

A topology and the frame attached to a set of primitive submodules

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Abstract

For a multiplication R -module M we define the primitive topology \mathcal{T} on the set $\text{Prt}(M)$ of primitive submodules of M . We prove that if R is a commutative ring and M is a multiplication R -module, then the complete lattice $\text{Sprt}(M)$ of semiprimitive submodules of M is a spatial frame. When M is projective in the category $\sigma[M]$, we obtain that the topological spaces $(\text{Prt}(M), \mathcal{T})$ and $(\text{Prt}(R), \mathcal{T})$ are homeomorphic. As an application, we prove that if M is projective in the category $\sigma[M]$, then $\text{Prt}(R)$ has classical Krull dimension if and only if $\text{Prt}(M)$ has classical Krull dimension.

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0 Introduction

Multiplication modules were introduced by Barnard [4] and have been studied by several authors [2], [3], [10], [18] and [20]. The relationship between the algebraic properties of a ring and the topological properties of the Zariski topology defined on its prime spectrum has been studied in [11] and [12]. In this paper, we consider the concept of primitive and semiprimitive modules given in [16]. Given a multiplication module M over a commutative ring R , we consider the Primitive Topology for the poset $\text{Prt}(M)$ of primitive submodules of M .

In [9], [13], [14] and [15] the authors introduce a framework of lattice structure theory to analyze the submodules of a given module; in particular, interesting results are obtained by specializing to the lattice $\text{Sub}(M)$ of submodules of M . These authors also observe some topological aspects of certain frames constructed in those papers and whose consideration eventually leads to the construction of some spatial frames. [17] A spatial frame F is a frame which is a lattice isomorphic to the set of open subsets of topological space X . In this paper we take that point of view and we extend the results to the framework of primitive submodules of a multiplication module.

The organization of the paper is as follows:

Section 1 provides the material needed for reading the subsequent sections.

Section 2 is dedicated to primitive (semiprimitive) modules. We give the relationship between primitive (semiprimitive) submodules of a multiplication R -module M and primitive ideals of the ring R . In this section we prove there exists bijective correspondence between maximal submodules of M and maximal ideals of R .

In Section 3 we define the Primitive Topology on the set $\text{Prt}(M)$ of the primitive submodules of the a multiplication module M and we describe a basis of open sets of this topology.

Section 4 is dedicated to the spatial frame $\text{Sprt}(M)$ of the semiprimitive submodules of M . We prove that $\text{Sprt}(M)$ is a spatial frame and we prove that the topological spaces $(\text{Prt}(M), \mathcal{T})$ and $(\text{Prt}(R), \mathcal{T})$ are homeomorphic.

In section 5 we give an application. We prove that if R is a commutative ring and M is a faithful multiplication R -module and $QM \neq M$ for all maximal ideal Q of R , then $\text{Prt}(R)$ has classical Krull dimension if and only if $\text{Prt}(M)$ has classical Krull dimension, and moreover, $\text{cl.K dim}(\text{Prt}(R)) = \text{cl.K dim}(\text{Prt}(M))$.

In this paper all rings are associative with an identity, except for some results where R will denote a commutative ring with unity and $R\text{-Mod}$ will denote the category of unitary left R -modules. An R -module M is a multiplication module if for every submodule N of M , there exists an ideal I of R such that $N = IM$.

Let M and X be R -modules. Then X is said to be M -generated if there exists an R -epimorphism from a direct sum of copies of M onto X . The trace of M in X is defined as $\text{tr}^M(X) = \sum_{f \in \text{Hom}_R(M, X)} f(M)$; thus X is M -generated if and only if $\text{tr}^M(X) = X$.

Let M be a module. Any module that is isomorphic to a submodule of some homomorphic image of a direct sum of copies of M is called M -subgenerated. The full subcategory of the category of all modules whose objects are all M -subgenerated modules is denoted by $\sigma[M]$. For a ring R , $\sigma[M]$ consists of all R -modules if and only if $R \in \sigma[M]$. Let M and U be modules. M is called U -projective if for every epimorphism $g : U \rightarrow X$ and homomorphism $f : M \rightarrow X$, there exists a homomorphism $h : M \rightarrow U$ such that $g \circ h = f$. A module M is called projective in $\sigma[M]$ if M is U -projective for every $U \in \sigma[M]$. If N is an R -module $\text{ann}(N) = \{r \in R \mid rN = 0\}$.

1 Preliminaries

In this section we provide the material needed for reading the following sections. We use the product of modules defined in [6] and we show that if M is a multiplication R -module (when R is a ring with commutative multiplication of ideals, in particular when R is a commutative ring), then this product of modules is commutative and associative.

Definition 1.1. [7, Definition 1.1] Let R be a ring and $M \in R\text{-Mod}$. Let K be a submodule of M and $L \in R\text{-Mod}$. We define the product

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

Note that if $M = R$, then Definition 1.1, then $K_M L$ is the product of left ideals of the ring R . Also note that given a submodule N of M , there exists a submodule $\overline{N} \subset M$ such that \overline{N} is the least fully invariant submodule of M which contains N . In fact, we have

that $\overline{N} = \sum \{f(N) \mid f \in \text{Hom}(M, M)\}$. Therefore $\overline{N} = N_M M$. Moreover, if K and L are submodules of M , then

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

Therefore $\overline{K}_M L = K_M L$.

Notice that if X is an R -module, then $\text{tr}^M(X) = \sum_{f \in \text{Hom}_R(M, X)} f(M) = M_M X$. Thus X is M generated if and only if $M_M X = X$.

Definition 1.2. [7, Definition 1.1] Let M be a nonzero module.

i) A proper fully invariant submodule N of M is called prime in M if $K_M L \subseteq N$, then $K \subseteq N$ or $L \subseteq N$ for any fully invariant submodules K, L of M . The module M is called a prime module if 0 is a prime submodule in M . Note that if M has no nonzero proper fully invariant submodules, then M is prime.

ii) A proper fully invariant submodule N of M is called semiprime in M if $K_M K \subseteq N$, then $K \subseteq N$ for any fully invariant submodule K of M . The module M is called a semiprime module if 0 is a semiprime submodule in M .

Definition 1.3. [5, definition 1.1] Let M and X be R -modules. The annihilator of X in M is defined as

$$\text{Ann}_M(X) = \bigcap \{ \text{Ker}(f) \mid f \in \text{Hom}_R(M, X) \}.$$

Notice that by [7, Proposition 1.9] we have that $\text{Ann}_M(X)$ is a fully invariant submodule of M and is the greatest submodule of M such that $\text{Ann}_M(X)_M X = 0$. Also, notice that $\text{Ann}_M(X)_M X = M$ if and only if $\text{Hom}_R(M, X) = 0$.

Proposition 1.4. [7, Proposition 1.3] Let $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ and K, K' be submodules of M . Then:

- 1) If $K \subset K'$, then $K_M X \subset K'_M X$ for every $X \in R\text{-Mod}$.
- 2) If $X \in R\text{-Mod}$ and $Y \subseteq X$, then $K_M Y \subseteq K_M X$.
- 3) $M_M X = \text{tr}^M(X)$ for every $X \in R\text{-Mod}$.
- 4) $0_M X = 0$ for every $X \in R\text{-Mod}$.
- 5) $K_M X = 0$ if and only if $f(K) = 0$ for all $f \in \text{Hom}(M, X)$.
- 6) If X, Y are submodules for any module $N \in R\text{-Mod}$, then $K_M X + K_M Y \subseteq K_M(X + Y)$.

$$7) \text{ If } \{K_i\}_{i \in I} \text{ is a family of submodules of } M, \text{ then } \left[\sum_{i \in I} K_i \right]_M N = \sum_{i \in I} K_i M N.$$

$$8) \text{ If } \{X_i\}_{i \in I} \text{ is a family of } R\text{-modules, then } K_M \left[\bigoplus_{i \in I} X_i \right] = \bigoplus_{i \in I} K_M X_i.$$

Remark 1.5. By [9, Lemma 1.3] we have that if R is a commutative ring and M is a multiplication R -module, then M generates all its submodules. Thus $M_M N = N$ for all submodule N of M . Moreover by [9, Proposition 1.4 and Corollary 1.5] we have that $N_M L = L_M N$ and $(N_M L)_M K = N_M(L_M K)$ for all N, L and K submodules of M .

Notice that the product of submodules of M is not associative in general. We consider the example in [8, Remark 1.26]. In that example we have that K is a submodule of $M = E(S)$. Moreover $K_M K = S$ and $S_M K = 0$. Therefore $(K_M K)_M K = S_M K = 0$, but $K_M (K_M K) = K_M S = S$. Hence we have that $(K_M K)_M K \neq K_M (K_M K)$.

Lemma 1.6. *Let R be a commutative ring and let I be an ideal of R . If $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ is a multiplication module and S is an R -module, then $(IM)_M S = I(M_M S)$.*

Proof. We have that

$$(IM)_M S = \sum_{f:M \rightarrow S} f(IM) = \sum_{f:M \rightarrow S} I f(M) = I \left(\sum_{f:M \rightarrow S} f(M) \right) = I(M_M S)$$

□

Proposition 1.7. *Let R be a commutative ring, let M be a multiplication R -module and let I be an ideal of R . If S is an R -module generated by M such that $(IM)_M S = 0$, then $IS = 0$.*

Proof. By 1.6 we have that $(IM)_M S = I(M_M S)$. As S is generated by M , then $M_M S = S$. Thus $0 = (IM)_M S = I(M_M S) = IS$. □

Proposition 1.8. *Let R be a commutative ring. If M is a multiplication R -module and N is a submodule of M , then N is a fully invariant submodule of M .*

Proof. By Remark 1.5 we have that $M_M N = N$ and $M_M N = N_M M$. Hence $N_M M = N$. As

$$N_M M = \sum_{f:M \rightarrow M} f(N), \text{ then } \sum_{f:M \rightarrow M} f(N) = N.$$

We deduce that $f(N) \subseteq N$ for all morphism $f : M \rightarrow M$. Thus N is a fully invariant submodule of M . □

Notice that if R is a ring with a commutative multiplication of ideals and M is a multiplication module, then

$$N_M \sum_{i \in I} K_i = \left[\sum_{i \in I} K_i \right]_M N = \sum_{i \in I} (K_i)_M N = \sum_{i \in I} (N_M K_i)$$

for every family of submodules $\{K_i\}_{i \in I}$ of M .

Proposition 1.9. *Let R be a commutative ring. If M is a multiplication R -module and N is a maximal submodule of M , then N is a prime submodule of M .*

Proof. By Proposition 1.8 we have that N is a fully invariant submodule of M . Let K and T be submodules of M such that $K_M T \subseteq N$. If $K \not\subseteq N$, then $K + N = M$. By Remark 1.5 we have that $T = M_M T$. Thus

$$T = M_M T = (K + N)_M T = K_M T + N_M T = K_M T + T_M N.$$

As $K_M T \subseteq N$ and $T_M N \subseteq N$, then $T = K_M T + T_M N \subseteq N$, which implies that N is a prime submodule of M . \square

Remark 1.10. *If R is a commutative ring and S is a simple R -module, then $\text{ann}(S)$ is a maximal ideal of r , which implies that $\text{ann}(S)$ is a prime ideal of R .*

Proposition 1.11. *Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a multiplication R -module projective in the category $\sigma[M]$. If S is a simple R -module generated by M , then $\text{Ann}_M(S)$ is a prime submodule of M .*

Proof. As M generates S , then $M_M S = S$. Hence $\text{Ann}_M(S) \subsetneq M$. Let K and L be submodules of M such that $K_M L \subseteq \text{Ann}_M(S)$. Thus $(K_M L)_M S = 0$. By [5, Proposition 5.6] we have that $0 = (K_M L)_M S = K_M(L_M S)$. As S is a simple module, then $L_M S = 0$ or $L_M S = S$. If $L_M S = 0$, then $L \subseteq \text{Ann}_M(S)$. If $L_M S = S$, then $0 = K_M(L_M S) = K_M S$, which implies that $K \subseteq \text{Ann}_M(S)$. Hence $\text{Ann}_M(S)$ is a prime submodule of M . \square

Remark 1.12. *By [10, Section 1] we have that $N = \text{ann}(M/N)M$ for any submodule N of a multiplication module M . By [9, Proposition 2.21] we have that if N is a prime submodule of M , then $\text{ann}(M/N)$ is a prime ideal.*

Proposition 1.13. *Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a faithful multiplication R -module such that M is a projective in the category $\sigma[M]$. If S is a simple R -module generated by M , then $\text{ann}(S) = \text{ann}(M/\text{Ann}_M(S))$.*

Proof. By Proposition we have that 1.11 $\text{Ann}_M(S)$ is a prime submodule of M . By Remark 1.12 we have that $\text{Ann}_M(S) = IM$ where $I = \text{ann}(M/\text{Ann}_M(S))$ is a prime ideal of R .

We shall prove that $\text{ann}(S) = I$. To do so, we put $J := \text{ann}(S)$. Since $\text{Ann}_M(S) = IM$, then $(IM)_M S = 0$. By Proposition 1.7 we have that $IS = 0$. Thus $I \subseteq \text{ann}(S) = J$. Now we consider the submodule JM of M . By Lemma 1.6 we have that $(JM)_M S = J(M_M S) = JS = 0$. As $\text{Ann}_M(S) = IM$, then $JM \subseteq IM$. By [9, Proposition 1.6] we have that $J \subseteq I$. Hence $J = \text{ann}(S) = I = \text{ann}(M/\text{Ann}_M(S))$. \square

2 Primitive, Semiprimitive and Maximal Submodules

In this section we use the concepts of primitive and semiprimitive modules. For a commutative ring we prove that if N is a primitive submodule of a multiplication R -submodule M , then $\text{ann}(M/N)$ is a primitive ideal of R . Also, we prove that there exists a bijective correspondence between the maximal submodules of M and the maximal ideals of R .

Definition 2.1. [16, Definition 3.2]. Let M be a module and P a proper submodule of M . The module P is called a primitive submodule of M if there exists a simple module $S \in \sigma[M]$ such that $P = \text{Ann}_M(S)$. The module M is called primitive if 0 is a primitive submodule of M .

Note that if $M = R$ and I is an ideal of R , then I is a primitive ideal in R in the sense of Definition 2.1 if and only if I is a primitive ideal.

Remark 2.2. If R a commutative ring and M is a nonzero multiplication R -module in [10, Theorem 2.5], the authors proved that every submodule of M is contained in a maximal submodule of M . Hence M contains maximal submodules. Thus if N is a maximal submodule of M , then $(M/N) \in \sigma[M]$ is a simple module and $P = \text{Ann}_M(M/N)$ is a primitive submodule of M .

Notice that by Proposition 1.11 we have that if M is projective in the category $\sigma[M]$, then every primitive submodule of M is a prime submodule of M .

Proposition 2.3. Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a faithful multiplication R -module. If S is a simple R -module generated by M such that $I = \text{ann}(S)$, then $\text{Ann}_M(S) = IM$ and therefore IM is a primitive submodule of M .

Proof. As S is generated by M , then $S \in \sigma[M]$. We claim that $\text{Ann}_M(S) = IM$. Indeed, by Lemma 1.6 we have that

$$(IM)_M S = I(M_M S) = IS = 0.$$

Hence, $IM \subseteq \text{Ann}_M(S)$. Since M is multiplication module and $\text{Ann}_M(S)$ is a submodule of M , then there exists an ideal J of R such that $\text{Ann}_M(S) = JM$. Thus $(JM)_M S = 0$. By Proposition 1.7 we have that $J_M S = 0$, which implies that $J \subseteq \text{ann}(S) = I$. Thus $JM \subseteq IM$. But $JM = \text{Ann}_M(S)$. So $\text{Ann}_M(S) \subseteq IM$. Hence, $\text{Ann}_M(S) = IM$. Therefore IM is a primary submodule of M . \square

Proposition 2.4. Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a faithful multiplication R -module such that M is projective in the category $\sigma[M]$. If N is a primitive submodule of M and M generates all the simple R -modules, then $\text{ann}(M/N)$ is a primitive ideal of R .

Proof. As N is a primitive submodule of M , then there exists an $S \in \sigma[M]$ simple module such that $N = \text{Ann}_M(S)$. By Proposition 1.13 we have that $\text{ann}(S) = \text{ann}(M/\text{Ann}_M(S))$. Thus $\text{ann}(S) = \text{ann}(M/N)$. Hence, $\text{ann}(M/N)$ is a primitive ideal of R . \square

Notice that the condition: M generates all the simple R -modules does not imply that $\sigma[M] = R\text{-Mod}$. We can see this in the following example:

Example 2.5. Let R be a commutative ring and $M = \bigoplus_{S \text{ is simple}} S$. Thus $\sigma[M] = \{N \mid N \text{ is semisimple } R\text{-module}\}$. So $\sigma[M] = R\text{-Mod}$ if and only if R is a semisimple ring. If $R = \mathbb{Z}$ and $M = \bigoplus_{p \text{ is prime number}} \mathbb{Z}_p$, then $\sigma[M] \neq \mathbb{Z}\text{-Mod}$.

Proposition 2.6. *Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a faithful multiplication R -module such that M is projective in the category $\sigma[M]$ and M generates all the simple R -modules. If N is a primitive submodule of M , then there exists only one primitive ideal $I = \text{ann}(M/N)$ of R , such that $N = IM$.*

Proof. Let J be a primitive ideal of R such that $M = JM$. Thus $IM = JM$. But I and J are prime ideals, so by [9, Proposition 1.9], we have that $I = J$. \square

Proposition 2.7. *Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a faithful multiplication R -module. Suppose that $QM \neq M$ for all maximal ideal Q of R . If P_α is a primitive ideal of R for every $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}$, then $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}} P_\alpha)M = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}} (P_\alpha M)$.*

Proof. It is well-known that every primitive ideal of R is prime ideal. Thus P_α is a prime ideal of R for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}$. The result follows from [9, Proposition 2.25] \square

Definition 2.8. *Let M be a module and Q a submodule of M . The module Q is called a semiprimitive submodule of M if $Q = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}} N_\alpha$ such that N_α is a primitive submodule of M for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}$. The module M is called semiprimitive if 0 is a semiprimitive submodule of M .*

Lemma 2.9. *Let R be a ring and let M be an R -module. If $\{N_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$ is a family of R -modules, then $\text{Ann}_M(\bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{I}} N_i) = \bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \text{Ann}_M(N_i)$.*

Proof. Since $N_i \subseteq \bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{I}} N_i$, then

$$\text{Ann}_M(\bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{I}} N_i) \subseteq \text{Ann}_M(N_i) \text{ for all } i \in \mathcal{I}. \text{ Thus } K_M N_i = 0 \text{ for all } i \in \mathcal{I}.$$

Thus

$$\text{Ann}_M(\bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{I}} N_i) \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \text{Ann}_M(N_i).$$

Now, we put $K = \bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \text{Ann}_M(N_i)$. Thus $K_M N_i = 0$ for all $i \in \mathcal{I}$. By Proposition 1.4 (8) we have that $K_M(\bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{I}} N_i) = 0$, which implies that $K \subseteq \text{Ann}_M(\bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{I}} N_i)$. Thus

$$\bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \text{Ann}_M(N_i) \subseteq \text{Ann}_M(\bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{I}} N_i).$$

So $\bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \text{Ann}_M(N_i) = \text{Ann}_M(\bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{I}} N_i)$. \square

Proposition 2.10. *Let R be a ring and let M be an R -module. If Q is a submodule of M , then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- i) Q is a semiprimitive submodule of M .*
- ii) $Q = \text{Ann}_M(T)$ where $T \in \sigma[M]$ is a semisimple module.*

Proof. *i) \Rightarrow ii)* As Q is a semiprimitive module, then $Q = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}} N_\alpha$ where N_α is a primitive submodule of M for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}$. So $\text{Ann}_M(S_\alpha) = N_\alpha$ for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}$, where $S_\alpha \in \sigma[M]$ is a simple R -module. By Lemma 2.9 we have that

$$\text{Ann}_M(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}} S_\alpha) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}} \text{Ann}_M(S_\alpha) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}} N_\alpha = Q.$$

Thus $T = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}} S_\alpha \in \sigma[M]$ and T is a semisimple module.

ii) \Rightarrow i) We suppose that $Q = \text{Ann}_M(T)$ with $T \in \sigma[M]$ is a semisimple module. Thus $T = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}} S_\alpha$, with $S_\alpha \in \sigma[M]$ is a simple R -module for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}$. By Lemma 2.9 we have that

$$Q = \text{Ann}_M(T) = \text{Ann}_M(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}} S_\alpha) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}} \text{Ann}_M(S_\alpha).$$

But $\text{Ann}_M(S_\alpha)$ is a primitive submodule of M for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}$. Thus Q is a semiprimitive submodule of M . \square

We know that a ring R is semiprimitive provided $\mathcal{J}(R) = 0$, where $\mathcal{J}(R)$ is the Jacobson radical of R . We give the counterpart in terms of modules in the following:

Proposition 2.11. *Let R be a ring and let M be an R -module. M is a semiprimitive module if and only if $\mathcal{J}(M) = 0$.*

Proof. \Rightarrow) As M is a semiprimitive module, then 0 is a semiprimitive submodule of M . Thus

$0 = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}} N_\alpha$, where N_α is a primitive submodule of M for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}$. By [16, Proposition 3.6] we have that

$$\mathcal{J}(M) = \bigcap \{N \subseteq M \mid N \text{ is primitive}\} \subseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}} N_\alpha = 0.$$

So $\mathcal{J}(M) = 0$.

\Leftarrow) As $\mathcal{J}(M) = 0$, then

$$0 = \mathcal{J}(M) = \bigcap \{N \subseteq M \mid N \text{ is primitive}\},$$

which implies that 0 is a semiprimitive submodule of M . Thus M is a primitive module. \square

We denote

$$\text{Prt}(M) = \{N \subseteq M \mid N \text{ is semiprimitive in } M\}$$

$$\text{Sprt}(M) = \{N \subseteq M \mid N \text{ is semiprimitive in } M\} \cup \{M\}$$

$$\text{Prt}(R) = \{I \subseteq R \mid I \text{ is a primitive ideal of } R\}$$

$$\text{Sprt}(R) = \{J \subseteq M \mid J \text{ is a semiprimitive ideal of } R\} \cup \{R\}$$

Proposition 2.12. *Let R be commutative and let M be a multiplication R -module. If T is a maximal ideal of R such that $TM \not\subseteq M$, then TM is maximal submodule of M .*

Proof. Suppose that TM is not a maximal submodule of M . Thus there exists L a proper submodule of M such that $TM \subsetneq L$. Hence there exists $x \in L$ and $x \notin TM$, we deduce that $TM + Rx \subseteq L \subsetneq M$. Since Rx is a submodule of M , then there exists an ideal I of the R such that $Rx = IM$. As $x \notin TM$, then $IM = Rx \not\subseteq TM$, which implies that $I \not\subseteq T$. As T is a maximal ideal, then $T + I = R$. Thus

$$M = RM = (T + I)M = TM + IM = TM + Rx \subseteq L \subsetneq M,$$

a contradiction. Thus TM is a maximal submodule of M . □

Remark 2.13. In [10, Theorem 2.5] the authors show that for a maximal submodule N of a multiplication R -module there exists a maximal ideal I of R such that $N = IM$.

Proposition 2.14. Let R be a commutative ring and M be a faithful multiplication R -module. If N is a maximal submodule of M , then there exists a unique maximal ideal T of R , such that $N = TM$.

Proof. Suppose that Q is another maximal ideal such that $N = QM$. Then T and Q are prime ideals of R , as they are maximal. By [9, Proposition 1.6] we have that $T = Q$. □

We denote

$$\text{Max}(M) = \{N \subseteq M \mid N \text{ is maximal}\} \text{ and } \text{Max}(R) = \{I \subseteq R \mid I \text{ is maximal}\}.$$

Proposition 2.15. Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a multiplication R -module. Suppose that $QM \neq M$ for any maximal ideal Q of R . Then there exists a bijective correspondence between $\text{Max}(M)$ and $\text{Max}(R)$.

Proof. By Proposition 2.14 for every N maximal submodule of M there exists only one maximal ideal T of R such that $N = TM$. So we define the mapping

$$\varphi : \text{Max}(M) \longrightarrow \text{Max}(R), \quad \varphi(N) := T$$

Now, we shall show that φ is bijective. We consider $N = TM$ and $L = QM$ such that $\varphi(N) = \varphi(L)$. Thus $TM = QM$. By [9, Corollary 1.7] we have that $T = Q$. So φ is injective. Let T be a maximal ideal of R . By Proposition 2.12 we have that $N = TM$ is a maximal submodule of M . So $\varphi(N) = T$. Hence φ is surjective. Thus φ is bijective. □

3 The Primitive Topology for the Set $\text{Prt}(M)$

In this section we define the primitive radical of an R -module and we give some properties of this radical. Also, we define a topology for the set of the primitive submodules of a module multiplication M . We describe the open sets of this topology and we give a basis of open sets for the topology.

Definition 3.1. Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a multiplication R -module. For N a submodule of M the radical of N in M is

$$\sqrt{N} = \cap \{P \subseteq M \mid P \text{ is a primitive submodule of } M \text{ and } N \subseteq P\}$$

If M has no primitive submodules P such that $N \subseteq P$, then $\sqrt{N} = M$. In particular $\sqrt{M} = M$.

Notice that by Remark 2.2 we have that $\text{Ann}_M(M/P)$ is a primitive submodule of M for all P maximal submodule of M . Also, note that by [10, Proposition 2.5] we have that every proper submodule M is contained in a maximal submodule of M . Moreover if M is projective in category $\sigma[M]$ and N is a proper submodule of M , which is contained in a maximal submodule P of M , then $N \subseteq P = \text{Ann}_M(M/P)$. Thus $\sqrt{N} \subsetneq M$ for all proper submodule N of M .

Proposition 3.2. *Let R be a commutative ring, let M be a multiplication R -module and let N be a proper submodule of M . If $\sqrt{N} \neq M$, then \sqrt{N} is the minimal semiprimitive submodule of M such that $N \subseteq \sqrt{N}$.*

Proof. As $\sqrt{N} \neq M$, then there exists P a primitive submodule of M such that $N \subseteq P$. So it is clear that \sqrt{N} is a semiprimitive module. Now let L be a semiprimitive module in M such that $N \subseteq L$. By Definition 2.8 we have that $L = \bigcap_{i \in I} P_i$ where P_i is primitive submodule of M for all $i \in I$. Since $N \subseteq L$, then $N \subseteq P_i$ all $i \in I$. Thus $\sqrt{N} \subseteq L$. \square

Proposition 3.3. *Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a multiplication R -module. Suppose that N and L are submodules of M , then the following conditions hold:*

- i) If $N \subseteq L$, then $\sqrt{N} \subseteq \sqrt{L}$.
- ii) $\sqrt{N} = \sqrt{\sqrt{N}}$.
- iii) $\sqrt{N + L} = \sqrt{\sqrt{N} + \sqrt{L}}$.
- iv) $\sqrt{N \cap L} \subseteq \sqrt{N} \cap \sqrt{L}$.
- v) $\sqrt{N_M L} \subseteq \sqrt{N} \cap \sqrt{L}$.

Proof. They are straightforward. \square

Analogously we define the radical primitive of an ideal I in R .

Definition 3.4. *Let R be a commutative ring. For I an ideal of R the primitive radical of I is*

$$\sqrt{I} = \bigcap \{J \subseteq R \mid J \text{ is a primitive ideal of } R \text{ and } I \subseteq J\}$$

If I has no primitive ideals J such that $I \subseteq J$, then $\sqrt{I} = R$. In particular $\sqrt{R} = R$.

Proposition 3.5. *Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a multiplication R -module such that $QM \neq M$ for all maximal ideal Q of R . Then $\sqrt{IM} = \sqrt{I}M$ for all proper ideal I of R . Where \sqrt{I} is the primitive radical of I .*

Proof. The proof follows from [9, Theorem 2.27] and Proposition 2.7. \square

Proposition 3.6. *Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a multiplication R -module such that M is projective in category $\sigma[M]$. Then $(\text{Prt}(M), \mathcal{T})$ is a topological space, where*

$$\mathcal{T} = \{\mathcal{U}(N) \mid N \in \text{ is a submodule of } M\}$$

is the primitive topology and $\mathcal{U}(N) = \{P \in \text{Prt}(M) \mid N \not\subseteq P\}$ are open sets.

Proof. It is clear that $\mathcal{U}(M) = \text{Prt}(M)$ and $\mathcal{U}(0) = \text{Prt}(M) = \emptyset$.

Now, we consider the family $\{\mathcal{U}(N_i)\}_{i \in I}$. We claim that $\bigcup_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}(N_i) = \mathcal{U}(\sum_{i \in I} N_i)$.

Indeed, as $N_i \subseteq \sum_{i \in I} N_i$, then $\mathcal{U}(N_i) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(\sum_{i \in I} N_i)$. Thus

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}(N_i) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(\sum_{i \in I} N_i).$$

If $P \in \mathcal{U}(\sum_{i \in I} N_i)$, then $\sum_{i \in I} N_i \not\subseteq P$. Hence there exists $j \in I$ such that $N_j \not\subseteq P$.

Thus $P \in \mathcal{U}(N_j) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}(N_i)$. So

$$\mathcal{U}(\sum_{i \in I} N_i) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}(N_i).$$

This proves our claim. Therefore $\bigcup_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}(N_i) \in \mathcal{T}$.

Let $\{\mathcal{U}(N_i)\}_{i \in I}$ be a finite family. We shall prove that $\bigcap_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}(N_i) \in \mathcal{T}$. To do so, it is sufficient to prove it for two elements. Let N and L be two submodules of M . We claim that $\mathcal{U}(N) \cap \mathcal{U}(L) = \mathcal{U}(N_M L)$. Indeed, as N and L are fully invariant submodules of M , then $N_M L \subseteq N$ and $N_M L \subseteq L$, which implies that $\mathcal{U}(N_M L) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(N)$ and $\mathcal{U}(N_M L) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(L)$. Thus $\mathcal{U}(N_M L) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(N) \cap \mathcal{U}(L)$. Now, if $P \in \mathcal{U}(N) \cap \mathcal{U}(L)$, then $N \not\subseteq P$ and $L \not\subseteq P$. By [16, Proposition 3.4] we have that P is a prime submodule of M . Thus $N_M L \not\subseteq P$, which implies that $P \in \mathcal{U}(N_M L)$. Therefore $\mathcal{U}(N) \cap \mathcal{U}(L) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(N_M L)$. This proves our claim. So $\mathcal{U}(N) \cap \mathcal{U}(L) \in \mathcal{T}$. Thus \mathcal{T} is a topology. \square

Corollary 3.7. *Let R be a commutative ring. Then $(\text{Prt}(R), \mathcal{T})$ is a topological space, where*

$$\mathcal{T} = \{\mathcal{U}(I) \mid I \in \text{ is an ideal of } M\}$$

is the primitive topology and $\mathcal{U}(I) = \{J \in \text{Prt}(R) \mid J \not\subseteq I\}$ are open sets.

Proof. It is clear. \square

Corollary 3.8. *Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a multiplication R -module such that M is projective in category $\sigma[M]$. Then $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathcal{U}(Rm) \mid m \in M\}$ is a basis of open sets for the primitive topology of $\text{Prt}(M)$*

Proof. We know that the open sets of the primitive topology are $\mathcal{U}(N)$ where N is a submodule of M . As $N = \sum_{m \in N} Rm$, then

$$\mathcal{U}(N) = \mathcal{U}(\sum_{m \in N} Rm) = \bigcup_{m \in N} \mathcal{U}(Rm),$$

which proves that \mathcal{B} is a basis. \square

Remark 3.9. As $\mathcal{U}(N) = \mathcal{U}(\sqrt{N})$ for all N submodule of M , then we can consider the open sets of the primitive topology as $\mathcal{U}(N)$ with N a semiprimitive submodule of M or $N = M$.

Lemma 3.10. Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a multiplication R -module. If N and L are submodules of M , then the following conditions hold:

- i) $\mathcal{U}(L) = \emptyset$ if and only if $L \subseteq \sqrt{0}$.
- ii) $\mathcal{U}(L) = \mathcal{U}(N)$ if and only if $\sqrt{L} = \sqrt{N}$.

Proof. They are straightforward. \square

4 The Spatial Frame $Sprt(M)$

In this section we prove that the frames $Sprt(M)$ and $\Omega(Prt(M))$ are isomorphic. Hence we have that $Sprt(M)$ is a spatial frame. Also, we prove the topological spaces $(Prt(R), \mathcal{T})$ and $(Prt(M), \mathcal{T})$ are homeomorphic.

Definition 4.1. A frame is a complete lattice L satisfying the distributivity law

$$(\bigvee A) \wedge b = \bigvee \{a \wedge b \mid a \in A\}$$

for all subset $A \subseteq L$ and any $b \in L$.

If (\mathbf{X}, τ) is topological space, we will denote (complete) lattice of open sets of a space \mathbf{X} as $\Omega(\mathbf{X})$.

Definition 4.2. A frame L is said to be spatial if it is isomorphic to an $\Omega(\mathbf{X})$ the frame of open sets of some space topological X .

For details about concepts and terminology concerning frames and spatial frames see [17].

We remember that for a commutative ring R and a multiplication R -module M we have defined

$$Sprt(M) = \{N \subseteq M \mid N \text{ is semiprimitive in } M\} \cup \{M\}$$

For N and N' in $Sprt(M)$, we have that $N \wedge N' = N \cap N'$ and $N \vee N' = \sqrt{N + N'}$ are the meet and join (respectively) of the partially ordered set $Sprt(M)$, where the order $N \leq N'$ is $N \subseteq N'$.

Notice that $\{Sprt(M), \leq\}$ is a partially ordered set. Also, note that every subset X of $Sprt(M)$ has a least upper bound, written $\bigvee_{N \in X} N$, and greatest lower bound, written $\bigwedge_{N \in X} N$. Thus $\{Sprt(M), \leq\}$ is a complete lattice.

Proposition 4.3. *Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a multiplication R -module. If M is projective in the category $\sigma[M]$, then $\{Sprt(M), \leq, \wedge, \vee\}$ is a frame.*

Proof. We have that $\{Sprt(M), \leq, \wedge, \vee\}$ is a complete lattice. Now, let $N \in Sprt(M)$ and let $\{N_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a family of submodules in $Sprt(M)$. We shall prove that $N \wedge (\vee_{i \in I} N_i) = \vee_{i \in I} (N \wedge N_i)$. To do so we have that

$$N \wedge (\vee_{i \in I} N_i) = N \cap (\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} N_i}) \text{ and } \vee_{i \in I} (N \wedge N_i) = \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} (N \cap N_i)}.$$

If $N = M$, then we have the result. Suppose that $N \subsetneq M$. It is clear that $N \cap N_j \subseteq N \cap (\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} N_i})$ for all $j \in I$. Thus

$$\sum_{i \in I} (N \cap N_i) \subseteq N \cap (\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} N_i}).$$

As N is a semiprimitive submodule of M , then $N \cap (\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} N_i})$ is an intersection of primitive submodules of M . So

$$\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} (N \cap N_i)} \subseteq N \cap (\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} N_i}).$$

Now, let P be a primitive submodule of M such that $\sum_{i \in I} (N \cap N_i) \subseteq P$. Thus $N \cap N_i \subseteq P$ for all $i \in I$. Since N is a fully invariant submodule of M , we have that $N_M N_i \subseteq N \cap N_i$. So $N_M N_i \subseteq P$ for all $i \in I$. By [16, Proposition 1.3] P is prime in M , then $N \subseteq P$ or $N_i \subseteq P$. If $N \subseteq P$, then $N \cap (\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} N_i}) \subseteq P$. Hence

$$N \cap (\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} N_i}) \subseteq \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} (N \cap N_i)}.$$

If $N \not\subseteq P$, then $N_i \subseteq P$ for all $i \in I$. Thus $\sum_{i \in I} N_i \subseteq P$. So $\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} N_i} \subseteq P$. Therefore

$$N \cap (\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} N_i}) \subseteq \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} (N \cap N_i)},$$

which implies that

$$N \cap (\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} N_i}) = \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I} (N \cap N_i)}.$$

So $N \wedge (\vee_{i \in I} N_i) = \vee_{i \in I} (N \wedge N_i)$. □

Corollary 4.4. *If R is a commutative ring, then $\{Sprt(R), \leq, \wedge, \vee\}$ is a frame.*

Proof. It follows from Proposition 4.3. □

Let $\mathbf{X} = Prt(M)$. By Definition 4.2 we have that

$$\Omega(Prt(M)) = \{U(N) \mid N \text{ is a submodule of } M\}$$

is the frame of open sets $Prt(M)$. Thus we can put the frame $\Omega(Prt(M)) = \{\mathcal{T}, \subseteq, \cap, \cup\}$, where \mathcal{T} is the primitive topology.

Proposition 4.5. *Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a multiplication R -module. If M is projective in the category $\sigma[M]$, then*

$$\text{Sprt}(M) \cong \Omega(\text{Prt}(M))$$

as frames.

Proof. We define the mapping

$$\mathcal{H} : \text{Sprt}(M) \longrightarrow \Omega(\text{Prt}(M)), \quad \mathcal{H}(N) := \mathcal{U}(N).$$

We claim that \mathcal{H} is order isomorphism. Indeed, let N_1 and N_2 in $\text{Sprt}(M)$ such that $N_1 \subseteq N_2$. If $P \in \mathcal{U}(N_1)$, then $N_1 \not\subseteq P$. Thus $N_2 \not\subseteq P$, which implies that $P \in \mathcal{U}(N_2)$. Hence $\mathcal{U}(N_1) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(N_2)$. So \mathcal{H} is order morphism.

We are shall prove that \mathcal{H} is injective. To do so, let $\mathcal{H}(N_1) = \mathcal{H}(N_2)$. Thus $\mathcal{U}(N_1) = \mathcal{U}(N_2)$. As N_2 is a semiprimitive submodule of M , then $N_2 = \bigcap_{i \in I} P_i$, where every P_i is a primitive submodule of M . We claim that $N_1 \subseteq P_i$ for all $i \in I$. Indeed, we suppose that there exists $i \in I$ such that $N_1 \not\subseteq P_i$. Thus $P_i \in \mathcal{U}(N_1) = \mathcal{U}(N_2)$, which implies that $N_2 \not\subseteq P_i$ a contradiction. Thus $N_1 \subseteq P_i$ for all $i \in I$. Hence $N_1 \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} P_i = N_2$. Analogously it is proved that $N_2 \subseteq N_1$. So $N_1 = N_2$. Therefore \mathcal{H} is injective.

We are going to prove that \mathcal{H} is surjective. By Remark 3.9 we can consider the open sets of the primitive topology, as $\mathcal{U}(N)$ with N a semiprimitive submodule of M or $N = M$. If $\mathcal{U}(N) \in \Omega(\text{Prt}(M))$, then N is a primitive submodule of M . Thus $\mathcal{H}(N) = \mathcal{U}(N)$, which proves that \mathcal{H} is surjective.

Now, we consider the mapping

$$\mathcal{H}^{-1} : \Omega(\text{Prt}(M)) \longrightarrow \text{Sprt}(M), \quad \mathcal{H}^{-1}(\mathcal{U}(N)) := N.$$

Clearly, \mathcal{H}^{-1} is the inverse mapping of \mathcal{H} . We shall prove that \mathcal{H}^{-1} is order morphism. To do so, let $\mathcal{U}(N_1) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(N_2)$. As N_2 is a semiprimitive submodule of M , then $N_2 = \bigcap_{i \in I} P_i$, where every P_i is a primitive submodule of M . We claim that $N_1 \subseteq P_i$ for all $i \in I$. Indeed, we suppose that there exists $i \in I$ such that $N_1 \not\subseteq P_i$. Thus $P_i \in \mathcal{U}(N_1) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(N_2)$, which implies that $N_2 \not\subseteq P_i$ is a contradiction. Thus $N_1 \subseteq P_i$ for all $i \in I$. Hence $N_1 \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} P_i = N_2$. Thus \mathcal{H}^{-1} is order morphism. By [19, Chapter III Proposition 1.1] we have that \mathcal{H} is lattice isomorphism. \square

Corollary 4.6. *Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a multiplication R -module. If M is projective in the category $\sigma[M]$, then $\{\text{Sprt}(M), \leq, \wedge, \vee\}$ is a spatial frame.*

Proof. By Proposition 4.3 and Proposition 4.5 we have that $\{\text{Sprt}(M), \leq, \wedge, \vee\}$ is a spatial frame. \square

Corollary 4.7. *Let R be a commutative ring, then $\{\text{Sprt}(M), \leq, \wedge, \vee\}$ is a spatial frame.*

Proof. It is clear from Corollary 4.6. \square

Proposition 4.8. *Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a multiplication R -module such that $QM \neq M$ for all maximal ideal Q of R . If M generates all the simple R -modules and M is projective in the category $\sigma[M]$, then the topological spaces $(\text{Prt}(R), \mathcal{T})$ and $(\text{Prt}(M), \mathcal{T})$ are homeomorphic.*

Proof. We consider the mapping

$$\psi : \text{Prt}(R) \longrightarrow \text{Prt}(M); \quad \psi(I) := IM.$$

As I is a primitive ideal of R , then $I = \text{ann}(S)$ for some simple R -module S . By Proposition 2.3 we have that IM is a submodule primitive of M . We suppose that $\psi(I) = \psi(I')$. Thus $MI = MI'$. Since I and I' are prime ideals, then by [9, Corollary 1.9] we have that $I = I'$. Hence ψ is injective. Now, let $N \in \text{Prt}(M)$. As N is a primitive module and M is a multiplication module, then $N = \text{ann}(M/N)M$. By Proposition 2.4 $\text{ann}(M/N)$ is a primitive ideal of R . Hence $\psi(\text{ann}(M/N)) = \text{ann}(M/N)M = N$. Thus ψ is surjective. By Proposition 2.6 for every $N \in \text{Prt}(M)$ there exists only one primitive ideal I of R such that $N = IM$. Thus we define the inverse mapping of ψ as:

$$\psi^{-1} : \text{Prt}(M) \longrightarrow \text{Prt}(R); \quad \psi^{-1}(IM) := I.$$

Now, we shall prove that ψ is a continuous mapping. To do so, let $\mathcal{U}(N)$ be an open set of the primitive topology of $\text{Prt}(M)$. As M is a multiplication module, then $N = IM$ with I an ideal of R . We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^{-1}(\mathcal{U}(N)) &= \psi^{-1}(\mathcal{U}(IM)) = \{J \in \text{Prt}(R) \mid \psi(J) \in \mathcal{U}(IM)\} \\ &= \{J \in \text{Prt}(R) \mid JM \in \mathcal{U}(IM)\} = \{J \in \text{Prt}(R) \mid IM \not\subseteq JM\}. \end{aligned}$$

We claim that

$$\{J \in \text{Prt}(R) \mid IM \not\subseteq JM\} = \{J \in \text{Prt}(R) \mid I \not\subseteq J\}.$$

Indeed, let $J \in \text{Prt}(R)$ such that $IM \not\subseteq JM$. Thus $I \not\subseteq J$. So $\{J \in \text{Prt}(R) \mid IM \not\subseteq JM\} \subseteq \{J \in \text{Prt}(R) \mid I \not\subseteq J\}$. Now, let $J \in \text{Prt}(R)$ such that $I \not\subseteq J$. We suppose that $IM \subseteq JM$. By [9, Proposition 1.6] we have that $I \subseteq J$ is a contradiction. Therefore $IM \not\subseteq JM$. So $\{J \in \text{Prt}(R) \mid I \not\subseteq J\} \subseteq \{J \in \text{Prt}(R) \mid IM \not\subseteq JM\}$, which proves our claim. Since $\{J \in \text{Prt}(R) \mid I \not\subseteq J\} = \mathcal{U}(I)$, then $\psi^{-1}(\mathcal{U}(N)) = \mathcal{U}(I)$, which is an open set of the primitive topology of $\text{Prt}(R)$. Similarly we show that if $\mathcal{U}(I)$ is an open set of primitive topology of the $\text{Prt}(R)$, then $\psi(\mathcal{U}(I)) = \mathcal{U}(IM)$ is an open set of the primitive topology of $\text{Prt}(M)$. Therefore ψ is a continuous mapping. So the topological spaces $(\text{Prt}(R), \mathcal{T})$ and $(\text{Prt}(M), \mathcal{T})$ are homeomorphic. \square

Corollary 4.9. *Let R be a commutative ring and let M be a multiplication R -module such that $QM \neq M$ for all maximal ideal Q of R . If M generates all the simple R -modules and M is projective in the category $\sigma[M]$, then there exists a bijective correspondence (of order) between $\text{Prt}(R)$ and $\text{Prt}(M)$.*

Proof. The mapping $\psi(I) := IM$ defined in 4.8 is bijective. Moreover, if I and J are ideals of R such that $I \subseteq J$, then $IM = \psi(I) \subseteq \psi(J) = JM$. So ψ is the order. \square

5 The classical Krull dimension of the set $\text{Prt}(M)$

In this section we give the classical Krull dimension and we prove that $\text{cl.K dim}(\text{Prt}(M)) = \text{cl.K dim}(\text{Prt}(R))$. Also, we show that if the topological space $(\text{Prt}(M), \mathcal{T})$ is noetherian, then the poset $\text{Prt}(M)$ has classical Krull dimension.

The classical Krull dimension of a poset (X, \leq) was defined in [1]. For R a commutative ring and M a multiplication R -module we use the poset $(\text{Prt}(M), \subseteq)$ and we give the classical Krull dimension of $\text{Prt}(M)$.

Set $\text{Prt}^{-1}(M) = \emptyset$, and for an ordinal $\alpha > -1$ define

$$\text{Prt}^\alpha(M) = \left\{ N \in \text{Prt}(M) \mid N \subsetneq Q \in \text{Prt}(M) \Rightarrow Q \in \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \text{Prt}^\beta(M) \right\}$$

If an ordinal α with $\text{Prt}^\alpha(M) = \text{Prt}(M)$ exists, then the smallest of such ordinals is called the classical Krull dimension of $\text{Prt}(M)$; it is denoted by $\text{cl.K dim}(\text{Prt}(M))$.

Notice that if R is a commutative ring and M is a multiplication module projective in category $\sigma[M]$, we have that M has maximal submodules, which are primitive submodules of M . Moreover, every proper submodule of M is contained in a maximal submodule of M . Thus $\text{Prt}^0(M) = \{P \in \text{Prt}(M) \mid P \text{ is a maximal submodule of } M\}$. Also, note that $\text{Prt}^0(R) = \{I \in \text{Prt}(R) \mid I \text{ is a maximal ideal of } R\}$.

Remark 5.1. *By [1, Proposition 1.4] we have that a set X has classical Krull dimension if and only if the poset X is noetherian.*

Notice that if M is a noetherian R -module, then the poset $(\text{Prt}(M), \subseteq)$ is noetherian. Thus $\text{Prt}(M)$ has classical Krull dimension.

Proposition 5.2. *Let R be a commutative ring and M a faithful multiplication R -module such that $QM \neq M$ for all maximal ideal Q of R . If M is projective in the category $\sigma[M]$, then $\text{Prt}(R)$ has classical Krull dimension if and only if $\text{Prt}(M)$ has classical Krull dimension. Moreover, $\text{cl.K dim}(\text{Prt}(M)) = \text{cl.K dim}(\text{Prt}(R))$.*

Proof. By Corollary 4.9 we have that the poset $\text{Prt}(M)$ is noetherian if and only if the poset $\text{Prt}(R)$ is noetherian. Thus the proof follows from Remark 5.1. \square

Definition 5.3. *A topological space $(\mathbf{X}, \mathcal{T})$ is said to be noetherian if and only if every ascending (descending) chain of open (closed) subsets is stationary, equivalently if and only if every open subset is compact.*

Proposition 5.4. *Let R be a commutative ring and M a faithful multiplication R -module such that $QM \neq M$ for all maximal ideal Q of R . If M is projective in the category $\sigma[M]$ and the topological space $(\text{Prt}(M), \mathcal{T})$ is noetherian, then the poset $\text{Prt}(M)$ has classical Krull dimension.*

Proof. If $P_1 \subseteq P_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq P_n \dots$ is a chain in the poset $\text{Prt}(M)$, then $\mathcal{U}(P_1) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(P_2) \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathcal{U}(P_n) \dots$ is a chain in the primitive topology \mathcal{T} of $\text{Prt}(M)$. As the primitive topology \mathcal{T} is noetherian, then there exists a natural number k such that $\mathcal{U}(P_k) = \mathcal{U}(P_{k+i})$ for all

natural number i . By proof of Proposition 4.5 we have that $\mathcal{U}(P_k) = \mathcal{U}(P_{k+i})$ implies that $P_k = P_{k+i}$ for all natural number i . Thus the poset $\text{Prt}(M)$ has classical Krull dimension. \square

Corollary 5.5. *Let R be a commutative ring. If the topological space $(\text{Prt}(R), \mathcal{T})$ is noetherian, then the poset $\text{Prt}(R)$ has classical Krull dimension.*

Proof. It is clear. \square

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