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# On the Graded Primal Avoidance Theorem

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ABSTRACT. Let G be an abelian group with identity e. Let R be a G-graded commutative ring and M a graded R-module. In this paper, we generalize the graded primary avoidance theorem for modules to the graded primal avoidance theorem for modules. We also introduce the concept of graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed modules and give a number of its properties.

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# 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The graded prime avoidance theorem for modules was introduced and studied by F. Farzalipour and P. Ghiasvand in [5]. The graded primary avoidance theorem for modules was introduced and studied by S.E. Atani and U. Tekir in [3]. Also, graded *P*-compactly packed modules were introduced and studied by K. Al-Zoubi, I. Jaradat and M. Al-Dolat in [1]. Here, we study the graded primal avoidance theorem for modules. A number of results concerning the graded primal avoidance theorem are given. Also, we introduce the concept of graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed modules and give a number of its properties.

Before we state some results, let us introduce some notations and terminologies. Let G be an abelian group with identity e and R be a commutative ring with identity  $1_R$ . Then R is a *G*-graded ring if there exist additive subgroups

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 $R_g$  of R such that  $R = \bigoplus_{g \in G} R_g$  and  $R_g R_h \subseteq R_{gh}$  for all  $g, h \in G$ . The nonzero elements of  $R_g$  are said to be homogeneous of degree g where the  $R_g$ 's are additive subgroups of R indexed by the elements  $g \in G$ . If  $x \in R$ , then xcan be written uniquely as  $\sum_{g \in G} x_g$ , where  $x_g$  is the homogeneous component of x in  $R_g$ . Moreover,  $h(R) = \bigcup_{g \in G} R_g$ . Let I be an ideal of R. Then Iis called a graded ideal of a G-graded ring R if  $I = \bigoplus_{g \in G} (I \cap R_g)$ . Thus, if  $x \in I$ , then  $x = \sum_{g \in G} x_g$  with  $x_g \in I$ . An ideal of a G-graded ring need not be G-graded (see [7, 8].)

Let R be a G-graded ring and M an R-module. We say that M is a G-graded R-module (or graded R-module) if there exists a family of subgroups  $\{M_g\}_{g\in G}$  of M such that  $M = \bigoplus_{g\in G} M_g$  (as abelian groups) and  $R_g M_h \subseteq M_{gh}$  for all  $g, h \in G$ . Here,  $R_g M_h$  denotes the additive subgroup of M consisting of all finite sums of elements  $r_g s_h$  with  $r_g \in R_g$  and  $s_h \in M_h$ . Also, we write  $h(M) = \bigcup_{g\in G} M_g$  and the elements of h(M) are said to be homogeneous. Let  $M = \bigoplus_{g\in G} M_g$  be a graded R-module and N a submodule of M. Then N is called a graded submodule of M if  $N = \bigoplus_{g\in G} N_g$  where  $N_g = N \cap M_g$  for  $g \in G$ .

In this case,  $N_g$  is called the *g*-component of N (see [7, 8].)

Let R be a G-graded ring and  $S \subseteq h(R)$  be a multiplicatively closed subset of R. Then the ring of fraction  $S^{-1}R$  is a graded ring which is called the graded ring of fractions and denoted by  $R_S$ . Indeed,  $R_S = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} (R_S)_g$  where  $(R_S)_q = \{r/s : r \in h(R), s \in S \text{ and } g = (\deg s)^{-1}(\deg r)\}$ . Let M be a graded module over a G-graded ring R and  $S \subseteq h(R)$  be a multiplicatively closed subset of R. The module of fractions  $S^{-1}M$  over a graded ring  $S^{-1}R$  is a graded module  $M_S = \bigoplus_{g \in G} (M_S)_g$  where  $(M_S)_g = \{m/s : m \in h(M), s \in S \text{ and } m \in h(M), s \in S \}$  $g = (\deg s)^{-1}(\deg m)$ . We write  $h(R_S) = \bigcup_{g \in G} (R_S)_g$  and  $h(M_S) = \bigcup_{g \in G} (M_S)_g$ . Consider the graded homomorphism  $\eta: M \to M_S$  defined by  $\eta(m) = m/1$ . For any graded submodule N of M, the submodule of  $M_S$  generated by  $\eta(N)$ is denoted by  $N_S$ . Similar to non graded case, one can prove that  $N_S =$  $\{\beta \in M_S : \beta = m/s \text{ for } m \in N \text{ and } s \in S\}$  and that  $N_S \neq S^{-1}M$  if and only if  $S \cap (N :_R M) = \phi$ . If K is a graded submodule of an  $R_S$ -module  $M_S$ , then  $K \cap M$  will denote the graded submodule  $\eta^{-1}(K)$  of M. A graded R-module M is called graded finitely generated if there exist  $x_{q_1}, x_{q_2}, ..., x_{q_n} \in h(M)$ such that  $M = Rx_{g_1} + \cdots + Rx_{g_n}$ . A graded *R*-module *M* is called *graded cyclic* if  $M = Rm_a$  where  $m_a \in h(M)$ . For more details, one can refer to [7, 8]. A proper graded ideal P of R is said to be a graded prime ideal if whenever  $r, s \in h(R)$  with  $rs \in P$ , then either  $r \in P$  or  $s \in P$  (see [9].) It is known that a graded prime ideal is not a prime ideal (see [9, Example 1.6].) A proper graded submodule P of a graded R-module M is said to be a graded primary

submodule if whenever  $r \in h(R)$  and  $m \in h(M)$  with  $rm \in P$ , then either  $m \in P$  or  $r^k \in (P:_{_R} M)$  for some positive integer k (see [3].)

### 2. The Graded Primal Avoidance Theorem

Let R be a G-graded ring, M a graded R-module and N a graded submodule of M. An element  $a \in h(R)$  is called homogeneous prime to N if  $am \in N$ , with  $m \in h(M)$ , implies that  $m \in N$ . An element  $a = \sum_{g \in G} a_g \in R$  is called G-prime to N if at least one homogeneous component  $a_g$  of a is homogeneous prime to N. Denote by g(N) the set of all homogeneous elements of R that are not homogeneous prime to N and by G(N) the set of all elements of R that are not G-prime to N. N is called a graded primal submodule of M if  $N \neq M$ and P = G(N) is an ideal of R. By [4, Theorem 1.4], this ideal is always a graded prime ideal, called the adjoint graded prime ideal of N. In this case we also say that N is a graded P-primal submodule of M. The graded primal and primal submodules are different concepts (see[4].) Recall that the concept of graded primal submodules is a generalization of the concept of graded primary submodules. For more details, one can refer to [4].

The following Lemma is known (see [2, Lemma 1.2] and [6, Lemma 1.1 and Lemma 1.2]) and we write it her for the sake of references.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let R be a G-graded ring and M a graded R-module. Then the following hold:

- (i) If I and J are graded ideals of R, then I + J and  $I \cap J$  are graded ideals.
- (ii) If N is a graded submodule of M, r ∈ h(R), x ∈ h(M) and I is a graded ideal of R, then Rx, IN and rN are graded submodules of M.
- (iii) If N and K are graded submodules of M, then  $(N :_R M) = \{r \in R : rM \subseteq N\}$  is a graded ideal of R.
- (iv) Let  $\{N_{\lambda}\}$  be a collection of graded submodules of M. Then  $\sum_{\lambda} N_{\lambda}$  and  $\bigcap N_{\lambda}$  are graded submodules of M.

**Proposition 2.2.** Let R be a G-graded ring, M be a graded R-module, N and K be two proper graded submodules of M and J be a graded ideal of R. If  $JK \subseteq N$ , then either  $K \subseteq N$  or  $J \subseteq G(N)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $JK \subseteq N$  and  $K \not\subseteq N$ . Then there exists  $m \in K \bigcap h(M) - N$ . Let  $x \in J$ . Then  $xm \in JK \subseteq N$  and  $m \notin N$ . Hence,  $x \in G(N)$ , because N is a graded submodule of M. Thus  $J \subseteq G(N)$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let R be a G-graded ring and M a graded R-module. If U and V are graded submodules of M, then  $(U \cap V :_R M) = (U :_R M) \cap (V :_R M)$ .

Proof. The proof is straightforward.

Let  $N_1, N_2, \ldots, N_n$  be graded submodules of a graded *R*-module *M*. We call a covering  $N \subseteq N_1 \cup N_2 \cup \cdots \cup N_n$  efficient if *N* is not contained in the union of any n-1 of the graded submodules  $N_1, N_2, \ldots, N_n$ . We say that  $N = N_1 \cup N_2 \cup \cdots \cup N_n$  is an efficient union, if non of the  $N_k$  may be excluded. Any covering of a union of graded submodules can be reduced to an efficient one, called an efficient reduction, by deleting any unnecessary terms, (see [3].)

**Theorem 2.4.** Let R be a G-graded ring, M a graded R-module and N a graded submodule of M. Let  $N \subseteq P_1 \bigcup P_2 \bigcup \cdots \bigcup P_n$  be an efficient covering of graded submodules of M where n > 2. Then  $N \bigcap (\bigcap_{i \neq k} P_i) \subseteq P_k$  for all  $k \in \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$ .

Proof. By Lemma 2.1(iv),  $N \cap P_i$  is a graded submodule of M for i = 1, ..., n. Hence, by assumption,  $N = (N \cap P_1) \bigcup (N \cap P_2) \bigcup \cdots \bigcup (N \cap P_n)$  is an efficient union. By [3, Lemma 2.3], we conclude that  $N \cap (\bigcap_{i \neq k} P_i) = \bigcap_{i \neq k} (N \cap P_i) = \bigcap_{i=1}^n (N \cap P_i) \subseteq N \cap P_k \subseteq P_k$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let R be a G-graded ring, M a graded R-module and N a graded submodule of M. Let  $N \subseteq P_1 \bigcup P_2 \bigcup \cdots \bigcup P_n$  be an efficient covering of graded submodules of M where n > 2, then for all  $k \in \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ ,  $\bigcap_{i \neq k} (P_i :_R M) \subseteq G(P_k)$ .

Proof. For  $k \in \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ , put  $J_k = \bigcap_{i \neq k} (P_i :_R M)$ . By Lemma 2.3,  $J_k = (\bigcap_{i \neq k} P_i :_R M)$ . Then  $J_k M \subseteq \bigcap_{i \neq k} P_i$  and so  $J_k N \subseteq \bigcap_{i \neq k} P_i$ . Hence  $J_k N \subseteq N \cap \left(\bigcap_{i \neq k} P_i\right)$ . By Theorem 2.4,  $J_k N \subseteq N \cap \left(\bigcap_{i \neq k} P_i\right) \subseteq P_k$ . Note that  $N \notin P_k$  by assumption. Thus, by Proposition 2.2  $J_k = \bigcap_{i \neq k} (P_i :_R M) \subseteq G(P_k)$ .

**Corollary 2.6.** Let R be a G-graded ring, M a graded R-module and N a graded submodule of M. Let  $P_1, P_2, \ldots, P_n$  be graded submodules of M such that  $N \subseteq P_1 \bigcup P_2 \bigcup \cdots \bigcup P_n$ . Assume that  $\bigcap_{k \neq i} (P_i :_R M) \notin G(P_k)$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \ldots, n$  except possibly for at most two of the k's. Then  $N \subseteq P_k$  for some  $k \in \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$ .

*Proof.* We may assume that the covering is efficient without loss of generality. Then  $n \neq 2$ . By Theorem 2.5,  $n \leq 2$ . Thus n = 1 and hence  $N \subseteq P_k$  for some  $k \in \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$ .

**Lemma 2.7.** Let R be a G-graded ring and M a graded R-module. Let  $P_1, P_2, \ldots, P_n$  be graded submodules of M. If for  $1 \le k \le n$ ,  $P_k$  is a graded primal submodule of M, then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $\bigcap_{k \neq i} (P_i :_R M) \nsubseteq G(P_k).$
- (ii)  $(P_i:_R M) \not\subseteq G(P_k)$  whenever  $i \neq k$ .

*Proof.*  $(i) \Rightarrow (ii)$  Clear.

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 $(ii) \Rightarrow (i)$  Assume that  $(P_i :_R M) \nsubseteq G(P_k)$  whenever  $i \neq k$ . Since  $P_k$  is a graded primal submodule of M, by [4, Theorem 1.4]  $G(P_k)$  is a graded prime ideal of R. Thus,  $\bigcap_{k\neq i} (P_i :_R M) \nsubseteq G(P_k)$ .

The following theorem is a generalization of the graded primary Avoidance Theorem for modules that was proved in [3].

**Theorem 2.8.** [The Graded Primal Avoidance Theorem] Let R be a G-graded ring, M a graded R-module and N a graded submodule of M. Let  $P_1, P_2, \ldots, P_n$ be graded submodules of M such that  $N \subseteq P_1 \bigcup P_2 \bigcup \cdots \bigcup P_n$ . Assume that at most two of the  $P_k$ 's are not graded primal and  $(P_i :_R M) \nsubseteq G(P_k)$  whenever  $i \neq k$ , then  $N \subseteq P_k$  for some  $k \in \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$ .

*Proof.* This follows from corollary 2.6 and Lemma 2.7.

### 3. Graded PL-Compactly Packed Modules

Let N be a graded submodule of a graded R-module M. If  $r = \sum_{h \in G} r_h \in R$ and  $x = \sum_{g \in G} x_g \in G(N)$ , then for all  $g \in G$  there exists  $m_\lambda \in h(M) - N$  with  $x_g m_\lambda \in N$  and hence  $r_h x_g m_\lambda \in N$ . Since  $m_\lambda \notin N$ ,  $r_h x_g \in g(N) \subseteq G(N)$ . Hence  $rx \in G(N)$ . Thus to prove G(N) is an ideal of R we only prove that G(N) is closed under the addition.

**Definition 3.1.** Let R be a G-graded ring and M a graded R-module.

- (i) A proper graded submodule N of M is called *graded irreducible* if N cannot be expressed as the intersection of two strictly larger graded submodules of M.
- (ii) A proper graded submodule N of M is called graded strongly irreducible if for any family {P<sub>α</sub>}<sub>α∈Δ</sub> of graded submodules of M with N = ∩<sub>α∈Δ</sub> P<sub>α</sub>, N = P<sub>β</sub> for some β ∈ Δ.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let R be a G-graded ring and M a graded R-module. Then every graded irreducible submodule of M is graded primal.

Proof. Let N be a graded irreducible submodule of M. Let  $x, y \in G(N)$ . Then there exist  $m, m' \in h(M) - N$  such that  $xm \in N$  and  $ym' \in N$ . Let U = N + Rmand V = N + Rm'. By Lemma 2.1, U and V are graded submodules of M. Since N is graded irreducible  $N \subsetneq U \cap V$ . Then there exists  $s_h \in h(M)$  such that  $s_h \in U \cap V - N$ . Since  $xs_h \in x(N + Rm) = xN + Rxm \subseteq N$  and  $ys_h \in$  $y(N + Rm') = yN + Rym' \subseteq N$ , we conclude that  $(x + y)s_h = xs_h + ys_h \in N$ while  $s_h \notin N$ . Thus x + y is not homogeneous prime to N. Hence  $x + y \in G(N)$ . Thus N is graded primal.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.3.** Let R be a G-graded ring, M a graded R-module and N a proper graded submodule of M. If  $m_g \in h(M) - N$ , then there exists a graded strongly irreducible submodule that contains N and does not contain  $m_q$ .

Proof. (Using Zorn's Lemma). Let F be the set of all graded submodules of M that contain N and not containing  $m_g$ . Since  $N \in F$ ,  $F \neq \phi$ . Let  $\{P_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a chain in F. It is clear that  $\bigcup_{i \in I} P_i$  is an upper bound of  $\{P_i\}_{i \in I}$ . Then by Zorn's Lemma F contains a maximal element K. We claim that K is graded strongly irreducible. Let  $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  be a family of graded submodules such that  $K = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} U_\alpha$ . Assume that  $K \neq U_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Then  $m_g \in U_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$  and hence  $m_g \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} U_\alpha = K$ , which is a contradiction.

**Corollary 3.4.** Let R be a G-graded ring, M a graded R-module and K and U be two proper graded submodules of M. Then  $K \subseteq U$  if and only if every graded strongly irreducible submodule of M containing U also contains K.

*Proof.*  $(\Rightarrow)$ Clear.

(⇐) Assume that every graded strongly irreducible submodule of M containing U also contains K and  $K \nsubseteq U$ . Then there exists  $n_g \in K \bigcap h(M) - U$ . By Theorem 3.3, there exists a graded strongly irreducible submodule L such that  $U \subseteq L$  and  $n_g \notin L$ . So  $K \nsubseteq L$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $K \subseteq U$ .  $\Box$ 

The following definition is a generalization of the concept of graded Pcompactly packed modules (see [1, Definition 2.1].)

**Definition 3.5.** Let R be a G-graded ring, M a graded R-module and N a proper graded submodule of M. N is called graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed if whenever N is contained in the union of a family of graded primal submodules of M, N is contained in one of the graded primal submodules of the family. M is called graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed if every proper graded submodule of M is graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed.

**Theorem 3.6.** Let R be a G-graded ring and M a graded R-module. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) M is a graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed module.
- (ii) For each proper graded submodule N of M, if {P<sub>α</sub>}<sub>α∈Δ</sub> is a family of graded irreducible submodules of M and N ⊆ U<sub>α∈Δ</sub> P<sub>α</sub>, then N ⊆ P<sub>β</sub> for some β ∈ Δ.
- (iii) For each proper graded submodule N of M, if  $\{P_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  is a family of graded strongly irreducible submodules of M and  $N \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} P_{\alpha}$ , then  $N \subseteq P_{\beta}$  for some  $\beta \in \Delta$ .
- (iv) Every proper graded submodule of M is graded cyclic.
- (v) For each proper graded submodule N of M, if  $\{P_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  is a family of graded submodules of M and  $N \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} P_{\alpha}$ , then  $N \subseteq P_{\beta}$  for some  $\beta \in \Delta$ .

*Proof.*  $(i) \Rightarrow (ii) \Rightarrow (iii)$  Clear.

 $(iii) \Rightarrow (iv)$  Assume that (iii) holds and let N be a proper graded submodule of M. It is clear that  $Rn_g \subseteq N$  for each  $n_g \in N \cap h(M)$ . Suppose that  $N \nsubseteq Rn_g$  for each  $n_g \in N \bigcap h(M)$ . By Corollary 3.4, for each  $n_g \in N \bigcap h(M)$  there exists a graded strongly irreducible submodule  $K_{n_g}$  such that  $Rn_g \subseteq K_{n_g}$  and  $N \nsubseteq K_{n_g}$ . Hence  $N = \bigcup_{n_g \in N} Rn_g \subseteq \bigcup_{n_g \in N} K_{n_g}$ , which is a contradiction.

 $(iv) \Rightarrow (v)$  Assume that (iv) holds and let N be a proper graded submodule of M. Let  $\{P_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  be a family of graded submodules of M such that  $N \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} P_{\alpha}$ . By (iv), there exists  $n_g \in N \cap h(M)$  such that  $N = Rn_g$ , then  $n_g \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} P_{\alpha}$  and hence  $n_g \in P_{\beta}$  for some  $\beta \in \Delta$ . Hence  $N = Rn_g \subseteq P_{\beta}$ .

 $(v) \Rightarrow (i)$  Clear.

Recall that a graded *R*-module M is said to be with graded primary decomposition if each of its proper graded submodules is an intersection, possibly infinite, of graded primary submodules of M (see [1].)

Every graded primary submodule is graded primal by [4, Theorem 1.6], so every graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed module is a graded *P*-compactly packed module.

By combining [1, Theorem 2.6] and Theorem 3.6, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.7.** Let R be a G-graded ring and M a graded R-module with graded primary decomposition. If M is a graded P-compactly packed module, then M is a graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed module.

Recall that a graded *R*-module M is called *a graded Noetherian module* if it satisfies the ascending chain condition on graded submodules of M (see [8].)

**Corollary 3.8.** Let R be a G-graded ring and M a graded R-module such that every graded finitely generated submodule of M is graded cyclic. If M is graded Noetherian, then M is a graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed module.

*Proof.* Let N be a proper graded submodule of M. Since M is graded Noetherian, N is a graded finitely generated submodule and hence it's graded cyclic. By Theorem 3.6, M is a graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed module.

Recall that a proper graded submodule N of a graded R-module M is said to be a graded maximal submodule if there is no graded submodule K of M such that  $N \subsetneq K \subsetneq M$ , (see [8].)

**Theorem 3.9.** Let R be a G-graded ring and M a graded R-module. If M is a graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed module which has at least one graded maximal submodule, then M is graded Noetherian.

*Proof.* Let  $P_1 \subseteq P_2 \subseteq P_3 \subseteq \cdots$  be an ascending chain of graded submodules of M. If  $P_i = M$  for some i, then the result follows immediately, so assume that none of  $P_i$ 's is M and let  $N = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} P_i$ . We claim that N is a proper graded submodule of M. Assume on contrary that N = M and let K be a

graded maximal submodule of M. Then  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} P_i$ . Since M is a graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed module, by Theorem 3.6  $K \subseteq P_n$  for some n. Thus  $K = P_n$  and hence  $P_n$  is graded maximal. Hence  $P_n = P_i$  for all  $i \ge n$  it follows that  $P_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} P_i = M$ , which is impossible. Thus N is a proper graded submodule of M. Since M is a graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed module, by Theorem 3.6  $N \subseteq P_m$  for some m and hence  $P_m = P_i$  for all  $i \ge m$ . Therefore M is graded Noetherian.

**Theorem 3.10.** Let R be a G-graded ring and M a graded R-module and  $S \subseteq h(R)$  a multiplicatively closed subset of R. If M is a graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed R-module, then  $M_S$  is a graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed  $R_S$ -module.

Proof. Let N be a proper graded submodule of  $M_S$  and let  $\{P_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha\in\Delta}$  be a family of graded primal submodules of  $M_S$  such that  $N \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha\in\Delta} P_{\alpha}$ . Hence  $N \cap M \subseteq (\bigcup_{\alpha\in\Delta} P_{\alpha}) \cap M$  and so  $N \cap M \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha\in\Delta} (P_{\alpha} \cap M)$ . By [4, Proposition 2.4.],  $P_{\alpha} \cap M$  is a graded primal submodule of M for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Since M is a graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed R-module, there exists  $\beta \in \Delta$  such that  $N \cap M \subseteq P_{\beta} \cap M$ . Hence  $(N \cap M)_S \subseteq (P_{\beta} \cap M)_S$ . By [4, Proposition 2.4],  $N \subseteq P_{\beta}$ . Therefore  $M_S$  is a graded  $P_L$ -compactly packed R\_S-module.  $\Box$ 

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