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**Abstract.** Let  $S$  be a commutative semiring with unity and  $M$  be an unitary left  $S$ -semimodule. Let  $\phi : T(M) \rightarrow T(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$  be a function, where  $T(M)$  is the set of all subsemimodules of  $M$ . A proper subsemimodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called a  $\phi$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$  if  $s \in S$ ,  $x \in M$ ,  $sx \in N \setminus \phi(N)$ , then either  $s \in (N : M)$  or  $x \in N$ . In this paper, we study the concept of  $\phi$ -prime subsemimodule which is a generalization of  $\phi$ -prime ideal in a commutative ring and give some characterizations in terms of  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodules.

**Keywords:** Semiring; Semimodule;  $\phi$ -prime subsemimodule;  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule.

### 1. Introduction

D.D. Anderson and E. Smith in [2], have first introduced the concept of a weakly prime ideal in a commutative ring with unity for the study of factorizations in a commutative ring with zero divisors. S.M. Bhatwadekar and P.K. Sharma in [10], have extended the concept in terms of almost prime ideals in commutative ring with non zero identity. Further, D.D. Anderson and M. Bataineh in [1] have generalized this concept and define the notion of  $\phi$ -prime ideals in

commutative ring. Recently, N. Zamani in [16], has introduced the notion of  $\phi$ -prime submodule and prove analogous of some of the properties of  $\phi$ -prime ideals of commutative ring for  $\phi$ -prime submodules. Recent work on the topics of semimodules have been considered and studied in [8], [9], [3], [6], [7], [10] and [13].

In this paper, we have extended the results of prime ideals of commutative ring to prime subsemimodules of semimodules. By a commutative semiring we mean a commutative semigroup  $(S, \cdot)$  and a commutative monoid  $(S, +, 0_s)$  in which  $0_s$  is the additive identity and  $0_s \cdot x = x \cdot 0_s = 0_s$  for all  $x \in S$ , both are connected by the ring like distributivity. A non-empty subset  $I$  of a semiring  $S$  is called an ideal of  $S$  if  $a, b \in I$  and  $s \in S$ , then  $a + b \in I$  and  $sa, as \in I$ . An ideal  $I$  of a semiring  $S$  is called subtractive if  $a, a + b \in I, b \in S$  then  $b \in I$ . A prime ideal  $P$  of a semiring  $S$  is an ideal with the property that for  $a, b \in S$ ,  $ab \in P$  implies  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$ . A proper ideal  $P$  of a commutative semiring is called weakly prime if  $0 \neq ab \in P$  implies  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$ . A prime ideal is always a weakly prime ideal of a semiring  $S$  but converse needs not be true.

Let  $S$  be a semiring. A left  $S$ -semimodule  $M$  is a commutative monoid  $(M, +)$  which have a zero element  $0_M$ , together with an operation  $S \times M \rightarrow M$ , denoted by  $(a, x) \rightarrow ax$  such that for all  $a, b \in S$  and  $x, y \in M$ ,

- (1)  $a(x + y) = ax + ay$ ,
- (2)  $(a + b)x = ax + bx$ ,
- (3)  $(ab)x = a(bx)$ ,
- (4)  $0_s \cdot x = 0_M = a \cdot 0_M$ .

A non-empty subset  $N$  of a left  $S$ -semimodule  $M$  is called subtractive if  $a, a + b \in N, b \in M$  then  $b \in N$ .

A left  $S$ -semimodule  $M$  is called cyclic if  $M$  can be generated by a single element, that is,  $M = \langle m \rangle = Sm = \{sm : s \in S\}$  for some  $m$  in  $M$ . A left  $S$ -semimodule  $M$  is called cancellative if whenever  $rx = sx$  for elements  $r, s \in S$  and  $x \in M$  then  $r = s$ . Let  $M$  be a left  $S$ -semimodule. An equivalence relation  $\rho$  of  $M$  is said to be a congruence relation if  $(a, b) \in \rho$  implies  $(a + c, b + c) \in \rho$  for all  $c \in M$  and  $(ra, rb) \in \rho$  for all  $r \in S$ . Let  $N$  be a subsemimodule of  $M$ . The Bourne relation (Latorre 1965)  $\rho$  on  $M$  is defined as

$$\rho = \{(x, y) \in M \times M : x + i = y + j \text{ for some } i, j \in N\}.$$

Then  $\rho$  is a congruence relation on  $M$ . Hence  $M/\rho$  can be made into a left  $S$ -semimodule under  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$  defined by

$$x\rho \oplus y\rho = (x + y)\rho \quad \text{and} \quad a \odot x\rho = (ax)\rho.$$

This left  $S$ -semimodule is called the quotient semimodule of  $M$  modulo  $N$  and is denoted by  $M/N$ . An element  $s \in S$  is called a zero-divisor for a semimodule  $M$  if  $sm = 0$  for some nonzero element  $m$  of  $M$ .  $Z_S(M)$  denotes the set of all zero divisors of  $M$ . A proper subsemimodule  $N$  of  $M$  is said to be a prime subsemimodule of  $M$ , if  $ax \in N, a \in S$  and  $x \in M$  then either  $x \in N$  or

$a \in (N : M)$  where  $(N : M) = \{a \in S : aM \subseteq N\}$  is an associated ideal of  $S$ . A proper subsemimodule  $N$  of  $M$  is said to be a weakly prime if whenever  $a \in S$ ,  $x \in M$ ,  $0 \neq ax \in N$  implies  $x \in N$  or  $a \in (N : M)$ . It is easy to prove that prime subsemimodule is always a weakly prime subsemimodule of an  $S$ -semimodule  $M$ .

Throughout this paper,  $S$  will always denote a commutative semiring with identity  $1 \neq 0$  and left  $S$ -semimodule means unitary semimodules.

## 2. $\phi$ -Prime Subsemimodules

In this section we introduce the notion of  $\phi$ -prime subsemimodules of  $M$  and give their characterizations.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $T(M)$  be the set of all subsemimodules of  $M$  and  $\phi : T(M) \rightarrow T(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$  be a function. A proper subsemimodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called a  $\phi$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$  if  $s \in S$ ,  $x \in M$  and  $sx \in N \setminus \phi(N)$  implies that  $s \in (N : M)$  or  $x \in N$ .

As  $N \setminus \phi(N) = N \setminus (N \cap \phi(N))$ , so without loss of generality, we assume throughout the paper that  $\phi(N) \subseteq N$ . The illustration of  $\phi$ -prime subsemimodule is as follows. Let  $S$  be a commutative semiring and  $\phi : T(M) \rightarrow T(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$  be a function. Define

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_\emptyset(N) &= \emptyset, \quad \forall N \in T(M) \\ \phi_0(N) &= \{0\}, \quad \forall N \in T(M) \\ \phi_1(N) &= (N : M)N, \quad \forall N \in T(M) \\ \phi_2(N) &= (N : M)^2N, \quad \forall N \in T(M) \\ \phi_\omega(N) &= \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} (N : M)^i N, \quad \forall N \in T(M)\end{aligned}$$

It is clear that  $\phi_\emptyset$ ,  $\phi_0$ -prime subsemimodules are prime, weakly prime subsemimodules respectively.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $S$  be a semiring and  $M$  be an  $S$ -semimodule. Then a proper subsemimodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$ , if  $N$  and  $\phi(N)$  (that is,  $\phi_0(N), \phi_1(N), \dots, \phi_\omega(N)$ ), both are subtractive subsemimodules of  $M$ .

Clearly, every  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$  is a subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$  and it is easy to see that for any  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule and for every positive integer  $n$ , we have prime subsemimodules  $\Rightarrow \phi_\omega$ -prime  $\Rightarrow \phi_n$ -prime  $\Rightarrow \phi_{n-1}$ -prime.

*Example 2.3.* Every submodule of an  $R$ -module is an  $M$ -subtractive.

*Example 2.4.* Let  $S$  be  $Z^* = (Z_0^+, +, \cdot)$ .

- (1) Consider the subsemimodule  $N = 2Z_0^+$  of an  $S$ -semimodule  $M = (Z_0^+, +)$ . Then the associated ideal  $(N : M)$  of  $N$  is  $\{0, 2, 4, \dots\}$ . Clearly,  $\phi_1(N)$  is a subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$ . Therefore  $N$  is an  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$ .
- (2) Consider  $N = 2Z^* \times 2Z^*$  be a subsemimodule of an  $S$ -semimodule  $M = Z^* \times Z^*$ . Then  $N$  and  $\phi_1(N)$  are subtractive subsemimodules of  $M$ . Therefore,  $N$  is an  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$ .
- (3) Consider the semimodule  $M = (Z_{12}, +)$ , where  $Z_{12}$  is the set of all positive integers modulo 12. Then  $N = \{0, 4, 8\}$  is a subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$  and the associated ideal  $(N : M)$  of  $N$  is  $\{0, 4, 8\}$  and so  $\phi_1(N) = \{0, 4, 8\}$ . Therefore,  $\phi_1(N)$  is subtractive. Consequently,  $N$  is an  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$ .

**Result 2.5.** Let  $M$  be an  $S$ -semimodule and  $N$  be a proper subsemimodule of  $M$ . Then for  $x \in M$ , the following holds.

- (1) If  $N$  is subtractive then  $(N : M)$  is a subtractive ideal of  $S$ .
- (2) If  $N$  is subtractive then  $(N : x)$  is a subtractive ideal of  $S$ , where  $(N : x) = \{r \in S : rx \in N\}$ .
- (3) If  $N$  is subtractive then  $(0 : M)$  is a subtractive ideal of  $S$ , where  $(0 : M) = \{r \in S : rM = 0\}$ .

*Proof.* Proofs are elementary and hence omitted. ■

**Result 2.6.** [13] Let  $I$  and  $J$  be two subtractive ideals in  $S$ . Then  $I \cup J$  is a subtractive ideal of  $S$  if and only if  $I \cup J = I$  or  $I \cup J = J$ .

*Proof.* Proof is straight forward. ■

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $S$  be a commutative semiring and  $M$  be an  $S$ -semimodule. Let  $\phi : T(M) \rightarrow T(M) \cup \{\emptyset\}$  be a function and  $N$  be a  $\phi$ -prime  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$  such that  $(N : M)N \not\subseteq \phi(N)$ . Then  $N$  is a prime subsemimodule of  $M$ .

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be a  $\phi$ -prime  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$  and  $ax \in N$  for some  $a \in S$  and  $x \in M$ . Let  $ax \notin \phi(N)$ , then  $ax \in N \setminus \phi(N)$ , which gives,  $a \in (N : M)$  or  $x \in N$ , as  $N$  is a  $\phi$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . Therefore,  $N$  is prime. So, let  $ax \in \phi(N)$ . Then we can assume that  $aN \subseteq \phi(N)$  because if  $aN \not\subseteq \phi(N)$ , then there exists  $n \in N$  such that  $an \notin \phi(N)$  and  $an \in N$ . Therefore,  $a(x+n) \in N \setminus \phi(N)$ . Thus we have either  $a \in (N : M)$  or  $x+n \in N$ , that is,  $a \in (N : M)$  or  $x \in N$ , as  $N$  is an  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$ . So  $N$  is a prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . Next, suppose that  $(N : M)x \subseteq \phi(N)$ .

If  $(N : M)x \not\subseteq \phi(N)$ , then there exists  $u \in (N : M)$  such that  $ux \in (N : M)x$  but  $ux \notin \phi(N)$ . This implies,  $(a + u)x \in N \setminus \phi(N)$ . Since  $N$  is a  $\phi$ -prime  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule, we have either  $a + u \in (N : M)$  or  $x \in N$ , that is,  $a \in (N : M)$  or  $x \in N$ . Therefore,  $N$  is prime. Since  $(N : M)N \not\subseteq \phi(N)$ , then there exist some  $r \in (N : M)$  and  $n_1 \in N$  such that  $rn_1 \notin \phi(N)$ . So  $(a + r)(x + n_1) \in N \setminus \phi(N)$  and hence  $(a + r) \in (N : M)$  or  $(x + n_1) \in N$ , that is,  $a \in (N : M)$  or  $x \in N$ . Therefore, in any case, we have  $N$  is a prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . ■

**Corollary 2.8.** *Let  $N$  be a weakly prime  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule of an  $S$ -semimodule  $M$  such that  $(N : M)N \neq \{0\}$ . Then  $N$  is a prime subsemimodule of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is obvious by taking  $\phi = \phi_0$  in the above theorem. ■

**Corollary 2.9.** *Let  $M$  be an  $S$ -semimodule and  $N$  be a  $\phi$ -prime  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$  such that  $\phi(N) \subseteq (N : M)^2N$ . Then for every  $a \in S$  and  $x \in M$ ,  $ax \in N \setminus \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} (N : M)^iN$  implies that  $a \in (N : M)$  or  $x \in N$ , that is,  $N$  is a  $\phi_\omega$ -prime.*

*Proof.* If  $N$  is a prime subsemimodule of  $M$ , then there is nothing to prove. Suppose  $N$  is not a prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . Then by above theorem, we have  $(N : M)N \subseteq \phi(N) \subseteq (N : M)^2N \subseteq (N : M)N$ . This implies  $\phi(N) = (N : M)N = (N : M)^2N$ . Thus,  $\phi(N) = (N : M)^iN$  for all  $i \geq 1$ . Hence,  $N$  is a  $\phi_\omega$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . ■

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $M$  be a cancellative  $S$ -semimodule and  $0 \neq x \in M$  be such that  $Sx \neq M$  and  $Sx$  is an  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$ . If  $Sx$  is not a prime subsemimodule of  $M$ , then  $Sx$  is not  $\phi_1$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $Sx$  is not a prime subsemimodule of  $M$ , then there exist  $a \in S$  and  $y \in M$  such that  $a \notin (Sx : M)$  and  $y \notin Sx$ , but  $ay \in Sx$ . Suppose  $Sx$  is a  $\phi_1$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$  and let  $ay \notin (Sx : M)Sx$ . Then  $ay \in Sx \setminus (Sx : M)Sx$  gives  $a \in (Sx : M)$  or  $y \in Sx$ , a contradiction.

Again, let  $ay \in (Sx : M)Sx$ . We have  $y + x \notin Sx$  (as  $Sx$  is subtractive) and  $a(y + x) \in Sx$ . If  $a(y + x) \notin (Sx : M)Sx$ , then  $a(y + x) \in Sx \setminus (Sx : M)Sx$  gives  $a \in (Sx : M)$  or  $y + x \in Sx$ , that is,  $a \in (Sx : M)$  or  $y \in Sx$ , a contradiction. So, we let  $a(y + x) \in (Sx : M)Sx$ . Then  $ax \in (Sx : M)Sx$  (as  $Sx$  is  $M$ -subtractive). Therefore,  $ax = r \cdot 1 \cdot x = rx$ , for some  $r \in (Sx : M)$  and  $M$  is an unitary semimodule, which gives  $a = r$ , as  $M$  is a cancellative semimodule. Therefore, we have  $r = a \in (Sx : M)$ , again we get a contradiction. Hence,  $Sx$  is not a  $\phi_1$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . ■

**Corollary 2.11.** *Let  $M$  be a cancellative  $S$ -semimodule and  $0 \neq x \in M$  be such that  $Sx \neq M$  and  $Sx$  is an  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$ . Then  $Sx$  is a*

prime subsemimodule of  $M$  if and only if  $Sx$  is a  $\phi_1$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ .

**Definition 2.12.** Let  $M$  be an  $S$ -semimodule. Then a semimodule  $M$  is called  $M$ -cancellative if whenever  $rm = rn$  for elements  $m, n \in M$  and  $r \in S$  then  $m = n$ .

Further, we give another characterization of  $\phi_1$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ .

**Theorem 2.13.** Let  $M$  be an  $M$ -cancellative  $S$ -semimodule and  $a \in S$  be such that  $aM \neq M$ . Let  $aM$  be an  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$ . Then  $aM$  is a  $\phi_1$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$  if and only if  $aM$  is a prime subsemimodule of  $M$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $aM$  is a  $\phi_1$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . Let  $rx \in aM$ , where  $r \in S$  and  $x \in M$ . If  $rx \notin (aM : M)aM$ , then  $r \in (aM : M)$  or  $x \in aM$ , as  $aM$  is a  $\phi_1$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . Therefore,  $aM$  is a prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . So, we can assume  $rx \in (aM : M)aM$ . Also,  $(r + a)x \in aM$ . If  $(r + a)x \notin (aM : M)aM$ , then  $(r + a)x \in aM \setminus (aM : M)aM$ , this implies  $(r + a) \in (aM : M)$  or  $x \in aM$ , that is,  $r \in (aM : M)$  or  $x \in aM$ . Hence, the result follows. Again, suppose  $(r + a)x \in (aM : M)aM$ , which gives  $ax \in (aM : M)aM$ , as  $aM$  is an  $M$ -subtractive. Therefore, there exists  $y \in (aM : M)M$  such that  $ax = ay$ , which gives  $x = y$  (as  $M$  is an  $M$ -cancellative). Hence,  $x = y \in (aM : M)M \subseteq aM$ . Consequently,  $aM$  is a prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . Converse is obvious. ■

**Theorem 2.14.** Let  $S$  be a semiring and  $M$  be an  $S$ -semimodule. Let  $N$  be a proper  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $N$  is a  $\phi$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ ;
- (2) If  $x \in M \setminus N$ , then  $(N : x) = (N : M) \cup (\phi(N) : x)$ ;
- (3) If  $x \in M \setminus N$ , then  $(N : x) = (N : M)$  or  $(N : x) = (\phi(N) : x)$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Let  $x \in M \setminus N$  and  $r \in (N : x)$ . Then  $rx \in N$ . If  $rx \in \phi(N)$ , then  $r \in (\phi(N) : x)$ . Therefore, the result follows. Again, if  $rx \notin \phi(N)$ , then  $rx \in N \setminus \phi(N)$ , therefore,  $r \in (N : M)$ , because  $N$  is a  $\phi$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . Thus, we have  $(N : x) = (N : M) \cup (\phi(N) : x)$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Let  $(N : x) = (N : M) \cup (\phi(N) : x)$  for  $x \in M \setminus N$ . Then either  $(N : x) = (N : M)$  or  $(N : x) = (\phi(N) : x)$  because if an ideal is a union of two subtractive ideals then it is equal to one of them (by Result 2.6). Therefore, the inclusion follows.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Suppose that  $rx \in N \setminus \phi(N)$  for some  $r \in S$  and  $x \in M$ . Then  $rx \in N$  and  $rx \notin \phi(N)$  implies  $r \in (N : x)$  and  $r \notin (\phi(N) : x)$ . Therefore,  $(N : x) \neq (\phi(N) : x)$ . Hence, by given assumption, we have  $(N : x) = (N : M)$ . Therefore,  $r \in (N : M)$  and hence  $N$  is a  $\phi$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . ■

**Corollary 2.15.** *Let  $S$  be a semiring and  $M$  be an  $S$ -semimodule. Let  $N$  be a proper subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $N$  is a weakly prime subsemimodule of  $M$ .
- (2)  $(N : x) = (N : M) \cup (0 : x)$ , for any  $x \in M \setminus N$ .
- (3)  $(N : x) = (N : M)$  or  $(N : x) = (0 : x)$ , for any  $x \in M \setminus N$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows from above theorem by taking  $\phi = \phi_0$ . ■

**Theorem 2.16.** *Let  $N$  be a proper  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$ . Then  $N$  is a  $\phi$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$  if and only if  $IP \subseteq N \setminus \phi(N)$  for some ideal  $I$  of  $S$  and a subsemimodule  $P$  of  $M$ , implies either  $I \subseteq (N : M)$  or  $P \subseteq N$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $N$  is a  $\phi$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $S$  and  $P$  be a subsemimodule of  $M$  such that  $IP \subseteq N \setminus \phi(N)$ . Suppose  $P \not\subseteq N$ . We show  $I \subseteq (N : M)$ . Let  $a \in I$  and  $x \in P \setminus N$ . Then  $ax \in IP \subseteq N \setminus \phi(N)$ . By Theorem 2.14,  $(N : x) = (N : M)$  or  $(N : x) = (\phi(N) : x)$ . Since  $ax \in N \setminus \phi(N)$ , therefore  $(N : x) \neq (\phi(N) : x)$ . Hence  $(N : x) = (N : M)$ . Thus  $a \in (N : M)$ . This implies that  $I \subseteq (N : M)$ . Conversely, let  $ax \in N \setminus \phi(N)$  for some  $a \in S$  and  $x \in M$ . Considering the ideal generated by  $a$ ,  $\langle a \rangle$  and subsemimodule generated by  $x$ ,  $\langle x \rangle$ , we have  $\langle a \rangle \langle x \rangle \subseteq N \setminus \phi(N)$ . By given supposition, we have  $\langle a \rangle \subseteq (N : M)$  or  $\langle x \rangle \subseteq N$  and thus  $a \in (N : M)$  or  $x \in N$ . Hence,  $N$  is a  $\phi$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . ■

**Proposition 2.17.** *Let  $N$  be a  $\phi_1$ -prime  $M$ -subtractive subsemimodule of  $M$ . Then the following holds:*

- (1) *If  $a$  is a zero divisor in  $M/N$ , then  $aN \subseteq (N : M)N$ .*
- (2) *Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $S$  such that  $(N : M) \subseteq I$  and  $I \subseteq Z_S(M/N)$ . Then  $IN = (N : M)N$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Since  $a$  is a zero divisor in  $M/N$ , therefore there exists  $x \in M \setminus N$  such that  $ax \in N$ . If  $a \in (N : M)$ , then clearly  $aN \subseteq (N : M)N$ . So let  $a \notin (N : M)$ . Then we must have  $ax \in (N : M)N$ , as  $N$  is a  $\phi_1$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . Let  $y \in N$ . Then  $y + x \notin N$  and  $a(y + x) \in N$  (as  $N$  is subtractive). Since  $N$  is a  $\phi_1$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ , therefore  $a(y + x) \in (N : M)N$ , which gives  $ay \in (N : M)N$ . Hence  $aN \subseteq (N : M)N$ , which is required.

(2) The result follows from (1). ■

**Theorem 2.18.** *Let  $S$  be a commutative semiring and  $M$  be a cyclic  $S$ -semimodule. Let  $N$  be a  $\phi_1$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . Then  $(N : M)$  is a  $\phi_2$ -prime ideal of  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $ab \in (N : M) \setminus \phi_2(N : M)$  for some  $a, b \in S$  and  $a \notin (N : M)$ . Let  $M = Sx$ . Therefore,  $ab \in (N : M)$  and  $ab \notin \phi_2(N : M)$ . We have



$(N : M)^2 = ((N : M)N : M)$ . This gives  $abM \subseteq N$  and  $abM \not\subseteq (N : M)N$ . So,  $abx \in N$  but  $abx \notin (N : M)N$ , that is,  $abx \in N \setminus \phi_2(N)$ . Therefore  $b \in (N : M)$ , because  $ax \notin N$  and  $N$  is a  $\phi_1$ -prime subsemimodule of  $M$ . Hence  $(N : M)$  is a  $\phi_2$ -prime ideal of  $S$ . ■

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