

t -Prüfer Modules

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ABSTRACT. In this article, we characterize t -Prüfer modules in the class of faithful multiplication modules. As a corollary, we also characterize Krull modules. Several properties of a t -invertible submodule of a faithful multiplication module are given.

1. Introduction

Let R be a commutative ring with identity and M be a unital R -module. M is said to be *faithful* if $\text{ann}_R(M) = 0$. M is called a *multiplication module* if each submodule N of M has the form IM for some ideal I of R , equivalently, for any submodule N of M , $N = (N :_R M)M$. M is called a *cancellation module* if for all ideals I and J of R , $IM \subseteq JM$ implies $I \subseteq J$. It was shown in [5, Proposition 2.2] that if R is an integral domain and M is a faithful multiplication R -module, then M is finitely generated. Thus it follows from [12, Theorem 3.1] that a faithful multiplication module M over an integral domain is a cancellation module. Hence we have that $I(N :_R M) = (IN :_R M)$ for all submodules N of M and all ideals I of R . It was also shown in [13, Lemma 2.1] that if M is a faithful multiplication R -module over integral domain R , then M is torsion-free.

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Let R be an integral domain with quotient field K and M be a unital R -module. Let N be a nonzero submodule of M and let $N^{-1} = (M :_K N) = \{x \in K \mid xN \subseteq M\}$. Then N^{-1} is an R -submodule of K and $NN^{-1} \subseteq M$. Following Naoum and Al-Alwan, in [1], N is said to be *invertible* in M if $NN^{-1} = M$. Clearly M is invertible in M , and it is proved in [1, Remark 3.8] that R is an integral domain if and only if every nonzero cyclic submodule of the faithful multiplication R -module M is invertible in M (i.e., M is a D_1 -module).

Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R and let N be a submodules of M . In [4], M. Ali defined $N_v = (N^{-1})^{-1} = R :_K (M :_K N)$ and showed that $N^{-1} = (N :_R M)^{-1}$, and hence $N_v = (N :_R M)_v$ (in particular, $M_v = R$), and then introduced the concept of a divisorial submodule or v -submodule of M as follows: N is a v -submodule if $N = N_v M$. N is called a v -submodule of finite type if $N = L_v M$ for some finitely generated submodule L of M . It follows that N is a v -submodule of M if and only if $(N :_R M)$ is a v -ideal of R . If L and N are submodules of a multiplication module M with $L \subseteq N$, then $L_v \subseteq N_v$. It was also shown that for any submodule N of a multiplication R -module, $N \subseteq N_v M$. If N is a submodule of M and I is an ideal of R such that either I_v is invertible or N_v is invertible, then as it was remarked in [4, p.144] it is easily seen that $(IN)_v = (IN :_R M)_v = (I(N :_R M))_v = I_v(N :_R M)_v = I_v N_v$. In [16], we introduced the concept of t -invertible submodule of a multiplication module and gave some characterizations of faithful multiplication Krull modules, Mori modules and π -modules. Also, we defined $N_t = \bigcup \{L_v \mid L \text{ is a finitely generated submodule of } M \text{ contained in } N\}$. It is easily seen that N_t is an R -submodule of K , $N_t \subseteq N_v$ and $(NN^{-1})_t \subseteq R$. N is said to be t - (resp. v -)invertible submodule of M if $(NN^{-1})_t = R$ (resp. $(NN^{-1})_v = R$). It is clear that every invertible submodule of M is t -invertible and every t -invertible submodule is v -invertible. By [6, Proposition 2.2], N is finitely generated if and only if $(N :_R M)$ is finitely generated. Using this result, we have that $(N :_R M)_t = N_t$ and $N \subseteq N_t M$. So we call N a t -submodule of M if $N = N_t M$. N is called a t -submodule of finite type if $N = L_t M$ for some finitely generated submodule L of M . Clearly every v -submodule is a t -submodule. If I is a t -ideal of R , then IM is a t -submodule of M . Also if N is finitely generated, then N is a v -submodule of M if and only if N is a t -submodule of M .

In section 2 we characterize faithful multiplication t -Prüfer modules (i.e., every nonzero finitely generated submodule is t -invertible). In section 3 we give several properties of a t -invertible submodule of a faithful multiplication module.

2. t -Prüfer Modules

We begin with this section by giving a characterization of when a submodule of the module is $*$ -submodule of finite type.

Lemma 2.1. *Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R , I an ideal of R , N a submodules of M , and let $*$ = v or t . Then*

- (1) N is a $*$ -submodule of finite type if and only if $(N :_R M)$ is a $*$ -ideal of finite

type.

(2) I is a $*$ -ideal of finite type if and only if IM is a $*$ -submodule of finite type.

Proof. Since the assertion for the case $* = v$ is similar to that of $* = t$, we only consider the case $* = t$. (1) If N is a t -submodule of finite type, then $N = L_tM$ for some finitely generated submodule L of M and $(N :_R M)$ is a t -ideal by [16, Proposition 2.2]. Since $N_t = (N :_R M)_t$, we have that $(N :_R M)_tM = (L :_R M)_tM$. Hence $(N :_R M) = (L :_R M)_t$ and $(L :_R M)$ is a finitely generated ideal of R . Conversely, assume that $(N :_R M)$ is a t -ideal of finite type. Then by [16, Proposition 2.2], $(N :_R M) = I_t$ for some finitely generated ideal I of R and N is a t -submodule. Hence $N = (N :_R M)M = I_tM = (IM :_R M)_tM = (IM)_tM$ and IM is a finitely generated submodule of M . \square

Proposition 2.2. *The following conditions are equivalent for a faithful multiplication module M over an integral domain R .*

- (1) Each t -submodule of M is of finite type.
- (2) M satisfies the ascending chain condition on t -submodules.
- (3) M satisfies the ascending chain condition on v -submodules.
- (4) For each nonzero submodule N of M , there exists a finitely generated submodule L of M contained in N such that $N_t = L_t$.

Proof. The equivalences of (1), (2) and (3) follow from Lemma 2.1 and [20, Theorem 1.1]. To complete the proof, we show that (1) \Leftrightarrow (4).

(1) \Rightarrow (4). By Lemma 2.1, each t -ideal of R is of finite type. Then for each nonzero ideal I , there exists a finitely generated ideal J of R contained in I such that $I_t = J_t$ [20, Theorem 1.1]. Let N be a nonzero submodule of M . Since M is a multiplication module, $(N :_R M)$ is a nonzero ideal of R . Then $(N :_R M)_t = B_t$ for some finitely generated ideal $B \subseteq (N :_R M)$ of R . Thus $(BM)_t = (BM :_R M)_t = B_t = N_t$ and $BM \subseteq N$ is a finitely generated submodule of M .

(4) \Rightarrow (1). Let N be any t -submodule of M . Then by hypothesis, there exists a finitely generated submodule L of M contained in N such that $N_t = L_t$. Thus $N = N_tM = L_tM$, and so N is of finite type. \square

Recall from [3, p. 25] that an R -module M is called a *cyclic submodule module (CSM)* if every submodule of M is cyclic. It was shown in [3] that a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R is a CSM if and only if R is a principal ideal domain. In [16], we call an R -module M a *v -Prüfer module* if $(NN^{-1})_v = R$ for every nonzero finitely generated submodule N of M and M a *Krull module* if M_P is a CSM R_P -module for each $P \in X^{(1)}(R)$, which is the set of height-one prime ideals of R , $M = \bigcap_{P \in X^{(1)}(R)} M_P$, and each nonzero $x \in M$ is

primitive in all but a finite number of M_P . It was shown in [16, Theorem 2.1(1) and Theorem 2.8] that a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R is a

v -Prüfer (resp., Krull) module if and only if R is a v -Prüfer (resp., Krull) domain. The following result is an analogue to Cohen's theorem for v -Prüfer modules.

Theorem 2.3. *Let R be an integral domain and M a faithful multiplication and v -Prüfer module. If every prime t -submodule of M is of finite type, then every t -submodule of M is of finite type.*

Proof. By [16, Theorem 2.5], M is a v -Prüfer module if and only if R is a v -Prüfer domain. Let P be any prime t -ideal of R . Then PM is a prime t -submodule of M . Since PM is a t -submodule of finite type, we have $PM = Q_t M$ for some finitely generated submodule Q of M . Then $P = (Q :_R M)_t$ and $(Q :_R M)$ is a finitely generated ideal of R . Hence P is a t -ideal of finite type. By [17, Theorem 2.3], every t -ideal of R is of finite type. Let N be a t -submodule of M . Then $(N :_R M)$ is a t -ideal of finite type, and so $(N :_R M) = B_t$ for some finitely generated ideal B of R . Hence $N = (N :_R M)M = B_t M = (BM :_R M)_t M = (BM)_t M$ and BM is a finitely generated submodule of M . \square

Several characterizations of Krull modules were given in [16]. In the following, we characterize Krull modules in terms of v -Prüfer modules, which generalizes [17, Theorem 2.4].

Corollary 2.4. *Let R be an integral domain and M a faithful multiplication and v -Prüfer module. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1) *The ascending chain condition on t -submodules holds.*
- (2) *Each t -submodule of M is of finite type (and hence each v -submodule of M is of finite type)*
- (3) *Each prime t -submodule is of finite type.*
- (4) *M is a Krull module.*

Proof. Note first that R is a v -Prüfer domain ([16, Theorem 2.5(1)]).

(1) \Leftrightarrow (2) This follows from Lemma 2.1 and [17, Theorem 2.4].

(2) \Leftrightarrow (3) This follows from Lemma 2.1, [17, Theorem 2.4] and Theorem 2.3.

(2) \Rightarrow (4) Let I be any t -ideal of R . Since IM is a t -submodule, IM is of finite type. Then I is of finite type by Lemma 2.1. Thus by again [17, Theorem 2.4] R is a Krull domain. It follows from [16, Theorem 2.8] that M is a Krull module.

(4) \Rightarrow (2) By [16, Theorem 2.8], R is a Krull domain. Then every t -ideal of R is of finite type. Let N be a t -submodule of M . Then $(N :_R M)$ is a t -ideal of finite type by Lemma 2.1. Thus N is of finite type. \square

We recall that an integral domain R is a t -Prüfer domain (or Prüfer v -multiplication domain (for short $PvMD$)) if $(II^{-1})_t = R$ for every nonzero finitely generated ideal I of R . Now we extend this concept to the module case: An R -module M is a t -Prüfer module if $(NN^{-1})_t = R$ for every nonzero finitely generated submodule N of M .

Lemma 2.5. *Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R . Then M is a t -Prüfer module if and only if R is a t -Prüfer domain.*

Proof. Let I be a nonzero finitely generated ideal of R . Since M is a faithful multiplication module, IM is a nonzero finitely generated submodule of M . So IM is t -invertible. By [16, Lemma 2.1], I is t -invertible. Thus R is a t -Prüfer domain. Conversely, let N be a nonzero finitely generated submodule of M . Then $(N :_R M)$ is a nonzero finitely generated ideal of R , and so $(N :_R M)$ is t -invertible. Thus N is t -invertible by [16, Proposition 2.2]. Hence M is a t -Prüfer module. \square

Recall from [3] that an R -module M is called a *valuation module* if for all $m, n \in M$, either $Rm \subseteq Rn$ or $Rn \subseteq Rm$, or equivalently, for all submodules L, N of M , either $L \subseteq N$ or $N \subseteq L$. It was shown that a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R is a valuation module if and only if R is a valuation domain.

Theorem 2.6. *Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1) M is a t -Prüfer module.
- (2) For every maximal t -ideal P of R , M_P is a valuation module.
- (3) Every v -submodule of finite type is t -invertible.

Proof. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) If M is a t -Prüfer module, then R is a t -Prüfer domain by Lemma 2.5. Then R_P is a valuation domain for every maximal t -ideal P of R . Since M_P is a faithful multiplication R_P -module, M_P is a valuation module by [5, Proposition 2.2]. Conversely, if M_P is a valuation module, then by [5, Proposition 2.2] R_P is a valuation domain. Thus R is a t -Prüfer domain. Hence M is a t -Prüfer module by Lemma 2.5.

(1) \Leftrightarrow (3) Suppose that M is a t -Prüfer module and let N be a v -submodule of finite type. By Lemma 2.1, $(N :_R M)$ is a v -ideal of finite type. Then $(N :_R M) = B_v$ for some finitely generated ideal $B \subseteq (N :_R M)$. Since BM is finitely generated, we have BM is t -invertible, and so B is t -invertible by [16, Lemma 2.1]. Then $(N :_R M)$ is t -invertible. By [16, Proposition 2.2], N is t -invertible. Conversely, let N be a nonzero finitely generated submodule of M . Since M is a faithful multiplication module, $(N :_R M)$ is finitely generated. Then $I = (N :_R M)_v$ is a v -ideal of finite type. By Lemma 2.1, IM is a v -submodule of finite type. So IM is t -invertible. Then $(N :_R M)$ is t -invertible, and so N is t -invertible. Hence M is a t -Prüfer module. \square

Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R . By [16, Lemma 2.1 and Proposition 2.2], every nonzero ideal of R is v -invertible if and only if every nonzero submodule of M is v -invertible. Recall from [16] that M is called an *essential module* if $M = \bigcap_{P \in \Lambda} M_P$, where $\Lambda \subseteq \text{Spec}(R)$, and each localization M_P of M at $P \in \Lambda$ is a valuation module.

Theorem 2.7. *Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R . Suppose that for each nonzero submodule N of M , N_v is of finite type. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1) *Every nonzero submodule of M is v -invertible.*
- (2) *M is a v -Prüfer module.*
- (3) *M is a t -Prüfer module.*
- (4) *M is an essential module.*

Proof. (4) \Rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow (2) are trivial.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) This follows from [16, Theorem 2.5] and Lemma 2.5

(3) \Rightarrow (4) Let I be a finitely generated ideal of R . Then IM is a finitely generated submodule. By hypothesis, IM is t -invertible. Then I is t -invertible, and so R is a t -Prüfer domain. Then R is an essential domain. Hence M is an essential module [16, Theorem 2.5]. \square

Recall from [16] that M is called a *Mori module* if M satisfies the ascending chain condition on v -submodules of M . If M is a faithful multiplication and Mori module, then for each nonzero submodule N of M , N_v is of finite type by [16, Theorem 2.7].

Corollary 2.8. *Let R be an integral domain and M a faithful multiplication and Mori module. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1) *Every nonzero submodule of M is v -invertible.*
- (2) *M is a Krull module.*
- (3) *M is a v -Prüfer module.*
- (4) *M is a t -Prüfer module.*
- (5) *M is an essential module.*

3. t -invertible Submodules

In this section we give several properties of a t -invertible submodule of a faithful multiplication module.

Proposition 3.1. *Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R . If every nonzero prime submodule of M contains a t -invertible prime submodule, then there exists a nonempty collection Λ of minimal prime ideals of R such that $M = \bigcap_{P \in \Lambda} M_P$ and each M_P , $P \in \Lambda$, is a CSM R_P -module.*

Proof. Let I be any nonzero prime ideal of R . By hypothesis, there exists a t -invertible prime submodule N of M such that $N \subseteq IM$. Then I contains a t -invertible prime ideal $(N :_R M)$ of R . By [15, Lemma 3.3], there exists a nonempty collection Λ of minimal prime ideals of R such that $R = \bigcap_{P \in \Lambda} R_P$ and each R_P ,

$P \in \Lambda$, is a PID. By [5, Proposition 2.2], M_P is a CSM R_P -module. Now we show that $M = \bigcap_{P \in \Lambda} M_P$. Clearly $M \subseteq \bigcap_{P \in \Lambda} M_P$. Let $0 \neq x \in \bigcap_{P \in \Lambda} M_P$. By [16, Lemma 2.4], $(M :_R Rx) \not\subseteq P$ for each $P \in \Lambda$. Since $(M :_R Rx)$ is a t -ideal and every proper t -ideal is contained in a maximal t -ideal of R , $(M :_R Rx) = R$. Hence $x \in M$. \square

Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R . Then M is finitely generated and torsion-free. Also, for every prime ideal P of R , $M_P \cong R_P$ as an R_P -module. It follows that $N_P \cong (N :_R M)_P$, where N is a submodule of M [3].

Lemma 3.2. *Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R . Suppose that N is a finitely presented submodule of M . Then*

- (1) $(N :_R M)_P \cong (N_P : M_P)$ for every prime ideal P of R .
- (2) $(N :_R M)_P$ is a principal ideal of R_P if and only if N_P is a cyclic R_P -module for every prime ideal P of R .

Proof. (1) Since M and N are torsion-free, we have $(N :_R M)_P \cong \text{Hom}(M, N)_P$. Also, $\text{Hom}(M, N)_P \cong \text{Hom}(M_P, N_P)$ since N is finitely presented. Therefore $(N :_R M)_P \cong (N_P : M_P)$. (2) follows from (1). \square

Recall that an integral domain R is called a *coherent domain* if every finitely generated ideal of R is finitely presented. Then it is well known that R is a coherent domain if and only if every finitely generated torsion-free R -module is finitely presented. Therefore, if R is a coherent domain and N is finitely generated, then Lemma 3.2 holds.

The following result generalizes [17, Lemma 1.5 and Corollary 1.6].

Proposition 3.3. *Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R , N a finitely generated submodule of M . If N is finitely presented, then N is t -invertible if and only if N_P is a cyclic R_P -module for every maximal t -ideal P of R .*

Proof. Since N is a finitely generated submodule of M , we have $(N :_R M)$ is a finitely generated ideal of R . If N is t -invertible, then by [16, Proposition 2.2], $(N :_R M)$ is a t -invertible ideal of R . By [17, Lemma 1.5], $(N :_R M)_P$ is principal for every maximal t -ideal P of R . Hence N_P is a cyclic R_P -module. The proof of the converse is similar. \square

Corollary 3.4. *Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R , N a v -submodule of finite type. If N is finitely presented, then N is t -invertible if and only if N_P is a cyclic R_P -module for every maximal t -ideal P of R .*

Proof. By Lemma 2.1, N is a v -submodule of finite type if and only if $(N :_R M)$ is a v -ideal of finite type. Then by [17, Corollary 1.6], N is t -invertible, if and only if $(N :_R M)_P$ is principal for every maximal t -ideal P of R , if and only if N_P is a cyclic R_P -module. \square

Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R . If N is a t -invertible prime t -submodule of M , then N is a maximal t -submodule of M .

The following result generalizes [17, Theorem 1 and Corollary 2].

Proposition 3.5. *Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R and let N be a nonzero submodule of M . If every prime t -submodule minimal over N is of finite type, then there are only finitely many t -submodules minimal over N .*

Proof. Let I be a prime t -ideal minimal over $(N :_R M)$. Then IM is a prime t -submodule minimal over N . By hypothesis, IM is of finite type, and so by Lemma 2.1, I is of finite type. Then there are only finitely many prime t -ideals $\{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$ minimal over $(N :_R M)$ by [11, Theorem 1]. Hence P_1M, \dots, P_nM are only finitely many prime t -submodules minimal over N . \square

Corollary 3.6. *Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R and let N be a nonzero submodule of M . If every prime t -submodule minimal over N is t -invertible, then N is contained in only finitely many minimal prime t -submodules.*

Proof. This follows from the fact that every t -invertible t -submodule is of finite type. \square

Lemma 3.7. *Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R , J a finitely generated ideal of R and N a proper v -submodule of M . If $(JN)_v = J_vN_v$, then $(IN)_t = I_tN_t$ for every ideal I of R .*

Proof. Recall that $(IN)_t = \bigcup \{L_v \mid L \text{ is a finitely generated submodule of } M \text{ contained in } IN\}$. For each L in the definition, $L \subseteq JN$ for some finitely generated ideal $J \subseteq I$. Then $L_v \subseteq (JN)_v = J_vN_v \subseteq I_tN_t$. Thus $(IN)_t \subseteq I_tN_t$. The reverse inclusion is trivial. \square

Corollary 3.8. *Let R be a Dedekind domain and let M be a faithful multiplication R -module, I an ideal of R , and N a proper submodule of M . Then $(IN)_t = I_tN_t$.*

Following [14], a *TV-domain* is a domain in which every t -ideal is a v -ideal. Noetherian domains and Krull domains are TV-domains, cf. [14, p. 291].

Corollary 3.9. *Let R be a TV-domain and let M be a faithful multiplication R -module, J a finitely generated ideal of R , and N a proper submodule of M . If $(JN)_v = J_vN_v$, then $(IN)_t = I_tN_t$ for every ideal I of R .*

Corollary 3.10. *Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R , J a finitely generated ideal of R and N a proper v -submodule of M . If $(JN)_v = J_vN_v$, then IN is a t -submodule of M for every t -ideal I of R .*

The following result generalizes [17, Corollary 4 and Corollary 5].

Theorem 3.11. *Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R , J a finitely generated ideal of R and N a proper v -submodule of M . If $(JN)_v = J_v N_v$, then the following are equivalent.*

- (1) $N = (P_1^{a_1} \cdots P_n^{a_n})_t N^*$, where P_1, \dots, P_n are t -invertible prime t -ideals of R and N^* is a t -invertible prime t -submodule of M .
- (2) Every prime t -submodule minimal over N is t -invertible.
- (3) Every prime t -submodule containing N is t -invertible.
- (4) There is a finite set of t -invertible prime t -ideals $\{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$ and a t -invertible prime t -submodule N^* of M such that for every t -submodule L containing N , $L = (P_1^{a_1} \cdots P_n^{a_n})_t N^*$.
- (5) Every t -submodule containing N is t -invertible.

Moreover, in the case where (1) – (5) hold, every t -submodule L containing N is a v -submodule of finite type and the set of t -submodules containing N is finite.

Proof. Obviously (2) \Rightarrow (3) and (4) \Rightarrow (1). [16, Lemma 2.1] shows that (4) \Rightarrow (5). Clearly (5) \Rightarrow (3).

Now we show that (1) \Rightarrow (2). Suppose that $N = (P_1^{a_1} \cdots P_n^{a_n})_t N^*$, where P_1, \dots, P_n are t -invertible prime t -ideals of R and N^* is a t -invertible prime t -submodule of M . Then $(N :_R M) = ((P_1^{a_1} \cdots P_n^{a_n})_t N^* :_R M) = (P_1^{a_1} \cdots P_n^{a_n})_t (N^* :_R M) = (P_1^{a_1} \cdots P_n^{a_n} (N^* : M))_t$ for each nonnegative inter a_i , since $(N :_R M)$ and $(N^* :_R M)$ are t -ideals of R . By [11, Corollary 4], every prime t -ideal minimal over $(N :_R M)$ is t -invertible. Hence every prime t -submodule minimal over N is t -invertible.

(3) \Rightarrow (4) Suppose that every prime t -submodules containing N is t -invertible. By Corollary 3.6, the set of prime t -submodules over N is finite, say $\{L_1, \dots, L_n\}$. Then $\{Q_1, \dots, Q_n\}$ is the set of prime t -ideals minimal over $(N :_R M)$, where $Q_i = (L_i :_R M)$. Since each L_i is t -invertible, each $Q_i = (L_i : M)$ is t -invertible by [16, Proposition 2.2]. Then there is a finite set of t -invertible prime t -ideals $\{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$ such that every t -ideal containing $(N :_R M)$ is a t -product of powers of the P_i 's. If L is a t -submodule containing N , then $(L :_R M) = (P_1^{a_1} \cdots P_n^{a_n})_t$ for each nonnegative inter a_i . Since $L = (L :_R M)M$, we have that $L_t = (P_1^{a_1} \cdots P_n^{a_n} M)_t = (P_1^{a_1} \cdots P_n^{a_n-1} P_n M)_t = (IN^*)_t$, where $I = (P_1^{a_1} \cdots P_n^{a_n-1})_t$ and $N^* = P_n M$. By Lemma 2.7, $L_t = (IN^*)_t = I_t(N^*)_t$. Hence $L = L_t M = I_t(N^*)_t M = I_t N^* = (P_1^{a_1} \cdots P_n^{a_n-1})_t N^*$.

Suppose that (1) – (5) hold for N and let L be a t -submodules containing N . Then there is a finite set of t -invertible prime t -ideals $\{Q_1, \dots, Q_n\}$ and a t -invertible prime t -submodule N^* of M such that $L = (Q_1^{a_1} \cdots Q_n^{a_n})_t N^*$. Hence L itself is t -invertible by [16, Lemma 2.1]. Then $(L :_R M)$ is a t -invertible t -ideal, and so $(L :_R M)$ is a v -ideal. Therefore $L = (L :_R M)M$ is a v -submodule. Finally, since the set of t -submodules containing N is $\{ (P_1^{b_1} \cdots P_n^{b_n})_t N^* \mid 0 \leq b_i \leq a_i \}$, where $N = (P_1^{a_1} \cdots P_n^{a_n})_t N^*$, the set of t -submodules containing N is finite. \square

Proposition 3.12. *Let M be a faithful multiplication module over an integral domain R , N a nonzero submodule of M . If $N = P_1 \cdots P_n N^*$, where each P_i is an invertible prime ideal of R and N^* is an invertible prime submodule of M , then every v -submodule containing N is invertible.*

Proof. Let L be a v -submodule containing N . Then $(L :_R M)$ is a v -ideal containing $(N :_R M)$. Since $(N :_R M) = P_1 \cdots P_n (N^* :_R M)$ and $(N^* :_R M)$ is invertible, $(L :_R M)$ is invertible by [17, Corollary 5]. Hence L is invertible. \square

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