

Componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -full modules

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Abstract We introduce the componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -full property for a pair of graded modules, which is stronger than the $\mathfrak{m}$ -full property, and give criteria for checking whether a pair of graded modules has the componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -full property or not.

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1. Introduction

The property of homogeneous ideals of a standard graded Noetherian commutative algebra over a field, called the $\mathfrak{m}$ -fullness, and related topics have been studied by many authors (e.g., (1)-(12)). The property, $\mathfrak{m}$ -fullness, can naturally be extended to the property of graded modules and their graded submodules.

In this paper, we introduce the componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -full property, which is stronger than the $\mathfrak{m}$ -full property, for a pair of a graded module and its graded submodule. We give criteria for componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -fullness. Especially, the defect of componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -fullness, which measures the $\mathfrak{m}$ -fullness, is introduced in Section 4.

In Section 2, the preliminary section, we fix some notations which we use here. Also we mention Zariski openness of the set $\Lambda(M)$ (see Notation 2.6), which plays an important role in Section 3, in Lemma 2.7.

In Section 3, we study $\mathfrak{m}$ -fullness. The criteria for $\mathfrak{m}$ -fullness is given in Proposition 3.4. We also see that the locus of $\mathfrak{m}$ -full divisors (see Definition 3.1 (2)) is Zariski open (see Theorem 3.6).

Finally, in Section 4, we define componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -full property and the defect of componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -fullness, and give criteria for componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -fullness in Theorem 4.10.

2. Preliminaries

Let $\mathbb{Z}$ be the set of integers, $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ be the set of nonnegative integers and R be a standard graded Noetherian commutative algebra over an infinite field K with the maximal homogeneous ideal $\mathfrak{m}$ and the residue field $k \simeq R/\mathfrak{m}$. Let $\mathcal{A}$ be the category of finitely generated graded R -modules, for $M \in \mathcal{A}$ and $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, we denote M_i the K -vector subspace generated by homogeneous elements of degree i in M , $M(i)$ the i -shifted module of M defined by $(M(i))_j := M_{j+i}$ for all $j \in \mathbb{Z}$. For a graded submodule N of M and a homogeneous ideal I of R , we denote $N_M : I := \{\xi \in M \mid I\xi \subseteq N\}$, and similarly, for a homogeneous element $z \in R$, we also denote $N_M : z := \{\xi \in M \mid z\xi \in N\}$. We fix some notations as follows:

Notation 2.1. Let $N \subseteq M \in \mathcal{A}$ and $j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- (1) $M_{\geq j} := \bigoplus_{i \geq j} M_i$: the graded submodule of elements of degrees greater than or equal to j in M .
- (2) $M_{\langle j \rangle} := RM_j$: the graded submodule generated by elements of degrees $\geq j$ in M .
- (3) $\mathfrak{m}^j := R$ and $z^j := 1$ if $j \leq 0$.
- (4) $\deg : \coprod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (M_i \setminus \{0\}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$: the degree function of M defined by $\deg \xi := i$ if $0 \neq \xi \in M_i$.
- (5) $\text{nzc}(M) := \{i \in \mathbb{Z} \mid M_i \neq 0\}$: the set of degrees of nonzero homogeneous components of M .
- (6) $\text{low}(M) := \inf \{i \in \mathbb{Z} \mid M_i \neq 0\}$ if $M \neq 0$ and $\text{low}(0) := \infty$.
- (7) $\text{top}(M) := \sup \{i \in \mathbb{Z} \mid M_i \neq 0\}$ if $M \neq 0$ and $\text{top}(0) := -\infty$.
- (8) $\sigma(M) := 1 + \text{top}\left(0 :_M \mathfrak{m}\right)$: $1 +$ the degree of the top socle of M , especially, $\sigma(M) := -\infty$ if $0 :_M \mathfrak{m} = 0$.

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- (9) $l(M)$: the length of M , i.e., the largest length of chains of submodules of M .
- (10) $\text{depth}(M)$: the depth of M , i.e., the length of maximal regular sequence on M if $M \neq 0$ and $\text{depth}(0) := \infty$.
- (11) $\mu(M) := l(M / \mathfrak{m}M)$: the number of minimal generators of M .
- (12) $D(M) := \text{nzc}(M / \mathfrak{m}M)$: the set of degrees of minimal generators of M , especially $D(0) = \emptyset$.
- (13) $d(M) := \text{low}(M / \mathfrak{m}M)$: the minimal degree of minimal generators of M , especially $d(0) = \infty$.
- (14) $d'(M) := \text{top}(M / \mathfrak{m}M)$: the maximal degree of minimal generators of M , especially $D(0) = -\infty$.
- (15) $\text{NZD}_{\geq 1}(M) := \{z \in \mathfrak{m} \mid 0 :_M z = 0\}$ if $M \neq 0$: the set of nonzero divisors of M in $\mathfrak{m}$ and $\text{NZD}_{\geq 1}(0) := \mathfrak{m} \setminus \{0\}$.
- (16) $\text{NZD}_1(M) := \{z \in R_1 \mid z \in \text{NZD}(M)\}$ if $M \neq 0$ and $\text{NZD}_1(0) := R_1 \setminus \{0\}$.
- (17) $\text{Ass}M$: the set of associated prime ideals of M .
- (18) $N :_M \mathfrak{m}^\infty := \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (N :_M \mathfrak{m}^i) = \bigcup_{i \geq 0} (N :_M \mathfrak{m}^i)$: the saturation of N in M .

Remark 2.2. If $M = 0$ then $M_i = 0$ for all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, $D(0) = \text{nzc}(0) = \emptyset$, $\text{low}(0) = d(0) = \infty$, $\text{top}(0) = d'(0) = \sigma(0) = -\infty$ and $\deg(0)$ is not defined. We assume $\mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\} \cup \{-\infty\}$ an ordered set with $\max(\mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\} \cup \{-\infty\}) = \infty$ and $\min(\mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\} \cup \{-\infty\}) = -\infty$. We also assume that $\infty + i =: \infty$ and $-\infty + i =: -\infty$ for all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Remark 2.3. Let $N \subseteq M \in \mathcal{A}$, $\sigma := \sigma(M/N)$ and $L := N :_M \mathfrak{m}^\infty$. We remark the following:

- (1) If $i \geq \sigma$, then $L_i = N_i$ since $0 :_{M/N} \mathfrak{m} \subseteq 0 :_{M/N} \mathfrak{m}^\infty = L/N$.
- (2) $\sigma(M/N) = 1 + \text{top}(0 :_{M/N} \mathfrak{m}) = 1 + \text{top}(0 :_{L/N} \mathfrak{m}) = \sigma(L/N) = 1 + \text{top}(L/N)$.
- (3) If $\text{NZD}_1(M) \neq \emptyset$ and $M_i \neq 0$, then $M_j \neq 0$ for any $j \geq i$.
- (4) If $\text{NZD}_1(M) \neq \emptyset$ and $0 \neq N \neq L$, then $d := d(N) \leq \sigma$. Actuary $L_{\sigma-1} \neq N_{\sigma-1}$ since $N \neq L$. This implies $L_{\sigma-1} \neq 0$ and $N_i = L_i \neq 0$ for all $i \geq \sigma$ by (1) and (2), especially $N_\sigma \neq 0$. Hence $d \leq \sigma$. The condition $\text{NZD}_1(M) \neq \emptyset$ is crucial. In fact, if $N := k(-a) \subseteq M := N \oplus k(-b)$ and $a > b+1$, then $d(N) = a > \sigma(M/N) = b+1$.

In general, $\text{NZD}_1(M)$ is a Zariski open subset of R_1 since $\text{NZD}_1(M) = R_1 \setminus \bigcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}(M)} (R_1 \cap \mathfrak{p})$ is a complement of finite union of K -linear subspaces $\mathfrak{m}_1 \cap \mathfrak{p}$ ($\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}M$). The following Lemma gives a criterion for checking whether $\text{NZD}_1(M)$ is empty or not.

Lemma 2.4. Let $M \in \mathcal{A}$. Then the following hold:

- (1) $\text{depth}(M) \geq 1$ if and only if $0 :_M \mathfrak{m} = 0$.
- (2) $\text{NZD}_1(M) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $\text{depth}(M) \geq 1$.

Proof. (1) First we remark that $\text{depth}(0) = \infty$, so $M \neq 0$ if $\text{depth}(M) = 0$. Since $\text{NZD}_{\geq 1}(M) = \mathfrak{m} \setminus \bigcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}(M)} \mathfrak{p}$, using prime avoidance, $\text{depth}(M) < 1$, i.e., $\text{depth}(M) = 0$ if and only if $\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Ass}M$, if and only if $0 :_M \mathfrak{m} \neq 0$. Hence we are done.

(2) We remark that $\text{NZD}_1(0) := R_1 \setminus \{0\}$ and $\text{depth}(0) = \infty$. Hence if $\text{NZD}_1(M) \neq \emptyset$, then clearly $\text{depth}(M) \geq 1$. On the other hand, if $\text{depth}(M) \geq 1$, then from (1), $\mathfrak{m} \notin \text{Ass}M$, so $R_1 = \mathfrak{m}_1 \neq \mathfrak{m}_1 \cap \mathfrak{p}$ for all $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}M$. Since $\text{Ass}M$ is a finite set and each $\mathfrak{m}_1 \cap \mathfrak{p}$ ($\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}M$) is a proper vector subspace of R_1 over an infinite field K , we

have $\text{NZD}_1(M) = R_1 \setminus \bigcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}(M)} (\mathfrak{m}_1 \cap \mathfrak{p}) \neq \emptyset$. $\square$

Remark 2.5. Lemma 2.4 says that those three conditions $\text{depth}(M) \geq 1$, $0_M : \mathfrak{m} = 0$ and $\text{NZD}_1(M) \neq \emptyset$ are equivalent. Lemma 2.4. (1) holds without any assumption on the quotient field K , but the field K being infinite is necessary for Lemma 2.4 (2) to hold.

Notation 2.6. Let $M \in \mathcal{A}$.

- (1) $\lambda(M) := \min \left\{ l \left(0_M : z \right) \mid z \in R_1 \right\}$.
- (2) $\Lambda(M) := \left\{ z \in R_1 \mid l \left(0_M : z \right) = \lambda(M) \right\}$.

Lemma 2.7. Let $M \in \mathcal{A}$ and $L := 0_M : \mathfrak{m}^\infty$. Then the following hold:

- (1) $\lambda(M) < \infty$.
- (2) $\text{NZD}_1(M/L) \neq \emptyset$ and, then $0_M : z = 0_L : z$ if $z \in \text{NZD}_1(M/L)$.
- (3) If $z \in \Lambda(M)$, then $z \in \text{NZD}_1(M/L)$.
- (4) $\Lambda(L)$ is a nonempty Zariski open subset of R_1 .
- (5) $\lambda(M) = \lambda(L)$.
- (6) $\Lambda(M) = \Lambda(L) \cap \text{NZD}_1(M/L)$ is a nonempty Zariski open subset of R_1 .

Proof. (1) From Lemma 2.4, $\text{NZD}_1(M_{\geq \sigma(M)}) \neq \emptyset$ since $(0_M : \mathfrak{m})_{\geq \sigma(M)} = 0_{M_{\geq \sigma(M)}} : \mathfrak{m} = 0$. If $z \in \text{NZD}_1(M_{\geq \sigma(M)})$, then

$$0_M : z \subseteq \bigoplus_{i < \sigma(M)} M_i, \text{ hence } \lambda(M) \leq l \left(0_M : z \right) \leq \sum_{i < \sigma(M)} \dim_K M_i < \infty.$$

(2) Applying by Lemma 2.4, $\text{NZD}_1(M/L) \neq \emptyset$ since $0_{M/L} : \mathfrak{m} = 0$. If $z \in \text{NZD}_1(M/L)$, then $0_M : z \subseteq L$, hence $0_M : z = 0_L : z$.

(3) If $z \in \Lambda(M)$, then $l \left(0_M : z \right) = \lambda(M) < \infty$ by (1), hence $0_M : z \subseteq L$. This implies $z \in \text{NZD}_1(M/L)$.

(4) The condition that $z \in R_1$ belongs to $\Lambda(L)$ gives a maximal rank condition for the linear map $\times z$ on the finite dimensional K -vector space L , since $l(L) < \infty$. Hence $\Lambda(L)$ is a nonempty Zariski open subset of R_1 .

(5) Since both $\Lambda(L)$ and $\cap \text{NZD}_1(M/L)$ are nonempty Zariski open subsets of R_1 by (2) and (4), we can chose an element $z \in \Lambda(L) \cap \text{NZD}_1(M/L) \neq \emptyset$ and $\lambda(L) = l \left(0_L : z \right) = l \left(0_M : z \right) \leq \lambda(M)$. On the other hand, if $z \in \Lambda(M)$, then $\lambda(M) = l \left(0_M : z \right) = l \left(0_L : z \right) \geq \lambda(L)$ by (3). Hence $\lambda(M) = \lambda(L)$.

(6) If $z \in \Lambda(M)$, then $l \left(0_M : z \right) = l \left(0_L : z \right) = \lambda(M) = \lambda(L)$, i.e., $z \in \Lambda(L)$ by (5) and $z \in \text{NZD}_1(M/L)$ by (3). Hence we have $\Lambda(M) \subseteq \Lambda(L) \cap \text{NZD}_1(M/L)$. On the other hand, if $z \in \Lambda(L) \cap \text{NZD}_1(M/L)$, then $l \left(0_M : z \right) = l \left(0_L : z \right) = \lambda(L) = \lambda(M)$ by (2), (3) and (5). This implies $\Lambda(L) \cap \text{NZD}_1(M/L) \subseteq \Lambda(M)$, we are done. $\square$

3. $\mathfrak{m}$ -fullness

Definition 3.1. Let $N \subseteq M \in \mathcal{A}$.

- (1) N is called $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M if $\mathfrak{m}N : z = N$ for some $0 \neq z \in R_1$. Especially in this case, we say that N is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M with respect to z .

(2) $\mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; M) := \{z \mid N \text{ is } \mathfrak{m}\text{-full in } M \text{ w.r.t. } z \in R_1\}$ is called the *set of $\mathfrak{m}$ -full divisors for N in M* .

Remark 3.2. If $0 \neq z \in R_1$, then $\mathfrak{m}M : z = M$. Hence M is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M . By definition, 0 is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M w.r.t. $z \in R_1 \setminus \{0\}$ if and only if $z \in \text{NZD}_1(M)$.

We use the following Lemma 3.3 to prove Proposition 3.4.

Lemma 3.3. *Given a commutative diagram in $\mathcal{A}$ with exact rows*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & A & \rightarrow & B & \rightarrow & C & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & f_A \downarrow & & f_B \downarrow & \swarrow g & \downarrow f_C & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & A' & \rightarrow & B' & \rightarrow & C' & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array},$$

and let the part of the *ker-coker* sequence induced by the above exact sequence be

$$\text{Ker}(f_B) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \text{Ker}(f_C) \xrightarrow{\beta} \text{Coker}(f_A).$$

Then we have $\text{Im}(\alpha) = \text{Ker}(g) = \text{Ker}(\beta)$.

Proof. It is easy to check that $\text{Im}(\alpha) \subseteq \text{Ker}(g) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\beta)$ by diagram chasing. Hence $\text{Im}(\alpha) = \text{Ker}(g) = \text{Ker}(\beta)$. $\square$

In the case of ideals, the next Proposition 3.4, essentially appears in (5, Lemma 4.3). But we state the proof for the convenience of the readers.

Proposition 3.4. *Let $N \subseteq M \in \mathcal{A}$ and $z \in R_1$. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i) N is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M w.r.t. z ;
- (ii) $\varphi^{(z)} : M/\mathfrak{m}N \rightarrow (M/N)(1)$ is injective, where $\varphi^{(z)}$ is a map defined by multiplication by z ;
- (iii) $\mu(N) = l\left(0 \begin{smallmatrix} \vdots \\ z \end{smallmatrix} \right)_{M/\mathfrak{m}N}$;
- (iv) $N/\mathfrak{m}N \simeq 0 \begin{smallmatrix} \vdots \\ z \end{smallmatrix} \right)_{M/\mathfrak{m}N}$;
- (v) $\mu(N) = l\left(0 \begin{smallmatrix} \vdots \\ z \end{smallmatrix} \right)_{M/N} + \mu((N + zM)/zM)$;
- (vi) $N/\mathfrak{m}N \simeq \left(0 \begin{smallmatrix} \vdots \\ z \end{smallmatrix} \right)_{M/N}(-1) \oplus (N + zM)/(\mathfrak{m}N + zM)$.

Proof. (i) is equivalent to (iv) from the definition of $\mathfrak{m}$ -fullness. Applying Lemma 3.3 to the following commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & (N/\mathfrak{m}N)(-1) & \rightarrow & (M/\mathfrak{m}N)(-1) & \rightarrow & (M/N)(-1) & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & \times z \downarrow & & \times z \downarrow & \swarrow \varphi^{(z)} & \times z \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & N/\mathfrak{m}N & \rightarrow & M/\mathfrak{m}N & \rightarrow & M/N & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

where $\times z$ is the multiplication map by z on each module, we have the following two exact sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\rightarrow (N/\mathfrak{m}N)(-1) \rightarrow \left(0 \begin{smallmatrix} \vdots \\ z \end{smallmatrix} \right)_{M/\mathfrak{m}N}(-1) \rightarrow \text{Ker}(\varphi^{(z)})(-1) \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 &\rightarrow \text{Ker}(\varphi^{(z)})(-1) \rightarrow \left(0 \begin{smallmatrix} \vdots \\ z \end{smallmatrix} \right)_{M/N}(-1) \rightarrow M/(\mathfrak{m}N + zM) \rightarrow (N + zM)/(\mathfrak{m}N + zM) \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

From the above exact sequences, (ii), i.e., $\text{Ker}(\varphi^{(z)}) = 0$, is equivalent to each one of conditions from (iii) to (vi). $\square$

Remark 3.5. If N is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M w.r.t. z , then the following hold:

- (1) We can assume $\left(0 \begin{smallmatrix} \vdots \\ z \end{smallmatrix} \right)_{M/N}(-1) \subseteq N/\mathfrak{m}N$, i.e., there is a degree preserving injective morphism:

$$\iota : \left(0 \begin{smallmatrix} \vdots \\ z \end{smallmatrix} \right)_{M/N}(-1) \rightarrow N/\mathfrak{m}N \text{ from the Ker-Coker sequence of the above diagram in the proof of Proposition 3.4.}$$

$$(2) \quad 0 \underset{M/N}{:} z = 0 \underset{M/N}{:} \mathfrak{m} \text{ since } 0 \underset{M/N}{:} \mathfrak{m} \subseteq 0 \underset{M/N}{:} z \subseteq (N/\mathfrak{m}N)(1) \subseteq 0 \underset{M/N}{:} \mathfrak{m}.$$

Theorem 3.6. Let $N \subseteq M \in \mathcal{A}$ and $L := \mathfrak{m}N \underset{M}{:} \mathfrak{m}^\infty = N \underset{M}{:} \mathfrak{m}^\infty$. Then the following hold:

- (1) If $\mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; M) \neq \emptyset$, then $\mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; M) = \Lambda(M/\mathfrak{m}N) = \Lambda(L/\mathfrak{m}N) \cap \text{NZD}_1(M/L)$, especially $\mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; M)$ is a Zariski open subset of R_1 .
- (2) The following are equivalent:
 - (i) N is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M ;
 - (ii) N is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in L .

Proof. (1) If $z \in \mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; M)$, then by Proposition 3.4, $l\left(0 \underset{M/\mathfrak{m}N}{:} z\right) = l(N/\mathfrak{m}N) = l\left(0 \underset{M/\mathfrak{m}N}{:} \mathfrak{m}\right)$. This implies $z \in \Lambda(M/\mathfrak{m}N)$. Hence $\mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; M) \subseteq \Lambda(M/\mathfrak{m}N)$. On the other hand, since $\mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; M) \neq \emptyset$, fix an element $z_0 \in \mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; M)$. If $z \in \Lambda(M/\mathfrak{m}N)$, then $l\left(0 \underset{M/\mathfrak{m}N}{:} z\right) = \lambda(M/\mathfrak{m}N) = l\left(0 \underset{M/\mathfrak{m}N}{:} z_0\right) = l(N/\mathfrak{m}N)$. By Proposition 3.4 (iii), this implies $z \in \mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; M)$. Hence $\Lambda(M/\mathfrak{m}N) \subseteq \mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; M)$. So we have first equality $\Lambda(M/\mathfrak{m}N) = \mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; M)$. Applying Lemma 2.7 (6), we also have $\Lambda(M/\mathfrak{m}N) = \Lambda(L/\mathfrak{m}N) \cap \text{NZD}_1(M/L)$ a Zariski open subset of R_1 .

(2) Applying (1), first we remark that if $\mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; L) \neq \emptyset$, then

$$\mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; L) = \Lambda(L/\mathfrak{m}N) \cap \text{NZD}_1(L/L) = \Lambda(L/\mathfrak{m}N).$$

Hence again by (1), $\mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; M) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $\mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; L) \neq \emptyset$ since both $\mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; L)$ and $\text{NZD}_1(M/L)$ are Zariski open subsets in R_1 and $\text{NZD}_1(M/L) \neq \emptyset$ by Lemma 2.7 (2). This implies N is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M if and only if N is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in L . $\square$

Remark 3.7. The field K being infinite is a crucial condition for Theorem 3.6., otherwise R_1 is a finite set, hence its Zariski topology is discrete and $\text{NZD}_1(M/L)$ or $\Lambda(L/\mathfrak{m}N) \cap \text{NZD}_1(M/L)$ may happen to be empty where $L = N \underset{M}{:} \mathfrak{m}^\infty$.

4. Componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -fullness

Definition 4.1. Let $N \subseteq M \in \mathcal{A}$. N is called *componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M* if $N_{\langle i \rangle}$ is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M for all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Proposition 4.2. Let $N \subseteq M \in \mathcal{A}$. If N is componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M , then N is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M .

Proof. If $N = 0$, the assertion clearly holds, so we assume $N \neq 0$. We denote $N_i := N_{\langle d_i \rangle}$ ($i = 1, \dots, r$) where $\text{dnz}(N) = \{d_1 < \dots < d_r\}$, then $N = N_1 + \dots + N_r$. Since each N_i ($i = 1, \dots, r$) is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M , we can take an element $z \in \bigcap_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N_i; M) \neq \emptyset$ by Theorem (1). It is enough to show that $\mathfrak{m}N : z \subseteq N$. If $\xi \in \mathfrak{m}N : z$ is a homogeneous element, then $z\xi \in \mathfrak{m}N = \mathfrak{m}N_1 + \dots + \mathfrak{m}N_r$. This implies $z\xi \in \mathfrak{m}N_p$ for some $1 \leq p \leq r$. Since N_p is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M w.r.t. z and $\mathfrak{m}N : z$ is a graded module, we have $z \in N_p \subseteq N$, so $\mathfrak{m}N : z \subseteq N$. $\square$

Lemma 4.3. Let $M \in \mathcal{A}$. If $z \in \text{NZD}_1 M$, then $M_{\geq i+1} : z = M_{\geq i}$ for any $i \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof. $zM_{\geq i} \subseteq M_{\geq i+1}$, hence $M_{\geq i} \subseteq M_{\geq i+1} : z$. On the other hand, for any nonzero homogeneous element $0 \neq \xi \in M_{\geq i+1} : z$, $0 \neq z\xi \in M_{\geq i+1}$ and $\deg(z\xi) = 1 + \deg(\xi) \geq i+1$. This implies $\xi \in M_{\geq i}$. Since $M_{\geq i+1} : z$ is a

graded module, we have $M_{\geq i+1} : z \subseteq M_{\geq i}$. We are done. $\square$

Lemma 4.4. *Let $N \subseteq M \in \mathcal{A}$. If $l(M/N) < \infty$ and $0 \neq N = N_{\langle d \rangle}$, then the following hold:*

$$\mathfrak{m}^i N = M_{\geq i+d} \text{ for any integer } i \geq \sigma(M/N) - d.$$

Proof. Since $i+d \geq \sigma(M/N)$, we have $M_{\geq i+d} = N_{\geq i+d} = \mathfrak{m}^i N_{\langle d \rangle} = \mathfrak{m}^i N$. $\square$

Definition 4.5. Let $N \subseteq M \in \mathcal{A}$. $\delta_M(0) := 0$, $\delta_M(N) := \max\{0, \sigma(M/N) - d\}$ if $0 \neq N = N_{\langle d \rangle}$ and for general $0 \neq N$, we define $\delta_M(N) := \max\left\{\delta_M(N_{\langle i \rangle}) \mid i \in D(N)\right\}$. We call $\delta_M(N)$ the *componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -full defect of N in M* if $\text{depth} M \geq 1$.

Remark 4.6. Let $N \subseteq M \in \mathcal{A}$ and $N_i := N_{\langle d_i \rangle}$, $L_i := N_i : \mathfrak{m}_M^\infty$ ($i=1, \dots, r$) where $D(N) = \{d_1 < \dots < d_r\}$. Then $\delta_M(N) = 0$ if and only if $\delta_M(N_i) = 0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq r$. Moreover, for any $1 \leq i \leq r$, $\delta_M(N_i) = \delta_{L_i}(N_i)$ since $\sigma(M/N_i) = \sigma(L_i/N_i)$.

Lemma 4.7. Let $N \subseteq M \in \mathcal{A}$ and $L := N : \mathfrak{m}_M^\infty$. Assume $\text{depth} M \geq 1$. If $0 \neq N = N_{\langle d \rangle}$ or $N = 0$, then the following hold:

(1) *The following are equivalent:*

- (i) N is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M ;
- (ii) $\left(0 : \mathfrak{m}_{M/N}\right)_{\geq d} = 0$;
- (iii) $d \geq \sigma(M/N)$;
- (iv) $N = L_{\geq d}$ (Especially, in this case, $L_{\geq d} = L_{\langle d \rangle}$);
- (v) $\text{NZD}_1(M/N)_{\geq d} \neq \emptyset$.
- (vi) $d = \sigma(M/N)$ if $(0 \neq) N \neq L$, $N = L$, i.e., $\sigma(M/N) = -\infty$ or $N = 0$;
- (vii) $\delta_M(N) = 0$.

(2) $\text{NZD}_1 M \cap \text{NZD}_1(M/N)_{\geq d} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N; M)$.

(3) If N is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M , then $N_{\langle i \rangle}$ is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M for all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathfrak{m}^j N$ is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M for all $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$.

Proof. (1) If $N = 0$, then conditions from (i) to (vii) are all fulfilled. Hence we can assume $N \neq 0$.

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): By Remark 3.5 (1), we can assume $0 : \mathfrak{m} \subseteq (N/\mathfrak{m}N)(1)$. Hence $\left(0 : \mathfrak{m}_{M/N}\right)_{\geq d} = 0$.

(ii) $\Leftrightarrow$ (iii): $\left(0 : \mathfrak{m}_{M/N}\right)_{\geq d} = 0$ if and only if $d > \text{top}\left(0 : \mathfrak{m}_{M/N}\right)$ if and only if $d \geq 1 + \text{top}\left(0 : \mathfrak{m}_{M/N}\right) = \sigma(M/N)$.

(iii) $\Leftrightarrow$ (iv): Since $\sigma(M/N) = 1 + \text{top}\left(0 : \mathfrak{m}_{M/N}\right) = 1 + \text{top}\left(0 : \mathfrak{m}_{L/N}\right) = \sigma(L/N)$, $d \geq \sigma(M/N)$ if and only if $d \geq \sigma(L/N)$ if and only if $N = N_{\geq d} = L_{\geq d}$. Especially, in this case, $L_{\geq d} = L_{\langle d \rangle}$ since $N = N_{\langle d \rangle} = L_{\geq d}$.

(ii) $\Leftrightarrow$ (v): Since $\left(0 : \mathfrak{m}_{M/N}\right)_{\geq d} = 0$ $\Leftrightarrow$ $\mathfrak{m}_{M/N} \subseteq \left(0 : \mathfrak{m}_{M/N}\right)_{\geq d}$ if and only if $\text{NZD}_1(M/N)_{\geq d} \neq \emptyset$ by Lemma 2.4.

(iii) $\Leftrightarrow$ (vi): Since $\text{depth} M \geq 1$, by Remark, $d \leq \sigma(M/N)$ holds if $(0 \neq) N \neq L$. Hence $d \geq \sigma(M/N)$ if and only if $d = \sigma(M/N)$ and $(0 \neq) N \neq M$.

(iii) $\Leftrightarrow$ (vii): This directly follows from the definition of $\delta_M(N)$.

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (i): We have already seen (iv) implies (v), hence $\text{NZD}_1 M \cap \text{NZD}_1(M/N)_{\geq d} \neq \emptyset$. For any element $z \in \text{NZD}_1 M \cap \text{NZD}_1(M/N)_{\geq d}$, $z \in \text{NZD}_1 L$ and $l(\mathfrak{m}_M N : z) < l\left(N : z\right) < \infty$. Since $L = \mathfrak{m}_M N : \mathfrak{m}_M^\infty$, we have

$\mathfrak{m}N_M : z = \mathfrak{m}N_L : z = \mathfrak{m}L_{\langle d \rangle} : z = L_{\geq d+1} : z = L_{\geq d} = N$ by Lemma 4.3 .

(2) In the proof of (v) $\Rightarrow$ (i), we have already shown that $\mathfrak{m}N_M : z = N$ for all $z \in \text{NZD}_1 M \cap \text{NZD}_1 (M/N)_{\geq d}$.

(3) If $i < d$, then $N_{\langle i \rangle} = 0$ is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M w.r.t. $z \in \text{NZD}_1 M \neq \emptyset$ since $\text{depth} M \geq 1$. If $i \geq d$, then $(M/N_{\langle i \rangle})_{\geq i} = (M/N_{\geq i})_{\geq i} = (M/N)_{\geq i} \subseteq (M/N)_{\geq d}$ and $\text{NZD}_1 (M/N)_{\geq i} \supseteq \text{NZD}_1 (M/N)_{\geq d} \neq \emptyset$. Hence $N_{\langle i \rangle}$ is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M by (vi) of (1). Similarly, $\mathfrak{m}^j N = N_{\langle d+j \rangle}$ is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M if $N \neq 0$. We are done. $\square$

Remark 4.8. The equivalences among these, (ii),(iii),(iv) and (v) in Lemma 4.7 (1), hold without the assumption $\text{depth} M \geq 1$.

Lemma 4.9. Let $N \subseteq M \in \mathcal{A}$. If $\text{depth} M \geq 1$, then the following hold:

(1) If $0 \neq N = N_{\langle d \rangle}$, then $\delta_M(\mathfrak{m}^j N) = \max\{0, \delta_M(N) - j\}$ for any integer $j \geq 0$.

(2) $\delta_M(N_{\langle j \rangle}) \leq \delta_M(N)$ for any $j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

(3) If $D(N) \subseteq \Phi \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$, then $\delta_M(N) = \max\{\delta_M(N_{\langle i \rangle}) \mid i \in \Phi\}$.

(4) $\delta_M(\mathfrak{m}^j N) = \max\{0, \delta_M(N) - j\}$ for any integer $j \geq 0$.

Proof. (1) We prove this by induction on $j \geq 0$. If $j = 0$, clearly (1) holds. If $j > 0$, then from the short exact sequence: $0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{m}^{j-1} N / \mathfrak{m}^j N \rightarrow L / \mathfrak{m}^j N \rightarrow L / \mathfrak{m}^{j-1} N \rightarrow 0$, where $L := N : \mathfrak{m}_M^\infty$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_M(\mathfrak{m}^j N) &= \delta_L(\mathfrak{m}^j N) = 1 + \text{top}(L / \mathfrak{m}^j N) - (d + j) \\ &= \max\{1 + \text{top}(\mathfrak{m}^{j-1} N / \mathfrak{m}^j N) - (d + j), 1 + \text{top}(L / \mathfrak{m}^{j-1} N) - (d + j)\} \\ &= \max\{0, \delta_M(\mathfrak{m}^{j-1} N) - 1\} \quad (1 + \text{top}(\mathfrak{m}^{j-1} N / \mathfrak{m}^j N) - (d + j) = 0) \\ &= \max\{0, \max\{0, \delta_M(N) - (j-1)\} - 1\} \quad (\text{the induction hypothesis}) \\ &= \max\{0, -1, \delta_M(N) - j\} = \max\{0, \delta_M(N) - j\} . \end{aligned}$$

(2) If $N_{\langle j \rangle} = 0$, the assertion clearly holds, so we assume $N_{\langle j \rangle} \neq 0$, there exists $i \in D(N)$ with $j \geq i$ such that $N_{\langle j \rangle} = \mathfrak{m}^{j-i} N_{\langle i \rangle}$. By (1), we have $\delta_M(N_{\langle j \rangle}) = \delta_M(\mathfrak{m}^{j-i} N_{\langle i \rangle}) = \max\{0, \delta_M(N_{\langle i \rangle}) - (j-i)\} \leq \delta_M(N)$.

(3) $\delta_M(N) = \max\{\delta_M(N_{\langle i \rangle}) \mid i \in D(N)\} \leq \max\{\delta_M(N_{\langle i \rangle}) \mid i \in \Phi\}$ since $\text{dnz}(N) \subseteq \Phi \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$. On the other hand, we

have $\max\{\delta_M(N_{\langle i \rangle}) \mid i \in \Phi\} \leq \delta_M(N)$ from (2). Hence $\delta_M(N) = \max\{\delta_M(N_{\langle i \rangle}) \mid i \in \Phi\}$.

(4) Since $D(\mathfrak{m}^j N) \subseteq \{i + j \mid i \in D(N)\}$, $(\mathfrak{m}^j N_{\langle i \rangle})_{\langle i+j \rangle} = \mathfrak{m}^j N_{\langle i \rangle}$ and by (1) $\delta_M(\mathfrak{m}^j N_{\langle i \rangle}) = \max\{0, \delta_M(N_{\langle i \rangle}) - j\}$ for

any integer $j \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_M(\mathfrak{m}^j N) &= \max\left\{\delta_M\left((\mathfrak{m}^j N_{\langle i \rangle})_{\langle i+j \rangle}\right) \mid i \in D(N)\right\} \\ &= \max\left\{\delta_M(\mathfrak{m}^j N_{\langle i \rangle}) \mid i \in D(N)\right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \max \left\{ 0, \max \left\{ \delta_M \left(N_{\langle i \rangle} \right) \middle| i \in D(N) \right\} - j \right\} = \max \{ 0, \delta_M(N) - j \}. \quad \square$$

Theorem 4.10. Let $0 \neq N \subseteq M \in \mathcal{A}$ and $N_i := N_{\langle d_i \rangle}$, $L_i := N_i ; \mathfrak{m}^\infty$ ($i=1, \dots, r$) where $D(N) = \{d_1 < \dots < d_r\}$.

If $\text{depth} M \geq 1$, then the following are equivalent:

- (i) N is componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M ;
- (ii) N_i is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M for all $1 \leq i \leq r$;
- (iii) N_i is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in L_i for all $1 \leq i \leq r$;
- (iv) $N_i = (L_i)_{\geq d_i}$ for all $1 \leq i \leq r$;
- (v) $\delta_M(N_i) = 0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq r$;
- (vi) $\delta_M(N) = 0$;
- (vii) $\bigcap_{i=1}^r \text{NZD}_1(M / N_i)_{\geq d_i} \neq \emptyset$;
- (viii) $N = (L_1)_{\geq d_1} + \dots + (L_r)_{\geq d_r}$ and $d_i = d'(L_i)$ for all $1 \leq i \leq r$.

Proof. (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): This is clear by definition.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): If $j < d_1$, then $N_{\langle j \rangle} = 0$ is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M by Remark, since $\text{depth} M \geq 1$. If $d_i \leq j < d_{i+1}$ for some $1 \leq i \leq r-1$ or $d_r \leq j$, then $N_{\langle j \rangle} = \mathfrak{m}^{j-d_i} N_i$ $1 \leq i \leq r-1$ or $N_{\langle j \rangle} = \mathfrak{m}^{j-d_r} N_r$. In each case, $N_{\langle j \rangle}$ is $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M by Lemma 4.7 (3).

(ii) $\Leftrightarrow$ (iii) $\Leftrightarrow$ (iv) $\Leftrightarrow$ (v) $\Leftrightarrow$ (vi) $\Leftrightarrow$ (vii): These follows from Theorem Lemma and Remark.

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (viii): $N = N_1 + \dots + N_r = (L_1)_{\geq d_1} + \dots + (L_r)_{\geq d_r}$.

(viii) $\Rightarrow$ (iv): First, we remark that $L_i = (N_1 + \dots + N_i) ; \mathfrak{m}^\infty$ since $l((N_1 + \dots + N_i) / N_i) < \infty$ for $i=1, \dots, r$, so $L_i = N_{\langle d_i \rangle} + \dots + N_{\langle d_i \rangle} ; \mathfrak{m}^\infty \subseteq L_{i+1} = N_{\langle d_i \rangle} + \dots + N_{\langle d_{i+1} \rangle} ; \mathfrak{m}^\infty$ for $i=1, \dots, r-1$. Therefore, for any integer $1 \leq i \leq r$, we have $N_{d_i} = \left((L_1)_{\geq d_1} + \dots + (L_i)_{\geq d_i} + \dots + (L_r)_{\geq d_r} \right)_{d_i} = (L_1)_{d_i} + \dots + (L_i)_{d_i} = (L_i)_{d_i}$. This implies $N_{\langle d_i \rangle} = (L_i)_{\langle d_i \rangle} = (L_i)_{\geq d_i}$ since $d_i = d'(L_i)$ for $1 \leq i \leq r$. $\square$

Remark 4.11. If N is componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M and $\text{depth} M \geq 1$, then from Theorem 4.10 and its proof,

$$\emptyset \neq \text{NZD}_1(M) \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^r \text{NZD}_1(M / L_i) \subseteq \text{NZD}_1(M) \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^r \text{NZD}_1(M / N_i)_{\geq d_i} \subseteq \bigcap_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{m}\text{-full}(N_{\langle j \rangle}; M).$$

Corollary 4.12. Let $N \subseteq M \in \mathcal{A}$. If $\text{depth} M \geq 1$, then $\mathfrak{m}^j N$ is componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M for any integer $j \geq \delta_M(N)$.

Proof. If $N = 0$, the assertion clearly holds, so we assume $N \neq 0$. By Lemma 4.9 (4) and $j \geq \delta_M(N)$, we have $\delta_M(\mathfrak{m}^j N) = \max \{ 0, \delta_M(N) - j \} = 0$. Hence by Theorem 1.10 (vi), $\mathfrak{m}^j N$ is componentwise $\mathfrak{m}$ -full in M . $\square$

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