coatomic.*<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>18</sup>A module  $M$  is said to be coatomic if it satisfies that for every  $N \in \Lambda(M)$ , there is  $\mathcal{M}$  a maximal submodule of  $M$  such that  $N \leq \mathcal{M}$ .

## Theorem ([MSZ15])

Let  $M$  be projective in  $\sigma[M]$  and coatomic. Entonces:

- (a)  $LgSpec(M)$  is a topological space, where the closed sets are given by  $V(L) = \{P \in LgSpec(M) \mid L \leq P\}$ , with  $L \in \Lambda(M)$
- (b)  $Spec(\Lambda^{fi}(M))$  is a dense subspace of  $LgSpec(M)$ .
- (c) There is a multiplicative nucleus:  $\mu : \Lambda^{fi}(M) \rightarrow \Lambda^{fi}(M)$  satisfying that:
  - 1  $\mu(N)$  is the largest fully invariant submodule of  $M$  contained in  $\bigcap_{P \in V(N)} P$
  - 2  $\mu(N) = N$  if and only if  $N$  is semiprime<sup>19</sup> in  $M$ , or  $N = M$ .
- (d)  $(\Lambda^{fi}(M))_\mu = SP(M)$  is a frame, where  $SP(M) := \{N \in \Lambda^{fi}(M) \mid N \text{ is semiprime}\} \cup \{M\}$ . Moreover,  $SP(M) \cong \mathcal{O}(LgSpec(M))$  are canonically isomorphic as frames.

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<sup>19</sup>We say  $N \in \Lambda^{fi}(M)$  is *semiprime en  $M$*  if whenever  $K_M K \leq N$ , with  $K \in \Lambda^{fi}(M)$ , then  $K \leq N$ .

### Corollary

Let  $M$  be projective in  $\sigma[M]$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

- (a)  $\text{Spec}(M)$  is a normal space.
- (b) The frame  $SP(M) \cong \mathcal{O}(\text{LgSpec}(M))$  is normal.

### Corollary

The following conditions are equivalent for a ring  $R$ :

- (a)  $\text{Spec}(R)$  is a normal space.
- (b) The frame  $SP(R)$  is normal.

## Strongly Harmonic Modules

## Definition ([MMSZ20])

A module  $M$  is strongly harmonic if for every distinct elements  $N, L \in \text{Max}^{fi}(M)$  there exist  $N', L' \in \Lambda^{fi}(M)$  such that  $L' \not\leq L$ ,  $N' \not\leq N$  and  $L'_M N' = 0$ .

## Remark ([MMSZ20][MSZ20])

- 1 Let  $M$  be a quasi-projective module and  $N \in \Lambda^{fi}(M)$ . Then,  $N \in \text{Max}^{fi}(M)$  if and only if  $M/N$  is FI-simple.
- 2 Let  $M$  be a quasi-projective strongly harmonic module. Then  $M^{(I)}$  is a strongly harmonic module for every index set  $I$ .
- 3 Let  $M$  be a quasi-projective module. Suppose  $M = \bigoplus_I M_i$  is a direct sum with  $M_i \in \Lambda^{fi}(M)$ . Then  $M$  is a strongly harmonic module if and only if  $M_i$  is strongly harmonic.
- 4 Let  $M$  be a self-progenerator in  $\sigma[M]$ . Suppose  $M$  is strongly harmonic such that  $\Lambda^{fi}(M)$  is compact. If  $M$  is semiprime and satisfies DML then  $\text{Max}^{fi}(M)$  is extremally disconnected space.

### Proposition ([MMSZ20])

Let  $M$  be a self-progenerator in  $\sigma[M]$ . Assume  $M$  is strongly harmonic such that  $\Lambda^{fi}(M)$  is compact. Then  $\Psi(M) \cong \mathcal{O}(\text{Max}^{fi}(M))$ , where

$$\Psi(M) = \{N \in \Lambda^{fi}(M) \mid \forall n \in N, [N + \text{Ann}_M(Rn) = M]\}^{20}.$$

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<sup>20</sup> $\text{Ann}_M(K) := \bigcap \{Ker(f) \mid f \in \text{Hom}(M, K)\}$  is the **annihilator of  $K$  in  $M$** ; is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ , and is the largest submodule of  $M$  such that  $(K)_M K = 0$ .

## Theorem ([MMSZ20])

Let  $M$  be a self-progenerator in  $\sigma[M]$ . Assume  $\Lambda^{fi}(M)$  is compact. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (a)  $M$  is strongly harmonic.
- (b)  $\Lambda^{fi}(M)$  is a normal idiom.
- (c) For each  $N \in \Lambda^{fi}(M)$  and  $\mathcal{M} \in \text{Max}^{fi}(M)$   

$$\text{Ler}(N) \leq \mathcal{M} \Leftrightarrow N \leq \mathcal{M}.$$
- (d)  $\text{Ler}$  is  $\Sigma$ -preserving ( $\text{Ler}$  has right adjoint<sup>21</sup>)
- (e) For each  $N, L \in \Lambda^{fi}(M)$   

$$N + L = M \Rightarrow \text{Ler}(N) + \text{Ler}(L) = M.$$

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<sup>21</sup> $\text{Ler}$  is given by,  $\text{Ler}(N) = \sum\{K \in \Lambda^{fi}(M) \mid N + \text{Ann}_M(K) = M\}$ , for each  $N \in \Lambda^{fi}(M)$ .

### Theorem ([MMSZ20])

Let  $M$  be projective in  $\sigma[M]$  such that  $\Lambda^{fi}(M)$  is compact. Consider the following conditions:

- (a)  $M$  is a strongly harmonic module.
- (b)  $\Lambda^{fi}(M)$  is normal.
- (c)  $\Lambda^{fi}(M)_\mu$  is a normal lattice.
- (d)  $\text{Spec}(M)$  is a normal space.

Then the implications  $(a) \Rightarrow (b) \Rightarrow (c) \Leftrightarrow (d)$  hold. If in addition  $0 = \bigcap \text{Max}^{fi}(M)$ , then the four conditions are equivalent.



## Gelfand Modules

## Definition ([MMSZ20])

*A module  $M$  is Gelfand if for every distinct elements  $N, L \in \text{Max}(M)$  there exist  $N', L' \in \Lambda^{fi}(M)$  such that  $L' \not\subseteq L$ ,  $N' \not\subseteq N$  and  $L'_M N' = 0$ .*

## Definition ([MMSZ16])

*An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a pm-module if every prime submodule is contained in a unique maximal submodule.*

## Remark

- *Let  $M$  be a Gelfand module and  $P \leq M$  be a prime submodule. If there exist  $L, N \in \text{Max}(M)$  such that  $P \leq N$  and  $P \leq L$  then  $N = L$ .*
- *Let  $M$  be a Gelfand module. Then  $M$  is a quasi-duo module (i.e.  $\text{Max}(M) \subseteq \Lambda^{fi}(M)$ ).*
- *Let  $M$  be projective in  $\sigma[M]$ . If  $M$  is a Gelfand module then  $\Lambda^{fi}(M)$  is coatomic.*
- *Let  $M$  be a quasi-projective Gelfand module and  $N \leq M$ . Then  $M/N$  is a Gelfand module.*
- *In contrast to strongly harmonic modules, an arbitrary coproduct of copies of a Gelfand module might not be Gelfand.*

In [Sun91] is extended the Demarco-Orsati-Simmons Theorem for symmetric rings (which includes the commutative rings).

We could not find a good generalization of symmetric rings for modules which be suitable to give a version of the Demarco-Orsati-Simmons Theorem in the module-theoretic context.

We finish with a Theorem inspired in the Demarco-Orsati-Simmons Theorem as a compendium of our results.

## Theorem ([MMSZ20])

Let  $M$  be projective in  $\sigma[M]$  such that  $\Lambda^{fi}(M)$  is compact and  $Max(M)$  compact. Consider the following conditions

- (a)  $M$  is a Gelfand module.
- (b)  $M$  is a quasi-duo strongly harmonic module.
- (c)  $M$  is a quasi-duo pm-module with  $Max(M)$  Hausdorff.
- (d)  $M$  is a quasi-duo with  $Max(M)$  Hausdorff and  $Max(M)$  is a retract of  $Spec(M)$ .
- (e)  $M$  is a quasi-duo modulo such that  $Spec(M)$  is normal.

Then the implications  $(a) \Leftrightarrow (b) \Rightarrow (c) \Rightarrow (d) \Rightarrow (e)$  hold. If in addition  $0 = \bigcap Max(M)$ , all the conditions are equivalent.

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