# Graded *n*-secondary submodules

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Throughout this work all rings are commutative with non-zero unity, unless it is expressly stated that R can be without unity. We first remind the dual of some classical graded concepts and then the dual of their extended graded notions is studied. A proper graded submodule N of a G-graded R-module M is said to be graded prime (primary) if  $a_g \in h(R)$  and  $x_h \in h(M)$  with  $a_g x_h \in N$  implies  $a_g \in (N :_R M)$  ( $a_g \in \sqrt{(N :_R M)}$ ) or  $x_h \in N$ . Also, a proper graded ideal I of R is a graded prime (primary) ideal if I is a graded prime (primary) submodule of the graded R-module R. If I is a graded ideal of R, then G-rad $(I) = \{a \in R \mid a_g \in \sqrt{I}\}$ .

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### Lemma 1

Let R be a G-graded ring, M a graded R-module and N a proper graded submodule of M. Then the following statements are equivalent.

(1) *N* is a graded prime (primary) submodule of *M*.  
(2) For every 
$$a_g \in h(R)$$
 and  $x \in M$ ,  $a_g x \in N$  implies  
 $a_g \in (N :_R M)$  ( $a_g \in \sqrt{(N :_R M)}$ ) or  $x \in N$ .  
(3) For every  $a \in R$  and  $x_h \in h(M)$ ,  $ax_h \in N$  implies  $a \in (N :_R M)$   
( $a \in G$ -rad( $N :_R M$ )) or  $x_h \in N$ .

From a functional point of view, a proper graded submodule N of a graded R-module M is a graded primary submodule, if for each  $a_g \in h(R)$  the graded homomorphism  $a_g :: \frac{M}{N} \to \frac{M}{N}$ , that operates by multiplication, is either injective or nilpotent by the above lemma.

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Let R be a G-graded ring and M a graded R-module. We say that a non-zero graded submodule N of M is graded secondary if for each  $a_{g} \in h(R)$  the function  $a_{g} : N \to N$ , that operates by multiplication, is either surjective or nilpotent, i.e., for every  $a_g \in h(R)$  either  $a_g N = N$  or  $a_g \in \sqrt{(Ann_R(N))}$ . Note that this concept is a dual notion of graded primary submodules in a certain sense as follows. We say that M is a graded secondary R-module if M is a graded secondary submodule of itself. Also, we say that Mis a graded primary *R*-module if zero is a graded primary submodule of M. So the concept of graded secondary R-modules is just the dual notion of graded primary R-modules, see [9].

Let *n* be a positive integer. A proper graded submodule *N* of a graded *R*-module *M* is said to be graded *n*-absorbing (primary) if whenever  $a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} x_g \in N$  implies  $a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} \in (N :_R M)$  $(a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} \in \sqrt{(N :_R M)})$  or  $a_{g_1} \ldots \widehat{a_{g_i}} \ldots a_{g_n} x_g \in N$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , where  $a_{g_1}, \ldots, a_{g_n} \in h(R)$ ,  $x_g \in h(M)$  and  $a_{g_1} \ldots \widehat{a_{g_i}} \ldots a_{g_n} x_g$  means  $a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_{i-1}} a_{g_{i+1}} \ldots a_{g_n} x_g$ . So a graded 1-absorbing primary submodule is exactly a graded primary submodule. Also, a proper graded ideal *I* of *R* is called a graded *n*-absorbing (primary) ideal if *I* is a graded *n*-absorbing (primary) submodule of the graded *R*-module *R*, see [13].

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In this work, we present a functional equivalent condition to the concept of graded *n*-absorbing primary submodules. So we can specify a dual notion of this concept in a certain sense, which we call that graded *n*-secondary submodules.

Next, a trivial extension of Lemma 1 is presented. Throughout, we consider the part (2) of Lemma 2 as the definition of graded *n*-absorbing (primary) submodules.

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### Lemma 2

Let *n* be a positive integer, *R* a *G*-graded ring, *M* a graded *R*-module and *N* a graded submodule of *M*. Then the following statements are equivalent.

(1) *N* is a graded *n*-absorbing (primary) submodule of *M*. (2) For every  $a_{g_1}, \ldots, a_{g_n} \in h(R)$  and  $x \in M$ ,  $a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} x \in N$ implies  $a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} \in (N :_R M)$   $(a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} \in \sqrt{(N :_R M)})$  or  $a_{g_1} \ldots \widehat{a_{g_i}} \ldots a_{g_n} x \in N$  for some  $1 \le i \le n$ . (3) For every  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in R$  and  $x_g \in h(M)$ ,  $a_1 \ldots a_n x_g \in N$ implies  $a_1 \ldots a_n \in (N :_R M)$   $(a_1 \ldots a_n \in G\text{-rad}(N :_R M))$  or  $a_1 \ldots \widehat{a_i} \ldots a_n x_g \in N$  for some  $1 \le i \le n$ .

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Next, we present a functional method, which gives us an equivalent condition to the concept of graded *n*-absorbing primary submodules. For this, we need some new definitions as follows.

### Definition

Let R be a G-graded ring, M a graded R-module, N a proper graded submodule of *M*, *n* a positive integer,  $a_{g_1}, \ldots, a_{g_n} \in h(R)$ and the graded homomorphism  $a_{g_i}^*: a_{g_1} \dots \widehat{a_{g_i}} \dots a_{g_n} \frac{M}{M} \to \frac{M}{M}$ , defined by  $a_{\sigma_i}^*(a_{g_1} \dots \widehat{a_{g_i}} \dots a_{g_n}(x+N)) = a_{g_1} \dots a_{g_n} x + N$  for every  $x \in M$ , where 1 < i < n. Then (1) We say that the family  $\{a_{\sigma_i}^* \mid 1 \le i \le n\}$  is injective if  $a_{g_1} \dots a_{g_n} x \in N$  implies  $a_{g_1} \dots \widehat{a_{g_i}} \dots a_{g_n} x \in N$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , where  $x \in M$ (2) We say that the family  $\{a_{g_i}^* \mid 1 \le i \le n\}$  is nilpotent, if  $a_{\sigma_1}^* o \dots o a_{\sigma_n}^*$  is a nilpotent function.

Let *R* be a *G*-graded ring, *M* a graded *R*-module and *n* a positive integer. A proper graded submodule *N* of *M* is a graded *n*-absorbing primary submodule of *M* if and only if the family  $\{a_{g_i}^* \mid 1 \le i \le n\}$  of graded homomorphisms is either injective or nilpotent for every  $a_{g_1}, \ldots, a_{g_n} \in h(R)$ .

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### Definition

Let *n* be a positive integer and *R* a *G*-graded ring (not necessarily with unity). We say that a non-zero graded submodule *N* of a graded *R*-module *M* is a graded *n*-secondary submodule, if for every  $a_{g_1}, \ldots, a_{g_n} \in h(R)$  there exists an  $1 \leq i \leq n$  such that the graded homomorphism  $a_{g_i}^{**} : N \to a_{g_1} \ldots \widehat{a_{g_i}} \ldots a_{g_n} N$ , defined by  $a_{g_i}^{**}(x) = a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} x$  for every  $x \in N$ , is either surjective or nilpotent. So every graded 1-secondary submodule is just a graded secondary submodule.

We say that a graded *R*-module is a graded *n*-secondary *R*-module if *M* is a graded *n*-secondary submodule of itself. So the notion of graded *n*-secondary *R*-modules is just the dual notion of graded *n*-absorbing primary *R*-modules. Therefore, it can be concluded that the concept of graded *n*-secondary *R*-modules is just the dual notion of graded *n*-absorbing primary *R*-modules. Hence we can say that the notion of graded *n*-secondary submodules is the dual notion of graded *n*-absorbing primary submodules (in a certain sense). Let R be a G-graded ring, n, m two positive integers with  $n \le m$ and M a graded R-module. Clearly, every graded n-secondary submodule of M is graded m-secondary. Next, we show that the converse is not true in general.

#### Example

Let  $F = \mathbb{Z}_2$ , G an arbitrary group, R the trivial G-graded polynomial ring F[x], S = Rx, J the graded ideal generated by  $\{x + x^2, x + x^3, ...\}$  of R and  $M = \frac{R}{J}$  as a graded S-module. We claim that M is not a graded secondary S-module, while it is a graded 2-secondary S-module. If there exists a positive integer m such that  $x^m \in Ann_S(M)$ , then  $x^m \in J$ . So there exists a positive integer k and non-zero  $g_1, \ldots, g_k \in h(R)$  such that  $x^m = g_1(x + x^{r_1}) + \ldots + g_k(x + x^{r_k})$ , where  $r_1, \ldots, r_k$  are positive integers with  $r_1 < r_2 < \ldots < r_k$ .

Note that the number of  $x^{m}$ 's in the right side of the equality is an odd number and the number of summands of each of  $g_i(x + x^{r_i})$  is an even number. Without loss of generality, we can assume that there exists an odd number  $1 \le l \le k$  such that  $x^m \in g_i(x + x^{r_j})$ for every  $1 \le j \le l$ . So  $0 = [g_{r_1}(x + x^{r_1}) - x^m] + \ldots + [g_{r_l}(x + x^{r_l}) - x^m]$  $x^{r_l}(x) - x^m + g_{r_{l+1}}(x + x^{r_{l+1}}) + \ldots + g_{r_k}(x + x^{r_k})$ , where the number of summands in the right side is an odd number and so the number of non-zero summands in the right side is also an odd number. Hence there exists an odd number *n* such that  $0 = x^{\gamma_1} + \ldots + x^{\gamma_n}$ , where  $\gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < \ldots < \gamma_n$  which is impossible. Therefore,  $x \notin \sqrt{(Ann_{S}(M))}$ .

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We claim that  $M \neq xM$ . If not, there exists a  $g \in h(R)$  such that  $1 - xg \in J$  which is impossible. Because the elements of J are coefficients of x.

Now, we show that for each  $f_1, f_2 \in h(S)$  either  $f_1f_2M = f_1M$  or  $f_1f_2M = f_2M$ . Since  $f_1, f_2 \in S$ , there exist  $g_1, g_2 \in h(R)$  such that  $f_1 = xg_1$  and  $f_2 = xg_2$ . If the number of summands of  $g_1$  is an even number, then  $f_1f_2M = g_1g_2x^2M = g_1xM = f_1M = 0$ . Because for every positive integers  $\gamma, \delta$  such that  $1 \leq \gamma \leq \delta$ ,  $x^{\gamma} + x^{\delta} = x^{\gamma-1}(x + x^{\delta-\gamma+1}) \in J$ . Similarly, if the number of summands of  $f_2$  is an even number, then  $f_1f_2M = f_2M = 0$ . Now, suppose that the number of summands of each of  $f_1, f_2$  is an odd number.

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Let  $l \in h(R)$ . We claim that there exists an  $l_1 \in h(R)$  such that  $g_1 \times l - g_1 g_2 x^2 l_1 \in J$ . If the number of summands of l is an odd number, then put  $l_1 = 1$ . So the number of summands of  $g_1 \times l - g_1 g_2 x^2 l_1$  is an even number and so  $g_1 \times l - g_1 g_2 x^2 l_1 \in J$ , as explained above. If the number of summands of l is an even number, then put  $l_1 = 1 + x$ . Hence the number of summands of each of  $g_1 \times l, g_1 g_2 x^2 l_1$  is an even number. Thus  $g_1 \times l - g_1 g_2 x^2 l_1 \in J$  and so  $f_1 M \subseteq f_1 f_2 M$ . Hence  $f_1 M = f_1 f_2 M$ . Thus either  $f_1^{**}$  is surjective or  $f_2^{**}$  is so.

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Let R be a G-graded ring, n a positive integer and M a finitely generated graded R-module. If M is a graded n-secondary R-module, then M is a graded n-absorbing primary R-module.

Let *R* be a *G*-graded ring and *M* a graded *R*-module. A proper graded submodule *N* of *M* is said to be a graded completely irreducible submodule, if  $N = \bigcap_{i \in I} N_i$  implies  $N = N_i$  for some  $i \in I$ , where  $\{N_i \mid i \in I\}$  is a family of graded submodules of *M*. It is easy to show that every proper graded submodule *K* of *M* is an intersection of graded completely irreducible submodules of *M*.

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Let R be a G-graded ring and N a non-zero graded submodule of a graded R-module M. It is not difficult to verify that N is a graded secondary submodule of M if and only if for every  $a_g \in h(R)$  and every graded completely irreducible submodule K of M,  $a_g N \subseteq K$  implies either  $a_g \in \sqrt{Ann_R(N)}$  or  $N \subseteq K$ . Next, this result is extended and an equivalent condition to the concept of graded n-secondary submodules is presented.

### Theorem

Let *n* be a positive integer, *R* a *G*-graded ring, *M* a graded *R*-module and *N* a non-zero graded submodule of *M*. Then *N* is a graded *n*-secondary submodule of *M* if and only if for every  $a_{g_1}, \ldots, a_{g_n} \in h(R)$  and every graded completely irreducible submodules  $K_1, \ldots, K_n$  of *M*,  $a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} N \subseteq \bigcap_{j=1}^n K_j$  implies  $a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} \in \sqrt{Ann_R(N)}$  or  $a_{g_1} \ldots \widehat{a_{g_i}} \ldots a_{g_n} N \subseteq \bigcap_{j=1}^n K_j$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

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### Definition

We say that a non-zero graded submodule N of a graded R-module M is a graded n-absorbing secondary (graded strongly n-absorbing secondary) submodule, if whenever  $a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} N \subseteq K$  implies  $a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} \in \sqrt{Ann_R(N)}$  or  $a_{g_1} \ldots \widehat{a_{g_i}} \ldots a_{g_n} N \subseteq K$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , where  $a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} \in h(R)$  and K is a graded completely irreducible submodule (a graded submodule) of M. For general modules see [2,5].

Next, we show that the concepts of graded *n*-secondary and graded strongly *n*-absorbing secondary submodules are equivalent, while these are not equivalent to the concept of graded *n*-absorbing secondary submodules.

Let *n* be a positive integer, *R* a *G*-graded ring, *M* a graded *R*-module and *N* a non-zero graded submodule of *M*. Then the following statements are equivalent.

(1) *N* is a graded *n*-secondary submodule of *M*. (2) for every  $a_{g_1}, \ldots, a_{g_n} \in h(R)$  and every graded submodule *K* of *M*,  $a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} N \subseteq K$  implies  $a_{g_1} \ldots \widehat{a_{g_i}} \ldots a_{g_n} N \subseteq K$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq n$  or  $a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} \in \sqrt{Ann_R(N)}$ . (3) for every  $a_{g_1}, \ldots, a_{g_n} \in h(R)$ ,  $a_{g_1} \ldots \widehat{a_{g_i}} \ldots a_{g_n} N = a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} N$ for some  $1 \leq i \leq n$  or  $a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} \in \sqrt{Ann_R(N)}$ .

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### Example

Let  $n \geq 2$  be a positive integer, G an arbitrary group and R the trivial G-graded ring  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $p_{g_1} = 2, p_{g_2}, \ldots, p_{g_{n+2}}$  distinct positive prime integers,  $s = p_{g_1} \ldots p_{g_{n+2}}$  and  $M = \mathbb{Z}_s$  as a graded R-module. Clearly, every graded submodule of M is of the form  $p_{g_1}^{\alpha_1} p_{g_2}^{\alpha_2} \ldots p_{g_{n+2}}^{\alpha_{n+2}} \mathbb{Z}_s$ , where  $0 \leq \alpha_j \leq 1$  for every  $1 \leq j \leq n+2$ . Let  $T_k = p_{g_k} \mathbb{Z}_s$  for every  $1 \leq k \leq n+2$ . It is not difficult to verify that the only graded completely irreducible submodules of M are  $T_1, \ldots, T_{n+2}$ .

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Let  $a_{h_1}, a_{h_2} \in h(R)$ , with  $a_{h_1}a_{h_2}T_1 \subseteq T_k$  for some  $1 \leq k \leq n+2$ . So  $p_{g_k} \mid a_{h_1}$  or  $p_{g_k} \mid a_{h_2}$ . Thus either  $a_{h_1}T_1 \subseteq T_k$  or  $a_{h_2}T_1 \subseteq T_k$ . Therefore,  $T_1$  is a graded 2-absorbing secondary and so a graded n-absorbing secondary submodule of M. Evidently,  $p_{g_2} \dots p_{g_{n+1}} T_1 \subseteq \bigcap_{i=2}^{n+1} T_i$ . But there is no  $2 \leq i \leq n+1$ such that  $p_{g_2} \dots \widehat{p_{g_i}} \dots p_{g_{n+1}} T_1 \subseteq \bigcap_{i=2}^{n+1} T_i \subseteq T_i$ , because  $p_{g_i} / p_{g_1} \dots \widehat{p_{g_i}} \dots p_{g_{n+1}}$ . Also,  $p_{g_2} \dots p_{g_{n+1}} \notin \sqrt{Ann_R(T_1)}$ . Therefore,  $T_1$  is not a graded *n*-secondary submodule of *M* and so it is not a graded strongly n-absorbing secondary submodule of Mby the above theorem.

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Let *R* be a *G*-graded ring, *M* a graded *R*-module and *n* a positive integer. If *N* is a graded *n*-secondary submodule of *M*, then  $Ann_R(N)$  is a graded *n*-absorbing primary ideal of *R*.

Let *R* be a *G*-graded ring and *n* a positive integer. Clearly, if *I* is a graded *n*-absorbing primary ideal of *R*, then  $\sqrt{I}$  is a graded *n*-absorbing ideal of *R*.

### Corollary

Let *R* be a *G*-graded ring, *M* a graded *R*-module and *n* a positive integer. If *N* is a graded *n*-secondary submodule of *M*, then  $\sqrt{Ann_R(N)}$  is a graded *n*-absorbing ideal of *R*.

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Let *R* be a *G*-graded ring. If *N* is a graded *n*-secondary submodule of a graded *R*-module *M* with  $p = \sqrt{Ann_R(N)}$ , then we say that *N* is a graded *p*-*n*-secondary submodule of *M*.

#### Definition

Let *R* be a *G*-graded ring (not necessarily with unity) and *n* a positive integer. We say that a graded *R*-module *M* is graded *n*-divisible, if for every  $x \in M$  and every  $a_{g_1}, \ldots, a_{g_n} \in h(R)$  with  $(a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n})^m \neq 0$  for every positive integer *m* there exists an  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and a  $y \in M$  such that  $a_{g_1} \ldots a_{g_n} y = a_{g_1} \ldots \widehat{a_{g_i}} \ldots a_{g_n} x$ . Clearly, if *M* is a non-zero graded 1-divisible *R*-module, then  $Ann_R(M) \cap h(R) = 0$ .

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### Example

Let G be a group, I an index set,  $R_i$  a G-graded integral domain,  $K_i$  the field of fractions of  $R_i$  for every  $i \in I$  and R the G-graded ring  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} R_i$ . Then  $K = \bigoplus_{i \in I} K_i$  is a graded *n*-divisible R-module for every positive integer *n*.

### Theorem

Let *R* be a *G*-graded ring, *n* a positive integer, *M* a graded *R*-module and *N* a non-zero graded submodule of *M* with  $p = \sqrt{(Ann_R(N))}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent. (1) *N* is a graded *p*-*n*-secondary submodule of *M*. (2) *N* is a graded *n*-divisible  $\frac{R}{p}$ -module.

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Let R be a G-graded ring and n, m two positive integers with  $m \le n$ . Evidently, every graded m-divisible R-module is a graded n-divisible R-module. Nevertheless, we show that the converse is not true in general.

#### Example

Let *R* be the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded polynomial ring F[x], where *F* is a field, *m*, *n* two positive integers with m < n,  $T = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} T_i$ , where  $T_i = R_i$ for every non-zero integer *i*,  $T_0 = 0$ ,  $S = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} S_i$ , where  $S_i = R_i$ for every  $i \ge n$ ,  $S_i = 0$  for every i < n and  $M = \frac{T}{S}$  as a *T*-module. Let  $f_{g_1}, \ldots, f_{g_n} \in h(T)$  with  $(f_{g_1} \ldots f_{g_n})^t \ne 0$  for every positive integer *t*. If  $f + S \in M$ , then  $f_{g_1} \ldots f_{g_i} \ldots f_{g_n} f - f_{g_1} \ldots f_{g_n} x \in S$  for every  $1 \le i \le n$ . Thus *M* is an *n*-divisible *T*-module. Let  $f_{g_1} = \ldots = f_{g_m} = x$ . Then there is no  $f + S \in M$  such that  $x^m f + S = x^{m-1}(x + S)$ . Therefore, *M* is not an *m*-divisible *T*-module.

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Recall that a proper graded ideal m of R is said to be a maximal graded ideal if  $m \subseteq I \subseteq R$  implies I = m or I = R, where I is a graded ideal of R. We denote the set of all maximal graded ideals of R by g-Max(R).

### Proposition

Let *R* be a *G*-graded ring, *n* a positive integer and *M* a graded *R*-module. If *N* is a graded submodule of *M* with  $Ann_R(N) = p \in g-Max(R)$ , then *N* is a graded *p*-*n*-secondary submodule of *M*.

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Let  $n \ge 2$  be a positive integer, R a G-graded ring, M a graded R-module and N a graded n-secondary submodule of M. Then the following statements hold.

(1) If K is a graded submodule of M with  $N \not\subseteq K$ , then  $(K :_R N)$  is a graded *n*-absorbing primary ideal of R.

(2) If G-rad $(Ann_R(N))$  is a graded (n-1)-absorbing ideal of R, then  $\sqrt{(K:_R N)}$  is a graded (n-1)-absorbing ideal of R for every graded submodule K of M with  $N \not\subseteq K$ . (3) G-rad $(\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} L_i :_R N)$  is a graded (n-1)-absorbing ideal of Rfor every family of graded completely irreducible submodules  $\{L_1, \ldots, L_n\}$  of M with  $N \not\subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^{n} L_i$  if and only if

G-rad $(Ann_R(N))$  is a graded (n-1)-absorbing ideal of R.

Let *R* be a *G*-graded ring, *n* a positive integer, *M* a graded *R*-module and *N* a graded *n*-secondary submodule of *M*. Then  $a_g N$  is a graded *n*-secondary submodule of *M* for every  $a_g \in h(R) \setminus Ann_R(N)$ .

#### Theorem

Let *n* be a positive integer, *R* a *G*-graded ring and  $f: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  a graded *R*-module homomorphism. If *N* is a graded *n*-secondary submodule of  $M_1$  with  $f(N) \neq 0$ , then f(N) is a graded *n*-secondary submodule of  $M_2$ .

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Let *n* be a positive integer, *R* a *G*-graded ring, *M* a graded *R*-module and *L*, *N* two graded submodules of *M* with  $L \subset N$ . If *N* is a graded *n*-secondary submodule of *M*, then  $\frac{N}{L}$  is a graded *n*-secondary submodule of the graded *R*-module  $\frac{M}{L}$ .

Let *m* be a positive integer,  $R_i$  a *G*-graded ring,  $M_i$  a graded  $R_i$ -module for every  $1 \le i \le m$ ,  $R = R_1 \times \ldots \times R_m$  and  $M = M_1 \times \ldots \times M_m$ . Clearly, *R* is a *G*-graded ring with  $R_g = R_{1_g} \times \ldots \times R_{m_g}$  and *M* a graded *R*-module with  $M_g = M_{1_g} \times \ldots \times M_{m_g}$  for every  $g \in G$ , see [14]. It is easy to show that every graded submodule of the graded *R*-module  $M = M_1 \times \ldots \times M_m$  is of the form  $N = N_1 \times \ldots \times N_m$ , where  $N_i$  is a graded submodule of  $M_i$  for every  $1 \le i \le m$ . In this case, we call  $N_i$ 's the graded components of N.

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Let m, n be two positive integers and R, M the same as in above. If N is a graded *n*-secondary submodule of M, then every non-zero graded component  $N_j$  of N is a graded *n*-secondary submodule of the graded  $R_j$ -module  $M_j$ , where  $1 \le j \le m$ .

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