

## Quasi-duality Property of Generalized Macaulay-Northcott Modules

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**Abstract.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $(S, \leq)$  a strictly totally ordered monoid which is also artinian and finitely generated. Then we show that  $M$  is an artinian quasi-duality left  $R$ -module if and only if the module  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  consisting of generalized inverse polynomials over  $M$  is a quasi-duality left  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ -module.

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### 1. Introduction and Preliminary

This paper is motivated by [2] in which it was proved that  $M$  is an artinian quasi-duality left  $R$ -module if and only if the Macaulay-Northcott module  $M[x^{-1}]$  over  $R[[x]]$  is quasi-duality, and by a series of works about generalized Macaulay-Northcott modules, developed by Zhongkui Liu in [3-6]. We will show that, under some additional conditions, the module  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  consisting of generalized inverse polynomials over  $M$  is a quasi-duality left  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ -module if and only if  $M$  is an artinian quasi-duality left  $R$ -module. Our result will give more examples of quasi-duality modules.

All rings considered here are associative with identity. Any concept and notion not defined here can be found in [3-6, 11-13].

Let  $(S, \leq)$  be an ordered set. Recall that  $(S, \leq)$  is *artinian* if every strictly decreasing sequence of elements of  $S$  is finite, and that  $(S, \leq)$  is *narrow* if every subset of pairwise order-incomparable elements of  $S$  is finite. Let  $S$  be a commutative monoid. Unless stated otherwise, the operation of  $S$  shall be denoted additively, and the neutral element by  $0$ . The following definition is due to [11-13].

Let  $(S, \leq)$  be a strictly ordered monoid (that is,  $(S, \leq)$  is an ordered monoid satisfying the condition that, if  $s, s', t \in S$  and  $s < s'$ , then  $s + t < s' + t$ ), and  $R$  a ring. Let  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$  be the set of all maps  $f : S \rightarrow R$  such that  $\text{supp}(f) = \{s \in S \mid f(s) \neq 0\}$  is artinian and narrow. With pointwise addition,  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$  is an abelian additive group. For every  $s \in S$  and  $f, g \in [[R^{S, \leq}]]$ , let  $X_s(f, g) = \{(u, v) \in S \times S \mid u + v = s, f(u) \neq 0, g(v) \neq 0\}$ . It follows from [11, 4.1] that  $X_s(f, g)$  is finite. This fact allows to define the operation of convolution:

$$(fg)(s) = \sum_{(u,v) \in X_s(f,g)} f(u)g(v).$$

Clearly  $\text{supp}(fg) \subseteq \text{supp}(f) + \text{supp}(g)$ , thus by [11, 3.4]  $\text{supp}(fg)$  is artinian and narrow, hence  $fg \in [[R^{S, \leq}]]$ . With this operation, and pointwise addition,  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$  becomes a ring, which is called the ring of generalized power series. The elements of  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$  are called generalized power series with coefficients in  $R$  and exponents in  $S$ .

For example, if  $S = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $\leq$  is the usual order, then  $[[R^{\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, \leq}]] \cong R[[x]]$ , the usual ring of power series. If  $S$  is a commutative monoid and  $\leq$  is the trivial order, then  $[[R^{S, \leq}]] \cong R[S]$ , the monoid ring of  $S$  over  $R$ . Further examples are given in [11].

Let  $(S, \leq)$  be a strictly totally ordered monoid which is also artinian. If  $M$  is a left  $R$ -module, we let  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  be the set of all maps  $\phi : S \rightarrow M$  such that the set  $\text{supp}(\phi) = \{s \in S \mid \phi(s) \neq 0\}$  is finite. Now  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  can be turned into a left  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ -module. The addition in  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  is componentwise and the scalar multiplication is defined as follows:

$$(f\phi)(s) = \sum_{t \in S} f(t)\phi(s+t), \quad \text{for every } s \in S,$$

where  $f \in [[R^{S, \leq}]]$  and  $\phi \in [M^{S, \leq}]$ . It was proved in [3] that  $f\phi$  belongs to  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  and  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  is a left  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ -module, which we call the generalized Macaulay-Northcott module. The elements of  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  are called generalized inverse polynomials with coefficients in  $M$  and exponents in  $S$ . Similarly, if  $M$  is a right  $R$ -module, then  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  is a right  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ -module.

For example, if  $S = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $\leq$  is the usual order, then  $[M^{\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, \leq}] \cong M[x^{-1}]$ , the usual left  $R[[x]]$ -module introduced in [7, 8], which is called the Macaulay-Northcott module in [9, 10]. If  $S$  is the multiplicative monoid  $(\mathbb{N}, \cdot)$ , endowed with the usual order  $\leq$ , then  $[[R^{(\mathbb{N}, \cdot), \leq}]]$  is the ring of arithmetical functions with values in  $R$ , endowed with the Dirichlet convolution:

$$(fg)(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d)g(n/d), \quad \text{for each } n \geq 1.$$

If  $M$  is a left  $R$ -module, then the left  $[[R^{(\mathbb{N}, \cdot), \leq}]]$ -module  $[M^{(\mathbb{N}, \cdot), \leq}]$  is the set  $\{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i x^{-i} \mid m_i \in M, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  with scalar multiplication as below:

$$\left(\sum_{i \geq 1} r_i x^i\right) \left(\sum_{j \geq 1} m_j x^{-j}\right) = \sum_{j \geq 1} \left(\sum_{i \geq 1} r_i m_{i \cdot j}\right) x^{-j},$$

where  $\sum_{i \geq 1} r_i x^i \in [[R^{(\mathbb{N}, \cdot), \leq}]]$  and  $\sum_{j \geq 1} m_j x^{-j} \in [M^{(\mathbb{N}, \cdot), \leq}]$ . Note that in particular,

$$(rx^i)(mx^{-j}) = \begin{cases} rmx^{-j/i}, & i \mid j, \\ 0, & i \nmid j. \end{cases}$$

## 2. Main Results

We shall henceforth assume that  $(S, \leq)$  is a strictly totally ordered monoid which is also artinian in this section. Then, by [5], for any  $s \in S$ , we have  $0 \leq s$ . This result will be often used throughout the rest of this paper.

Let  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module. A family  $\{m_i, M_i\}_{i \in I}$  (where  $m_i \in M$  and  $M_i \leq M, i \in I$ ) is called *solvable* if there exists an  $m \in M$  such that  $m - m_i \in M_i$  for all  $i \in I$ ; it is called *finitely solvable* if  $\{m_i, M_i\}_{i \in F}$  is solvable for any finite subset  $F \subseteq I$ , and the module  $M$  is called *linearly compact* in the case where any finitely solvable family of  $M$  is solvable. Let  $s_1, \dots, s_n \in S$ , we denote by  $\langle s_1, \dots, s_n \rangle$  the set of all elements  $\sum_{i=1}^n k_i s_i$  (with  $k_i$  integer,  $k_i \geq 0$ ). A monoid  $S$  is called *finitely generated* if there exists a finite subset  $\{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$  such that  $S = \langle s_1, \dots, s_n \rangle$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $R$  be a ring,  $M$  a left  $R$ -module and  $S$  a finitely generated monoid. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is an artinian left  $R$ -module.
- (2)  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  is an artinian left  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ -module.
- (3)  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  is a linearly compact left  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ -module.

*Proof.* (1)  $\implies$  (2) follows from [14, Corollary 5].

(2)  $\implies$  (3). Each artinian module is linearly compact.

(3)  $\implies$  (1). See [6, Proposition 2.5] ■

Before stating the next result we explain the notions involved.

Let  $m \in M$ . Define a mapping  $\phi_{0, m} \in [M^{S, \leq}]$  via:

$$\phi_{0, m}(0) = m, \quad \phi_{0, m}(s) = 0, \quad 0 \neq s \in S.$$

Let  $T$  be a ring with identity. For any  $s \in S$ ,  $r \in T$ , define  $d_r^s \in [[T^{S, \leq}]]$  as follows:

$$d_r^s(s) = r, \quad d_r^s(x) = 0, \quad \forall s \neq x \in S.$$

Denote  $c_r = d_r^0$ ,  $e_s = d_1^s$ .

For every  $0 \neq \phi \in [M^{S, \leq}]$ , we denote by  $\sigma(\phi)$  the maximal element in  $\text{supp}(\phi)$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $T$  be a ring with identity and  $M$  a right  $T$ -module. Then  $\text{Soc}([M^{S, \leq}]_{[[T^{S, \leq}]]}) = \{\phi_{0, m} \mid m \in \text{Soc}(M_T)\}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $0 \neq \varphi \in \text{Soc}([M^{S, \leq}]_{[[T^{S, \leq}]]})$  be such that  $\varphi[[T^{S, \leq}]]$  is a simple right  $[[T^{S, \leq}]]$ -module. Assume that  $\sigma(\varphi) = s$ . If  $s > 0$ , then

$$(\varphi e_s)(0) = \sum_{x \in S} \varphi(x) e_s(x) = \varphi(s) \neq 0.$$

Thus  $0 \neq \varphi e_s \in \varphi[[T^{S, \leq}]]$ , and so  $\varphi[[T^{S, \leq}]] = \varphi e_s[[T^{S, \leq}]]$ . Hence  $\varphi = \varphi e_s f$  for some  $f \in [[T^{S, \leq}]]$ . Then

$$\varphi(s) = (\varphi e_s f)(s) = \sum_{x \in S} \varphi(x + s) (e_s f)(x) = \varphi(s) e_s(0) f(0) = 0,$$

a contradiction. Therefore,  $s = 0$ , and so  $\varphi = \phi_{0, m}$  for some  $m \in M$ . For any  $f \in [[T^{S, \leq}]]$ ,  $\phi_{0, m} f = \phi_{0, m} f(0) = \phi_{0, m} f(0)$ , so  $\varphi[[T^{S, \leq}]] = \phi_{0, m}[[T^{S, \leq}]] = \phi_{0, m} T$ . Thus  $\phi_{0, m} T$  is a simple right  $T$ -module. Since  $\phi_{0, m} T \cong mT$ , it follows that  $mT$  is a simple right  $T$ -module. Hence,  $m \in \text{Soc}(M_T)$ , and so  $\varphi \in \{\phi_{0, m} \mid m \in \text{Soc}(M_T)\}$ , which implies that  $\text{Soc}([M^{S, \leq}]_{[[T^{S, \leq}]]}) \subseteq \{\phi_{0, m} \mid m \in \text{Soc}(M_T)\}$ . The other inclusion is directly verified.  $\blacksquare$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $T$  be a ring and  $W = \{f \in [[T^{S, \leq}]] \mid f(0) = 0\}$ . Then  $W$  is an ideal of  $[[T^{S, \leq}]]$ , and  $W \subseteq J([[T^{S, \leq}]])$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f \in W$ ,  $g \in [[T^{S, \leq}]]$ . Then

$$(gf)(0) = \sum_{(u, v) \in X_0(g, f)} g(u) f(v) = g(0) f(0) = 0.$$

This means that  $gf \in W$ . Similarly,  $fg \in W$ . Now it is easy to see that  $W$  is an ideal of  $[[T^{S, \leq}]]$ .

Let  $f \in W$ . Then  $(c_1 - f)(0) = 1$ . Thus by [12, 2.3],  $(c_1 - f) \in U([[T^{S, \leq}]])$ . Hence  $f \in J([[T^{S, \leq}]])$ , which implies that  $W \subseteq J([[T^{S, \leq}]])$ .  $\blacksquare$

Let  $T$  be a ring with identity and  $M$  a right  $T$ -module. If  $S$  is a finitely generated monoid and  $T$  is a right noetherian ring, in [5, Theorem 6], it was proved that  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  is an injective right  $[[T^{S, \leq}]]$ -module if and only if  $M$  is an injective right  $T$ -module. Using this fact, we can prove

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $S$  be a finitely generated monoid and  $T$  a right noetherian ring. Then  $M_T$  is an injective cogenerator if and only if  $[M^{S,\leq}]_{[[T^{S,\leq}]]}$  is an injective cogenerator.*

*Proof.*  $\implies$ ) By [5, Theorem 6],  $[M^{S,\leq}]$  is an injective right  $[[T^{S,\leq}]]$ -module. Let  $N$  be a simple right  $[[T^{S,\leq}]]$ -module, by [1, Proposition 18.15], it suffices to prove that  $\text{Hom}_{[[T^{S,\leq}]]}(N, [M^{S,\leq}]) \neq 0$ . Since  $N$  is a simple right  $[[T^{S,\leq}]]$ -module,  $NJ([[T^{S,\leq}]]) = 0$ . For any  $f \in [[T^{S,\leq}]]$ , if  $f(0) = 0$ , then  $f \in J([[T^{S,\leq}]])$  by Lemma 2.3. Thus  $Nf = 0$ . Hence  $Nf = Nc_{f(0)} \triangleq Nf(0)$ . This means that  $N$  as a right  $[[T^{S,\leq}]]$ -module coincides with  $N$  as a right  $T$ -module. Hence  $N$  is a simple right  $T$ -module. Since  $M_T$  is an injective cogenerator, there exists a nonzero right  $T$ -homomorphism  $N \rightarrow M$ . Let  $f \in [[T^{S,\leq}]]$ , define  $Mf = Mf(0)$ . Then  $M$  is a right  $[[T^{S,\leq}]]$ -module. Thus  $N \rightarrow M$  is also a nonzero right  $[[T^{S,\leq}]]$ -homomorphism. Since  $M \subseteq [M^{S,\leq}](m \mapsto \phi_{0,m})$ , there exists a nonzero right  $[[T^{S,\leq}]]$ -homomorphism  $N \rightarrow [M^{S,\leq}]$ .

$\impliedby$ ) By [5, Theorem 6],  $M$  is an injective right  $T$ -module. Suppose that  $N$  is a simple right  $T$ -module. Let  $G = \{\phi_{0,n} \mid n \in N\}$ . Then  $G$  is a simple right  $[[T^{S,\leq}]]$ -module. Hence, by [1, Proposition 18.15], there exists a  $0 \neq \alpha \in \text{Hom}_{[[T^{S,\leq}]]}(G, [M^{S,\leq}])$ . Define  $\beta : N \rightarrow M : n \mapsto \alpha(\phi_{0,n})(0)$ ,  $\forall n \in N$ . Then it is easy to see that  $\beta$  is a right  $T$ -homomorphism. Since  $\alpha \neq 0$ , there exists an  $n \in N$  such that  $\alpha(\phi_{0,n}) \neq 0$ . By [4, Lemma 2.1],  $\sigma(\alpha(\phi_{0,n})) \leq \sigma(\phi_{0,n}) = 0$ . Thus  $\sigma(\alpha(\phi_{0,n})) = 0$ . Hence  $\beta(n) = \alpha(\phi_{0,n})(0) \neq 0$ . Thus  $\beta \neq 0$ . Hence, by [1, Proposition 18.15],  $M_T$  is an injective cogenerator.  $\blacksquare$

According to [2], a module  ${}_R M$  is called *quasi-duality* if  ${}_R M$  is quasi-injective, finitely cogenerated, linearly compact and cogenerated all its factor modules. Also, by [2], if  ${}_R M$  is a quasi-duality module, then  $A = \text{End}({}_R M)$  is right linearly compact and  $M_A$  is an injective cogenerator with  $\text{Soc}({}_R M) = \text{Soc}(M_A)$  essential in  $M_A$ . Moreover,  $R$  operates densely in  $B (= \text{End}(M_A))$  on  $M$ , and  ${}_B M$  is also a quasi-duality module. The following result appeared in [2, Theorem 2.1].

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $A$  be a right linearly compact ring and  $M_A$  an injective cogenerator with  $\text{Soc}(M_A)$  essential in  $M_A$ . Then*

- (1)  ${}_B M$  is a quasi-duality module, where  $B = \text{End}(M_A)$ ; and
- (2) If  $R$  operates densely in  $B$  on  $M$ , then  ${}_R M$  is a quasi-duality module.

**Lemma 2.6.** ([2, Lemma 4.1]) *Let  ${}_R M$  be a quasi-duality module with  $A = \text{End}({}_R M)$ . If  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  with  $\text{End}({}_R/I r_M(I)) \cong A/r_A(r_M(I))$ , then  ${}_R/I r_M(I)$  is a quasi-duality module over  $R/I$ .*

Let  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module,  $A = \text{End}({}_R M)$  and  $B = \text{End}(M_A)$ . Then by the construction of  $[M^{S,\leq}]$ , we obtain a bimodule  $[[B^{S,\leq}]] [M^{S,\leq}]_{[[A^{S,\leq}]]}$ . Moreover, by [3, Lemma 3.1, Lemma 3.3], we may identify  $[[A^{S,\leq}]] = \text{End}({}_{[[R^{S,\leq}]]} [M^{S,\leq}])$  and  $[[B^{S,\leq}]] = \text{End}([M^{S,\leq}]_{[[A^{S,\leq}]]})$ . With these facts, we can prove

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $S$  be a finitely generated monoid and  $M$  a left  $R$ -module. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is an artinian quasi-duality left  $R$ -module.
- (2)  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  is a quasi-duality left  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ -module.

*Proof.* (1)  $\implies$  (2). Since  $M$  is an artinian quasi-duality left  $R$ -module,  $A$  is right noetherian and right linearly compact, so  $[[A^{S, \leq}]]$  is right linearly compact by [6, Proposition 2.5] and  $[M^{S, \leq}]_{[[A^{S, \leq}]]}$  is an injective cogenerator by Lemma 2.4. Let  $0 \neq \varphi \in [M^{S, \leq}]_{[[A^{S, \leq}]]}$ . Assume that  $\sigma(\varphi) = s$ . Since  $\text{Soc}(M_A)$  is essential in  $M_A$ , there exists an  $a \in A$  such that  $0 \neq \varphi(s)a \in \text{Soc}(M_A)$ . Thus, by Lemma 2.2,  $0 \neq \phi_{0, \varphi(s)a} \in \text{Soc}([M^{S, \leq}]_{[[A^{S, \leq}]]})$ . It is easy to see that  $\phi_{0, \varphi(s)a} = \varphi d_a^s$ . Hence  $0 \neq \varphi d_a^s \in \text{Soc}([M^{S, \leq}]_{[[A^{S, \leq}]]})$ . This means that  $\text{Soc}([M^{S, \leq}]_{[[A^{S, \leq}]]})$  is essential in  $[M^{S, \leq}]_{[[A^{S, \leq}]]}$ . By Lemma 2.5 (1),  $[[B^{S, \leq}]] [M^{S, \leq}]$  is a quasi-duality module. To show that  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  is a quasi-duality left  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ -module, by Lemma 2.5 (2), it suffices to show that  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$  operates densely in  $[[B^{S, \leq}]]$  on  $[M^{S, \leq}]$ . Let  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n \in [M^{S, \leq}]$  and  $f \in [[B^{S, \leq}]]$ . Set  $X = \cup_{i=1}^n \{\varphi_i(s) \mid s \in \text{supp}(\varphi_i)\}$ . Then  $X$  is a finite set of  $M$ . Assume that  $X = \{m_1, \dots, m_k\}$ . For each  $s \in \text{supp}(f)$ , since  $R$  operates densely in  $B$  on  $[M^{S, \leq}]$ , we have  $r_s \in R$  such that  $r_s m_i = f(s)m_i$  for all  $i$ . Define  $g : S \longrightarrow R$  as follows:

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} r_x, & x \in \text{supp}(f), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $g \in [[R^{S, \leq}]]$ . For any  $x \in S$  and any  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (f\varphi_i)(x) &= \sum_{y \in S} f(y)\varphi_i(x+y) = \sum_{y \in \text{supp}(f)} f(y)\varphi_i(x+y) \\ &= \sum_{y \in \text{supp}(f)} r_y \varphi_i(x+y) \\ &= \sum_{y \in \text{supp}(f)} g(y)\varphi_i(x+y) = \sum_{y \in S} g(y)\varphi_i(x+y) \\ &= (g\varphi_i)(x). \end{aligned}$$

This means that  $f\varphi_i = g\varphi_i$  for all  $i$ , and which implies that  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$  operates densely in  $[[B^{S, \leq}]]$  on  $[M^{S, \leq}]$ . Now the result follows.

(2)  $\implies$  (1). Since  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  is a quasi-duality left  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ -module,  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  is a linearly compact left  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ -module, and so  $M$  is an artinian left  $R$ -module by Lemma 2.1.

Let

$$I = \{f \in [[R^{S, \leq}]] \mid f(0) = 0\}.$$

Then by Lemma 2.3,  $I$  is an ideal of  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ . Define a mapping  $\alpha : R \longrightarrow [[R^{S, \leq}]]/I$  via

$$\alpha(a) = c_a + I, \quad \forall a \in R.$$

Then it is easy to see that  $\alpha$  is a homomorphism of rings. For any  $f \in [[R^{S, \leq}]]$ ,  $f + I = c_{f(0)} + I = \alpha(f(0))$ , which implies that  $\alpha$  is an epimorphism. Clearly  $\alpha$  is a monomorphism. Thus there is an isomorphism of rings  $R \cong [[R^{S, \leq}]]/I$ .

Let  $G = \{\phi_{0,m} \mid m \in M\}$ . Then it is easy to see that  $G \cong M$  as an  $R$ -module. For any  $f \in I$ , any  $m \in M$  and any  $s \in S$ ,

$$(f\phi_{0,m})(s) = \sum_{y \in S} f(y)\phi_{0,m}(s+y) = f(0)\phi_{0,m}(s) = 0,$$

which implies that  $G \subseteq r_{[M^{S, \leq}]}(I)$ . Conversely, for any  $0 \neq \varphi \in r_{[M^{S, \leq}]}(I)$ , let  $\sigma(\varphi) = s$ . Assume that  $s > 0$ . Then  $e_s \in I$  and so

$$0 = (e_s\varphi)(0) = \sum_{y \in S} e_s(y)\varphi(y) = \varphi(s),$$

a contradiction. Thus  $s = 0$ . Hence  $\varphi \in G$ . Therefore  $G = r_{[M^{S, \leq}]}(I)$ .

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{End}([[R^{S, \leq}]]/I r_{[M^{S, \leq}]}(I)) &\cong \text{End}({}_R G) \cong \text{End}({}_R M) \\ &= A \cong [[A^{S, \leq}]]/\{f \in [[A^{S, \leq}]] \mid f(0) = 0\} \\ &= [[A^{S, \leq}]]/r_{[[A^{S, \leq}]]}(r_{[M^{S, \leq}]}(W)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Lemma 2.6,  $r_{[M^{S, \leq}]}(I)$  is a quasi-duality left  $R$ -module. Thus  $M$  is a quasi-duality left  $R$ -module.  $\blacksquare$

**Corollary 2.8.** *Let  $S$  be a finitely generated torsion-free and cancellative monoid, and  $(S, \leq)$  be artinian and narrow. Then  $M$  is an artinian quasi-duality left  $R$ -module if and only if  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  is a quasi-duality left  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ -module.*

*Proof.* If  $S$  is torsion-free and cancellative, then by [11, 3.3], there exists a compatible strict total order  $\leq'$  on  $S$ , which is finer than  $\leq$ , that is, for any  $s, t \in S$ ,  $s \leq t$  implies that  $s \leq' t$ . Since  $(S, \leq)$  is artinian and narrow, by [11, 2.5] it follows that  $(S, \leq')$  is artinian and narrow. Thus by Theorem 2.7,  $[M^{S, \leq'}]$  is a quasi-duality left  $[[R^{S, \leq'}]]$ -module if and only if  $M$  is an artinian quasi-duality left  $R$ -module.

On the other hand, since  $(S, \leq)$  is narrow, by [11, 4.4],  $[[R^{S, \leq}]] = [[R^{S, \leq'}]]$ . Clearly  $[M^{S, \leq}] = [M^{S, \leq'}]$ . Now the result follows.  $\blacksquare$

The following corollaries will give more examples of quasi-duality modules.

Any submonoid of the additive monoid  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  is called a *numerical* monoid. It is well-known that any numerical monoid is finitely generated [11, 1.3]. Thus, we have

**Corollary 2.9.** *Let  $S$  be a numerical monoid and  $\leq$  the usual natural order of  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Then  $M$  is an artinian quasi-duality left  $R$ -module if and only if  $[M^{S, \leq}]$  is a quasi-duality left  $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ -module.*

**Corollary 2.10.** *Let  $(S_1, \leq_1), \dots, (S_n, \leq_n)$  be strictly totally ordered monoids which are also artinian and finitely generated. Denote by  $(lex \leq)$  and  $(revlex \leq)$  the lexicographic order and the reverse lexicographic order, respectively, on the monoid  $S_1 \times \dots \times S_n$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is an artinian quasi-duality left  $R$ -module.
- (2)  $[M^{S_1 \times \dots \times S_n, (lex \leq)}]$  is a quasi-duality left  $[[R^{S_1 \times \dots \times S_n, (lex \leq)}]]$ -module.
- (3)  $[M^{S_1 \times \dots \times S_n, (revlex \leq)}]$  is a quasi-duality left  $[[R^{S_1 \times \dots \times S_n, (revlex \leq)}]]$ -module.

*Proof.* It is easy to see that  $(S_1 \times \dots \times S_n, (lex \leq))$  is a strictly totally ordered monoid which is also artinian and finitely generated. Thus, by Theorem 2.7,  $[M^{S_1 \times \dots \times S_n, (lex \leq)}]$  is a quasi-duality left  $[[R^{S_1 \times \dots \times S_n, (lex \leq)}]]$ -module if and only if  $M$  is an artinian quasi-duality left  $R$ -module.

The proof of (1)  $\iff$  (3) is similar. ■

**Corollary 2.11.** *Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  be  $n$  commuting indeterminates over  $R$  and  $M$  a left  $R$ -module. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is an artinian quasi-duality left  $R$ -module.
- (2)  $M[x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}]$  is a quasi-duality left  $R[[x_1, \dots, x_n]]$ -module.

*Proof.* Take  $S_1 = \dots = S_n = \mathbb{N}$  with  $\leq_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ , to be the usual order of  $\mathbb{N}$  in Corollary 2.10. Then the result follows from [11, Example 3]. ■

Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  be prime numbers. Set

$$N(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) = \{p_1^{m_1} p_2^{m_2} \dots p_n^{m_n} \mid m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}.$$

Then  $N(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$  is a submonoid of  $(\mathbb{N}, \cdot)$ . Let  $\leq$  be the usual natural order. Then by Theorem 2.7, we have

**Corollary 2.12.** *Let  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  is an artinian quasi-duality left  $R$ -module if and only if  $[M^{N(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n), \leq}]$  is a quasi-duality left  $[[R^{N(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n), \leq}]]$ -module.*

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