

ON PRIME  $A$ -IDEALS IN  $MV$ -MODULESF. Forouzesh<sup>1</sup>, E. Eslami<sup>2</sup>, A. Borumand Saeid<sup>3</sup>

In this paper, we study  $A$ -ideals in  $MV$ -modules. We introduce the notion of  $\cdot$ -prime ideals in  $PMV$ -algebras and study the relations between  $\cdot$ -prime ideals and  $MVF$ -algebras. Also we define prime  $A$ -ideals in  $MV$ -modules and annihilator of  $A$ -ideals in  $MV$ -modules. We investigate some relations between prime  $A$ -ideals and annihilators of  $A$ -ideals in  $MV$ -modules.

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### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

In 2003, Di Nola, et.al. introduced the notion of  $MV$ -modules over a  $PMV$ -algebra and  $A$ -ideals in  $MV$ -modules [5]. These are structures that naturally correspond to  $lu$ -modules over  $lu$ -rings [5]. Recall that an  $lu$ -ring is a pair  $(R, u)$ , where  $(R, \oplus, \cdot, 0, \leq)$  is an  $l$ -ring and  $u$  is a strong unit of  $R$  (i.e.  $u$  is a strong unit of the underlying  $l$ -group) such that  $u \cdot u \leq u$  and  $l$ -ring is a structure  $(R, +, \cdot, 0, \leq)$  that  $(R, +, 0, \leq)$  is an  $l$ -group such that for any  $x, y \in R$ ,  $x \geq 0$  and  $y \geq 0$ , we have  $x \cdot y \geq 0$ . They proved that the category of  $lu$ -modules over a given  $lu$ -ring  $(R, v)$  is equivalent to the category of  $MV$ -modules over  $\Gamma(R, v)$ . They also proved there is a natural equivalence between  $MV$ -modules and truncated modules [5]. A. Dvurecenskij and A. Di Nola in [6] introduced the notion of  $PMV$ -algebras, that is  $MV$ -algebras whose product operation  $(\cdot)$  is defined on the whole  $MV$ -algebra. This operation is associative and left/right distributive with respect to partially defined addition. They showed that the category of product  $MV$ -algebras is categorically equivalent to the category of associative unital  $l$ -rings. In addition, they introduced and studied  $MVF$ -algebras [6]. They also introduced  $\cdot$ -ideals in  $PMV$ -algebras. Then they showed that: Any  $MVF$ -algebra is a subdirect product of subdirectly irreducible  $MVF$ -algebras [6, Corollary 5.6]. Thus they concluded that a product  $MV$ -algebra is an  $MVF$ -ring if and only if it is a subdirect product of linearly ordered product  $MV$ -algebras [6, Theorem 5.8].

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In the present paper, we define  $\cdot$ -prime ideals in  $PMV$ -algebras. Using this notion of ideals we construct the quotient  $PMV$ -algebras and investigate the relations between  $\cdot$ -prime ideals and  $MVF$ -algebras. Moreover, we study  $A$ -ideals in  $MV$ -modules, and introduce the notion of prime  $A$ -ideals and annihilators of these ideals in  $MV$ -modules.

We investigate the relations between prime  $A$ -ideals and annihilators of  $A$ -ideals in  $MV$ -modules. Finally we prove that if  $h : M \rightarrow N$  is an  $A$ -module homomorphism then all prime  $A$ -ideals of  $N$  and prime  $A$ -ideals of  $M$  that contain  $\ker h$  are in one to one correspondence.

**Definition 1.1.** [3] An  $MV$ -algebra is a structure  $(M, \oplus, *, 0)$  where  $\oplus$  is a binary operation,  $*$ , is a unary operation, and  $0$  is a constant such that the following conditions are satisfied for any  $a, b \in M$  :

(MV1)  $(M, \oplus, 0)$  is an abelian monoid,

(MV2)  $(a^*)^* = a$ ,

(MV3)  $0^* \oplus a = 0^*$ ,

(MV4)  $(a^* \oplus b)^* \oplus b = (b^* \oplus a)^* \oplus a$ .

If we define the constant  $1 = 0^*$  and the auxiliary operations  $\odot, \vee$  and  $\wedge$  by:

$$a \odot b = (a^* \oplus b^*)^*, \quad a \vee b = a \oplus (b \odot a^*),$$

$$a \wedge b = a \odot (b \oplus a^*) \quad a \ominus b = a \odot b^*,$$

then  $(M, \odot, 1)$  is an abelian monoid and the structure  $(M, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1)$  is a bounded distributive lattice. In an  $MV$ -algebra  $M$ , the Chang distance function is

$$d : M \times M \longrightarrow M, \quad d(a, b) := (a \odot b^*) \oplus (b \odot a^*).$$

We recall that an  $lu$ -group is an algebra  $(G, +, -, 0, \vee, \wedge, u)$ , where the following properties hold:

- (a)  $(G, +, -, 0)$  is a group,
- (b)  $(G, \vee, \wedge)$  is a lattice,
- (c) For any  $x, y, a, b \in G$ ,  $x \leq y$  implies  $a + x + b \leq a + y + b$ ,
- (d)  $u > 0$  is strong unit for  $G$  (that is, for all  $x \in G$  there is some natural number  $n \geq 1$  such that  $-nu \leq x \leq nu$ ) [1].

We will denote by  $\mathcal{MV}$  the category whose objects are  $MV$ -algebras and whose morphisms are  $MV$ -algebra homomorphisms and  $\mathcal{UG}$  the category of  $lu$ -groups. The elements of this category are pairs  $(G, u)$  where  $G$  is an Abelian  $l$ -group and  $u$  is a strong unit of  $G$ . The morphisms will be  $l$ -group homomorphisms which preserve the strong unit. The functor that establishes the categorical equivalence between  $\mathcal{MV}$  and  $\mathcal{UG}$  is

$$\Gamma : \mathcal{UG} \longrightarrow \mathcal{MV}.$$

such that  $\Gamma(G, u) := [0, u]_G$  for any  $lu$ -group  $(G, u)$ ,  $\Gamma(h) := h|_{[0, u]}$  for any  $lu$ -groups homomorphism [9].

The above result allows us to consider an  $MV$ -algebra, when necessary, as an interval in the positive cone of an  $l$ -group.

Thus, many definitions and properties can be transferred from  $l$ -groups to  $MV$ -algebras. For example, the group addition becomes a partial operation when it is restricted to an interval so we may define a partial addition on an  $MV$ -algebra  $M$  as follows:

for any  $x, y \in M$ ,  $x + y$  is defined iff  $x \leq y^*$

and, in this case,  $x + y := x \oplus y$ , where  $+$  is the partial addition on  $M$  [7].

Also, cancellation rule holds in it, That is, if  $z + x \leq z + y$  then  $x \leq y$  [5].

**Lemma 1.1.** [3] Let  $M$  be an  $MV$ -algebra. If  $x, y, z, t \in M$  and  $d$  is a Chang distance function, then

- (1)  $x \leq y$  iff  $y^* \leq x^*$ ,
- (2) If  $x \leq y$ , then  $x \oplus z \leq y \oplus z$  and  $x \odot z \leq y \odot z$ ,
- (3)  $(x \vee y)^* = x^* \wedge y^*$ ,  $(x \wedge y)^* = x^* \vee y^*$ ,
- (4)  $d(x, y) = 0$  iff  $x = y$ ,
- (5)  $d(x, 0) = x$ ,  $d(x, 1) = x^*$ ,
- (6)  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) \oplus d(y, z)$ ,
- (7)  $d(x^*, y^*) = d(x, y)$ ,
- (8) If  $x \leq y$  and  $z \leq t$ , then  $x \oplus z \leq y \oplus t$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** [3] Let  $M$  be an  $MV$ -algebra. For  $x, y \in M$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $x^* \oplus y = 1$ ,
- (2)  $x \odot y^* = 0$ ,
- (3) There is an element  $z \in M$  such that  $x \oplus z = y$ ,
- (4)  $y = x \oplus (y \ominus x)$ .

For any two elements  $x, y \in M$ ,  $x \leq y$  iff  $x$  and  $y$  satisfy the equivalent conditions (1)-(4) in the above lemma.

**Definition 1.2.** [3] An *ideal* of an  $MV$ -algebra  $M$  is a nonempty subset  $I$  of  $M$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (I1) If  $x \in I$ ,  $y \in M$  and  $y \leq x$  then  $y \in I$ ,
- (I2) If  $x, y \in I$ , then  $x \oplus y \in I$ .

We denote by  $Id(M)$  the set of ideals of an  $MV$ -algebra  $M$ .

**Definition 1.3.** [3] A proper ideal  $P$  is a *prime* ideal of an  $MV$ -algebra  $M$ , if  $x \wedge y \in P$ , then  $x \in P$  or  $y \in P$ , for all  $x, y \in M$ .

**Definition 1.4.** [6] A *product  $MV$ -algebra* (or  $PMV$ -algebra, for short) is a structure  $(A, \oplus, *, \cdot, 0)$ , where  $(A, \oplus, *, 0)$  is an  $MV$ -algebra and  $\cdot$  is a binary associative operation on  $A$  such that the following property is satisfied:

if  $x + y$  is defined, then  $x \cdot z + y \cdot z$  and  $z \cdot x + z \cdot y$  are defined and

$$(x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z, \quad z \cdot (x + y) = z \cdot x + z \cdot y$$

If  $A$  is  $PMV$ -algebra, then a unity for the product is an element  $e \in A$  such that  $e \cdot x = x \cdot e = x$  for any  $x \in A$ . A  $PMV$ -algebra that has unity for the product will be called unital.

A  $\cdot$ -ideal of  $PMV$ -algebra  $A$  is an ideal  $I$  of  $MV$ -algebra  $A$  such that if  $a \in I$  and  $b \in A$  entail  $a \cdot b \in I$  and  $b \cdot a \in I$ .

**Lemma 1.3.** [6] If  $A$  is a unital  $PMV$ -algebra, then:

- (a) The unity for the product is  $e = 1$ ,
- (b)  $x \cdot y \leq x \wedge y$  for any  $x, y \in A$ .

**Definition 1.5.** [5] Let  $(A, \oplus, *, \cdot, 0)$  be a  $PMV$ -algebra and  $(M, \oplus, *, 0)$  an  $MV$ -algebra. We say that  $M$  is a (left)  $MV$ -module over  $A$  (or, simply,  $A$ -module) if there is an external operation:

$$\varphi : A \times M \longrightarrow M, \quad \varphi(\alpha, x) = \alpha x,$$

such that the following properties hold for any  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in A$ :

- (1) If  $x + y$  is defined in  $M$ , then  $\alpha x + \alpha y$  is defined and

$$\alpha(x + y) = \alpha x + \alpha y,$$

- (2) If  $\alpha + \beta$  is defined in  $A$  then  $\alpha x + \beta x$  is defined in  $M$  and

$$(\alpha + \beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x,$$

- (3)  $(\alpha \cdot \beta)x = \alpha(\beta x)$ .

We say that  $M$  is a unital  $MV$ -module if  $A$  is a unital  $PMV$ -algebra and  $M$  is an  $MV$ -module over  $A$  such that  $1_A x = x$  for any  $x \in M$ .

**Example 1.1.** [5] Let  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$  be the ring of square matrices of order 2 with real elements and  $0$  be the matrix with all element  $0$ . If we define the order relation on components  $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1,2} \geq 0$  iff  $a_{ij} \geq 0$  for any  $i, j$ , such that  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $A = \Gamma(M_2(\mathbb{R}), v)$  is a  $PMV$ -algebra. Let  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  be the direct product with the order relation defined on components. If  $M = \Gamma(\mathbb{R}^2, u)$  is an  $MV$ -algebra, where  $u = (1, 1)$ , then  $M$  is an  $A$ -module, where the external operation is the usual matrix multiplication  $(A, (x, y)) \mapsto A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ . The above construction can be generalized for any order  $n \geq 2$ .

- (1) If  $(x, y) + (z, t)$  is defined in  $M$ , so  $(x, y) \leq (z, t)^* = (1, 1) - (z, t)$  or  $(x, y) + (z, t) \leq (1, 1)$ , suppose that  $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1,2}$  such that  $a_{ij} \leq 1/2$  for  $i, j = 1, 2$ . Hence  $A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + A \begin{pmatrix} z \\ t \end{pmatrix} \leq A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \leq (1, 1)$ . Then  $A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + A \begin{pmatrix} z \\ t \end{pmatrix}$  is defined in  $M$ .
- (2) If  $A + B$  is defined in  $A$ , so  $A \leq B^* = v - B$  or  $A + B \leq v$ . Let  $X = (x, y) \in M$  such that  $(x, y) \leq (1, 1)$  or  $x, y \leq 1$ . Hence  $A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + B \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \leq v \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \leq (1, 1)$ .

Then  $A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + B \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  is defined in  $M$ .

$$(3) (A \cdot B) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = A(B \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}).$$

**Definition 1.6.** [5] Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two  $MV$ -modules over a  $PMV$ -algebra  $A$ . An  $A$ -module homomorphism is an  $MV$ -algebra homomorphism  $h : M \rightarrow N$  such that  $h(\alpha x) = \alpha h(x)$ , for any  $\alpha \in A$  and  $x \in M$ .

**Definition 1.7.** [5] Let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module. Then ideal  $I \subseteq M$  is called an  $A$ -ideal if it satisfies the following condition:

if  $x \in I$  and  $\alpha \in A$ , then  $\alpha x \in I$ .

**Lemma 1.4.** [5] If  $M$  is an  $A$ -module, then the following properties hold for any  $x, y \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in A$ :

- (a)  $0x = 0$ ,
- (b)  $\alpha 0 = 0$ ,
- (c)  $(n\alpha)x = \alpha(nx)$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,
- (d)  $\alpha x^* \leq (\alpha x)^*$ ,
- (e)  $\alpha^* x \leq (\alpha x)^*$ ,
- (f)  $(\alpha x)^* = \alpha^* x + (1x)^*$ , if  $+$  is defined,
- (g)  $x \leq y$  implies  $\alpha x \leq \alpha y$ ,
- (h)  $\alpha \leq \beta$  implies  $\alpha x \leq \beta x$ ,
- (i)  $(\alpha x) \odot (\alpha y)^* \leq \alpha(x \odot y^*)$ ,
- (j)  $\alpha(x \oplus y) \leq \alpha x \oplus \alpha y$ ,
- (k)  $d(\alpha x, \alpha y) \leq \alpha d(x, y)$ .

**Proposition 1.1.** [5] If  $A$  is a unital  $PMV$ -algebra and  $M$  is a unital  $A$ -module, then any ideal of  $M$  is an  $A$ -ideal. Thus, the ideals and the  $A$ -ideals of  $M$  coincide.

**Remark 1.1.** [5] Let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module and  $I \subseteq M$  an  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ . We recall that the relation  $\sim_I$  defined by:

$$x \sim_I y \quad \text{if and only if} \quad d(x, y) \in I,$$

for any  $x, y \in M$ , is a congruence with respect to the  $MV$ -algebra operations. We notice that  $x \sim_I y$  implies  $\alpha x \sim_I \alpha y$ , for any  $\alpha \in A$ . Thus, the quotient  $MV$ -algebra  $M/I$  has a canonical structure of  $A$ -module

$$\alpha[x]_I := [\alpha x]_I \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha(x/I) := (\alpha x)/I,$$

where  $[x]_I$  is the congruence class of  $x$ .  $x/I = y/I$  if and only if  $d(x, y) \in I$  and if  $x, y \in M$ , then  $x/I \leq y/I$  if and only if  $x \odot y^* \in I$ .

**Definition 1.8.** [4] A residuated lattice is an algebra  $(A, \wedge, \vee, \odot, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$  of type  $(2, 2, 2, 2, 0, 0)$  equipped with an order  $\leq$  satisfying the following:

(LR<sub>1</sub>)  $(A, \wedge, \vee, 0, 1)$  is a bounded lattice,

$(LR_2)$   $(A, \odot, 1)$  is a commutative monoid,

$(LR_3)$   $\odot$  and  $\rightarrow$  are form an adjoint pair, i.e.,  $c \leq a \rightarrow b$  if and only if  $a \odot c \leq b$ , for all  $a, b, c \in A$ .

**Remark 1.2.** [2] Any Boolean algebra can be regarded as a residuated lattice where the operations  $\odot$  and  $\wedge$  coincide and  $x \rightarrow y = x^* \vee y$ .

## 2. Some results on $A$ -ideals in $MV$ -modules

In the sequel  $A$  is a  $PMV$ -algebra and  $M$  is an  $A$ -module.

**Remark 2.1.** In general, the union of any family of  $A$ -ideals of  $M$  is not an  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ .

**Example 2.1.** Let  $M$  be  $\Gamma(\mathbb{R}^2, u)$  such that  $u = (1, 1)$ ,  $A = \Gamma(M_2(\mathbb{R}), v)$  and  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$ . By Example 1.1,  $M$  is an  $A$ -module but  $M = \Gamma(\mathbb{R}^2, u) = [(0, 0), (1, 1)]$  and  $A = \Gamma(M_2(\mathbb{R}), v) = [0, \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}]$ . Then  $Id_A(M) = \{(0, 0), M\}$ .

We denote by  $Id_A(M)$  the set of  $A$ -ideals of an  $MV$ -module over a  $PMV$ -algebra  $A$ .

We recall that for a nonempty subset  $N \subseteq M$ , the smallest  $A$ -ideal of  $M$  which contains  $N$ , i.e.,  $\bigcap\{I \in Id_A(M) : N \subseteq I\}$ , is said to be the  $A$ -ideal of  $M$  generated by  $N$  and will be denoted by  $[N]$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module.

(i) If  $N \subseteq M$  is a nonempty set, then we have  $[N] = \{x \in M : x \leq x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus x_n \oplus \alpha_1 y_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \alpha_m y_m \text{ for some } x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m \in N, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in A\}$ , where by  $[N]$ , we mean the ideal generated by  $N$ .

In particular, for  $a \in M$ ,

$$[a] = \{x \in M : x \leq na \oplus m(\alpha a) \text{ for some integer } n, m \geq 0\},$$

(ii) If  $I_1, I_2 \in Id_A(M)$ , then

$$I_1 \vee I_2 = (I_1 \cup I_2) = \{a \in M : a \leq x_1 \oplus x_2 \text{ for some } x_1 \in I_1 \text{ and } x_2 \in I_2\},$$

(iii) If  $x, y \in A$ , then  $(x \wedge y) \subseteq [x] \cap [y]$ .

*Proof.* (i) We denote  $I = \{x \in M : x \leq x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus x_n \oplus \alpha_1 y_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \alpha_m y_m \text{ for some } x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m \in N, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in A\}$  and prove that  $I$  is the smallest  $A$ -ideal containing  $N$ . It is clear that  $N \subseteq I$ , if  $x \in N$ , then  $x \in M$ ,  $x \leq x \oplus 0$  for some  $x \in N, 0 \in A$ , hence,  $x \in I$ . Let  $a \leq b$  and  $b \in I$ . So there exist  $n \geq 1$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in N$  such that  $a \leq b \leq x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus x_n \oplus \alpha_1 y_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \alpha_m y_m$ . It follows that  $a \in I$ . Now, let  $a, b \in I$ . Then  $a \leq x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus x_n \oplus \alpha_1 y_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \alpha_m y_m$  for some  $x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m \in N, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in A$ , and  $b \leq t_1 \oplus \dots \oplus t_k \oplus \beta_1 z_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \beta_s z_s$  for some  $t_1, \dots, t_k, z_1, \dots, z_s \in N$  and  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_s \in A$ , by Lemma 1.1 (8), we have  $a \oplus b \leq x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus x_n \oplus t_1 \oplus \dots \oplus t_k \oplus \alpha_1 y_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \alpha_m y_m \oplus \beta_1 z_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \beta_s z_s$ , so  $a \oplus b \in I$ . Let  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $x \in I$ . Then  $x \leq$

$x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus x_n \oplus \alpha_1 y_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \alpha_m y_m$  for some  $x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m \in N, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in A$ , by Lemma 1.4 (h), (j), we have  $\alpha x \leq \alpha x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \alpha x_n \oplus (\alpha \cdot \alpha_1) y_1 \oplus \dots \oplus (\alpha \cdot \alpha_m) y_m$  for some  $x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m \in N, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m \in A$  such that  $\gamma_i = \alpha \cdot \alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, m$ . Hence,  $\alpha x \in I$ . Thus,  $I$  is an  $A$ -ideal containing  $N$ . Let  $K$  be another  $A$ -ideal of  $M$  that contains  $N$  and  $a \in I$ . Hence,  $a \leq x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus x_n \oplus \alpha_1 y_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \alpha_m y_m$  for some  $x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m \in N, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in A$ . Since  $K$  is an  $A$ -ideal, it follows that  $x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus x_n \in K$  and  $\alpha_i y_i \in K$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Hence,  $x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus x_n \oplus \alpha_1 y_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \alpha_m y_m \in K$ , so  $a \in K$ , we deduce that  $I \subseteq K$ . Therefore  $[N] = I$ .

Clearly, for  $a \in M$

$$[a] = \{x \in M : x \leq na \oplus m(\alpha a) \text{ for some integers } n, m \geq 0\}.$$

(ii) Follows by (i).

(iii) Obviously,  $x \in [x]$  and  $y \in [y]$ . Since  $x \wedge y \leq x, y$ , we get that  $x \wedge y \in [x]$  and  $x \wedge y \in [y]$ . It follows that  $x \wedge y \in [x] \cap [y]$ .

Now, let  $t \in (x \wedge y]$ . Then,  $t \leq n(x \wedge y) \oplus m(\alpha(x \wedge y))$  for some integers  $n, m \geq 0$ , we deduce that  $t \in [x] \cap [y]$ , so  $(x \wedge y] \subseteq [x] \cap [y]$ .

□

If in the above theorem, we consider  $M$  unitary  $A$ -module, then we have:

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $M$  be a unitary  $A$ -module. If  $N \subseteq M$  is a nonempty set, then we have: (i)  $[N] = \{x \in M : x \leq \alpha_1 x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \alpha_n x_n \text{ for some } x_1, \dots, x_n \in N \text{ and } \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in A\}$ , In particular, for  $a \in M$ ,

$$[a] = \{x \in M : x \leq n(\alpha a) \text{ for some integer } n \geq 0\},$$

(ii) If  $I_1, I_2 \in Id_A(M)$ , then  $I_1 \vee I_2 = (I_1 \cup I_2) = \{a \in M : a \leq x_1 \oplus x_2 \text{ for some } x_1 \in I_1, x_2 \in I_2\}$ ,

(iii) If  $x, y \in A$ , then  $(x \wedge y] = [x] \cap [y]$ .

For  $I \in Id_A(M)$  and  $a \in A - I$ , we denote by  $I(a) = [a] \vee I = (I \cup \{a\})$ .

**Remark 2.2.** Let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module. Then

$$I(a) = \{x \in M : x \leq y \oplus ma \oplus n(\alpha a), \text{ for some } y \in I, \text{ integers } n, m \geq 0, \alpha \in A\}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $T = \{x \in M : x \leq y \oplus ma \oplus n(\alpha a), \text{ for some } y \in I, \text{ integers } n, m \geq 0, \alpha \in A\}$ . We suppose that,  $x \in I(a) = [a] \vee I = \{x \in M : x \leq x_1 \oplus y \text{ for some } x_1 \in [a] \text{ and } y \in I\}$ . Since  $x_1 \in [a]$ , then  $x_1 \leq ma \oplus n(\alpha a)$ , for some integer  $m, n \geq 0$  and  $\alpha \in A$ , we have  $x \leq x_1 \oplus y \leq ma \oplus n(\alpha a) \oplus y$ , it follows that  $x \in T$ .

Conversely, if  $x \in T$ , then we get that  $x \leq y \oplus ma \oplus n(\alpha a)$ , for some  $y \in I$  and integer  $n \geq 0, x_1 = ma \oplus n(\alpha a) \in [a]$ , so  $x \leq y \oplus x_1$  such that  $x_1 \in [a]$  and  $y \in I$ . It follows that  $x \in [a] \vee I = I(a)$ . □

**Remark 2.3.** Let  $M$  be a unitary  $A$ -module. We have:  $I(a) = \{x \in M : x \leq y \oplus n(\alpha a), \text{ for some } y \in I \text{ and integer } n \geq 0\}$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $I \in Id_{AM}$  and  $a, b \in A - I$ . Then  $I(a \wedge b) \subseteq I(a) \cap I(b)$ .

*Proof.* We have  $a \wedge b \leq y \oplus m(a \wedge b) \oplus n(\alpha(a \wedge b))$  for some  $y \in I$  and integers  $m, n \geq 0$ . Then  $a \wedge b \in I(a \wedge b)$ . Since  $a \wedge b \leq a, b$  and  $a \in (a], b \in (b]$ , so  $a \wedge b \in (a] \subseteq I(a)$  and  $a \wedge b \in (b] \subseteq I(b)$ , also  $I \subseteq I(a)$ ,  $I \subseteq I(b)$ , we deduce that  $a \wedge b \in I(a) \cap I(b)$ , if  $x \in I(a \wedge b)$ , then  $x \leq y \oplus m(a \wedge b) \oplus n(\alpha(a \wedge b))$ . It follows that  $x \in I(a) \cap I(b)$ , Thus  $I(a \wedge b) \subseteq I(a) \cap I(b)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $M$  be a unitary  $A$ -module,  $I \in Id_{AM}$  and  $a, b \in A - I$ . Then  $I(a \wedge b) = I(a) \cap I(b)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $M$  is a unitary  $A$ -module, by Proposition 1.1, it is clear that  $I \in Id(M)$ , so  $I(a \wedge b) = I(a) \cap I(b)$  [11].  $\square$

We recall that if  $h : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  is an  $A$ -module homomorphism, then  $\ker(h) = \{x \in M_1 : h(x) = 0\}$  is an  $A$ -ideal of  $M_1$  [5].

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $M, N$  be  $MV$ -modules over a  $PMV$ -algebra  $A$  and  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be an  $A$ -module homomorphism. Then the following properties hold:

- (i) For each ideal  $J \in Id_A(N)$ , the set  $f^{-1}(J) = \{x \in M : f(x) \in J\}$  is an ideal of  $A$ . Thus, in particular,  $\ker(f) \in Id_A(M)$ ,
- (ii)  $f(x) \leq f(y)$  if and only if  $x \ominus y \in \ker(f)$ ,
- (iii)  $f$  is injective if and only if  $\ker(f) = \{0\}$ ,
- (iv)  $\ker(f) \neq M$  if and only if  $N$  is nontrivial.

The well-known isomorphism theorems have corresponding versions for  $MV$ -modules. We mention only the first and the second isomorphism theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** (*The first isomorphism theorem*) If  $M$  and  $N$  are two  $MV$ -modules and  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is an  $A$ -module homomorphism, then  $M/\ker(f)$  and  $Im(f)$  are isomorphic  $MV$ -modules.

**Theorem 2.2.** (*The second isomorphism theorem*) If  $M$  is an  $MV$ -module and  $I, J$  are two  $A$ -ideals such that  $I \subseteq J$ , then  $(M/I)/P_I(J)$  and  $M/J$  are isomorphic  $MV$ -module, such that  $P_I : M \rightarrow M/I$  is the quotient module of  $M$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** If  $\sim$  is a congruence relation on  $M$ , then  $I_\sim = \{x \in M : x \sim 0\} \in Id_A(M)$  and  $x \sim y$  if and only if  $d(x, y) \sim 0$  [11].

**Proposition 2.3.** Let  $I$  be an  $A$ -ideal of  $M$  and  $\sim$  be a congruence relation on  $M$ . The assignment  $I \rightsquigarrow \sim_I$  is a bijection from the set  $Id_A(M)$  of  $A$ -ideals of  $M$  onto the set of congruences on  $M$ ; more precisely, the function  $\alpha : Id_A(M) \rightarrow Con(M)$  defined by  $\alpha(I) = \sim_I$  is an isomorphism of partially ordered sets [11].

### 3. Prime $A$ -ideals in an $MV$ -module

In the sequel  $A$  is a  $PMV$ -algebra and  $M$  is an  $MV$ -module.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $N$  be an  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ .

$$(N : M) = \{r \in A : rM \subseteq N\}$$

such that  $rM = \{rm : m \in M\}$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $N$  be an  $A$ -ideal. We denote *annihilator* of  $N$  by  $Ann_A(N)$ , which is defined as  $Ann_A(N) = \{r \in A : rN = 0\}$ .

Using Lemma 3.11 from [5], we obtain more properties of  $MV$ -modules.

**Lemma 3.1.** The following properties hold for any  $x, m \in M$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in A$ :

- (a)  $\alpha m + (\beta m)^* \geq (\alpha + \beta^*)m$ ,
- (b)  $(\alpha \odot \beta)m \geq \alpha m \odot \beta m$ ,
- (c)  $(\alpha x)^* \odot (\beta x) \leq (\alpha^* \odot \beta)x$ ,
- (d)  $d(\alpha x, \beta x) \leq d(\alpha, \beta)x$ ,
- (e)  $(\alpha \oplus \beta)x \leq \alpha x \oplus \beta x$ .

*Proof.* (a) by Lemma 1.4 (e), we have  $\beta^*m \leq (\beta m)^*$ , hence

$$\alpha m + (\beta m)^* \geq \alpha m + \beta^*m = (\alpha + \beta^*)m.$$

(b) Since  $\alpha \odot \beta \leq \alpha, \beta$ ,  $(\alpha \odot \beta)m \leq \alpha m, \beta m$ . It follows that  $(\alpha \odot \beta)m = (\alpha \odot \beta)m \wedge \alpha m = [(\alpha \odot \beta)m + (\alpha m)^*] \odot (\alpha m)$ , using (a), we get  $(\alpha \odot \beta)m \geq ((\alpha \odot \beta) + \alpha^*)m \odot (\alpha m) = (\alpha^* \vee \beta)m \odot \alpha m \geq \beta m \odot \alpha m$ .

(c) Since  $\alpha, \beta \leq \alpha \vee \beta$ , by Lemma 1.4 (h), we get that  $\alpha x \vee \beta x \leq (\alpha \vee \beta)x$ . Thus, we have

$$((\alpha x) \odot (\beta x)^*) + \beta x = \alpha x \vee \beta x \leq (\alpha \vee \beta)x = ((\alpha \odot \beta^*) + \beta)x = (\alpha \odot \beta^*)x + \beta x.$$

Since cancellation rule holds in it [5], the desired inequality is straightforward.

(d)  $d(\alpha x, \beta x) = [\alpha x \odot (\beta x)^*] \oplus [(\alpha x)^* \odot \beta x]$  by using (c), we get that

$$d(\alpha x, \beta x) \leq x(\alpha \odot \beta^*) + x(\alpha^* \odot \beta) = ((\alpha \odot \beta^*) + (\alpha^* \odot \beta))x = d(\alpha, \beta)x.$$

(e) By using (c) and Lemma 1.4 (h), we get that

$$(\alpha \oplus \beta)x \odot (\alpha x)^* \leq ((\alpha \oplus \beta) \odot \alpha^*)x = (\alpha^* \wedge \beta)x \leq \beta x.$$

It follows that  $(\alpha \oplus \beta)x = (\alpha \oplus \beta)x \vee \alpha x \leq [(\alpha \oplus \beta)x \odot (\alpha x)^*] \oplus \alpha x \leq \beta x \oplus \alpha x$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $N$  be an  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ . Then  $Ann_A(N)$  is a  $\cdot$ -ideal of a  $PMV$ -algebra  $A$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $a, b \in A$  such that  $a \leq b$ , and  $b \in Ann_A(N)$ , then  $a \leq b$  and  $bx = 0$  for every  $x \in N$ , it follows from Lemma 1.4 (h),  $ax \leq bx$  and  $bx = 0$ , then  $ax = 0$ , for every  $x \in N$ . Hence  $aN = 0$ . Therefore  $a \in Ann_A(N)$ .

If  $a, b \in Ann_A(N)$ , then  $aN = 0$  and  $bN = 0$ . By Lemma 3.1 (e), for every  $x \in N$ , we have

$$(a \oplus b)x \leq ax \oplus bx = 0.$$

So  $(a \oplus b)N = 0$ , hence  $a \oplus b \in Ann_A(N)$ .

Let  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $r \in Ann_A(N)$ . We show that  $\alpha \cdot r \in Ann_A(N)$ . Since  $r \in Ann_A(N)$ , it follows that  $rN = 0$  or for every  $x \in N$ ,  $rx = 0$ . Now, we have

$$(\alpha \cdot r)x = \alpha(rx) = \alpha 0 = 0;$$

for every  $x \in N$ , then  $\alpha \cdot r \in Ann_A(N)$ . Therefore  $Ann_A(N)$  is a  $\cdot$ -ideal of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.1.** If  $N$  is an  $A$ -ideal of a  $MV$ -module  $M$ , then  $(N : M) = Ann_A(M/N)$ . Hence  $(N : M)$  is a  $\cdot$ -ideal of  $A$ .

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $N$  be an  $A$ -ideal of  $M$  and  $T(N) = \{n \in N : \exists 0 \neq a \in A; an = 0\}$ . Then  $T(N)$  is called *torsion A-ideal* of  $N$ .

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $P$  be a  $\cdot$ -ideal of  $A$ .  $P$  is called a  $\cdot$ -prime if (i)  $P \neq A$ , (ii) for every  $a, b \in A$ , if  $a \cdot b \in P$ , then  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$ .

**Remark 3.2.** Let  $N$  be an  $A$ -ideal of  $M$  and  $\{0\}$  be a  $\cdot$ -prime ideal of  $A$ . Then  $T(N)$  is an  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $n, m \in T(N)$ . Then there exist  $0 \neq a, b \in A$  such that  $an = 0$ ,  $bm = 0$ . We consider  $c := a \cdot b \neq 0$ , by Lemma 1.4 (j), we have  $(a \cdot b)(m \oplus n) \leq (a \cdot b)m \oplus (a \cdot b)n = a(bm) \oplus b(an) = 0$ . Then  $(a \cdot b)(m \oplus n) = 0$ . Hence  $m \oplus n \in T(N)$ . (ii) For every  $m, n \in M$  such that  $m \leq n$ , and  $n \in T(N)$ , we show that  $m \in T(N)$ . Since  $n \in T(N)$ , there exists  $0 \neq a \in A$ ;  $an = 0$ . Since  $m \leq n$ , by Lemma 1.4 (g), we get that  $am \leq an$  and  $an = 0$ , it follows that  $am = 0$ , so  $m \in T(N)$ .

(iii) Let  $m \in T(N)$  and  $a \in A$ . Then there exists  $0 \neq b \in A$ ;  $bm = 0$ ,  $a(bm) = a0 = 0$ , by Lemma 1.4 (b),  $a(bm) = 0$  or  $b(am) = (b \cdot a)m = (a \cdot b)m = a(bm) = 0$ . Therefore  $am \in T(N)$ .

$\square$

**Example 3.1.** Let  $\Omega = \{1, 2\}$  and  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega) = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \emptyset\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $PMV$ -algebra with  $\oplus = \cup$ , and  $\odot = \cdot = \cap$ . Hence  $\mathcal{M}$  is an  $MV$ -module over  $\mathcal{A}$  with the external operation defined by  $AX := A \cap X$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $X \in \mathcal{M}$  [5]. Clearly,  $I = \{\emptyset\}$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -ideal. We have

$$T(\mathcal{M}) = \{B \in \mathcal{M} : \exists 0 \neq A \in \mathcal{A}, A \cap B = \emptyset\} = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}\}, \quad T(\emptyset) = \{B = \emptyset : \exists \phi \neq A \in \mathcal{A}; A \cap B = \emptyset\} = \{\emptyset\},$$

$$Ann_{\mathcal{A}}(\emptyset) = \{A \in \mathcal{A} : A\emptyset = \emptyset\} = \mathcal{A}, \quad Ann_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{M}) = \{A \in \mathcal{A} : A\mathcal{M} = \emptyset\} = \{\emptyset\},$$

$$(\emptyset : \mathcal{M}) = \{A \in \mathcal{A} : A\mathcal{M} \subseteq \emptyset\} = \{\emptyset\}, \quad (\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{M}) = \{A \in \mathcal{A} : A\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{M}\} = \mathcal{A}.$$

Also  $I_1 = \{\emptyset, \{1\}\}$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -ideal of  $\mathcal{M}$ , so  $Ann_{\mathcal{A}}(I_1) = \{B \in \mathcal{A} : BI_1 = \emptyset\} = \{\emptyset, \{2\}\}$ ,

$$T(I_1) = \{C \in I_1 : \exists 0 \neq A \in \mathcal{A}; CA = \emptyset\} = \{\{1\}, \emptyset\} \text{ and}$$

$$(I_1 : \mathcal{M}) = \{B \in \mathcal{A} : B\mathcal{M} \subseteq I_1\} = \{\emptyset, \{1\}\}.$$

**Example 3.2.** In Example 2.1,  $A = \Gamma(M_2(\mathbb{R}), v)$  is a  $PMV$ -algebra such that  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $P = \{\bar{0}\}$  is not a  $\cdot$ -prime ideal of  $A$ , if  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then

$$C \cdot D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \bar{0}.$$

But  $C \neq \bar{0}$  and  $D \neq \bar{0}$ .

It is well known that if  $A$  is a unital  $PMV$ -algebra, then  $x \cdot y \leq x \wedge y$ , for any  $x, y \in A$ . From this, we can prove the following lemma:

**Lemma 3.2.** if  $A$  is a unital  $PMV$ -algebra and  $P$  is a  $\cdot$ -prime ideal of  $A$ , then  $P$  is a prime ideal of  $A$ .

*Proof.* Let  $P$  be a  $\cdot$ -prime ideal of  $A$ . Suppose that  $x \wedge y \in P$ , for any  $x, y \in A$ . It follows from Lemma 1.3 (b),  $x \cdot y \leq x \wedge y \in P$  and  $P$  is a  $\cdot$ -ideal, so  $x \cdot y \in P$ . Since  $P$  is a  $\cdot$ -prime ideal, hence  $x \in P$  or  $y \in P$ . Thus  $P$  is a prime ideal of  $A$ .  $\square$

We recall that a product  $MV$ -algebra  $A$  is said to be an  $MVF$ -algebra if for all  $a, b, c \in A$ ,

$$a \wedge b = 0 \text{ implies } (a \cdot c) \wedge b = 0 = (c \cdot a) \wedge b.$$

Also, any linearly ordered  $PMV$ -algebra is an  $MVF$ -algebra [6].

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $A$  be a unital  $PMV$ -algebra and  $P$  be a  $\cdot$ -prime ideal of  $A$ . Then  $A/P$  is a chain  $PMV$ -algebra.

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.2, we deduce that  $P$  is a prime ideal of  $A$ . Then  $x \odot y^* \in P$  or  $y \odot x^* \in P$ , for any  $x, y \in A$ . It follows from Remark 1.1,  $x/P \leq y/P$  or  $y/P \leq x/P$ . Hence  $A/P$  is a chain  $PMV$ -algebra.  $\square$

By the above theorem, we imply that if  $P$  is a  $\cdot$ -prime ideal of unital  $A$ , Then  $A/P$  is a  $MVF$ -algebra.

The following example, we show that the converse of above theorem is not true.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $l_3 = \{0, 1, 2\}$  be a linearly ordered set (chain).  $l_3$  is an  $MV$ -algebra with operations  $\wedge = \min$ ,  $x \oplus y = \min\{2, x+y\}$  and  $x \odot y = \max\{0, x+y-2\}$ , for every  $x, y \in A$  which is not a Boolean algebra. Also,  $A$  is a  $PMV$ -algebra by operation  $\cdot$  such that  $x \cdot y = 0$ , for every  $x, y \in A$ . Clearly,  $\cdot$  is associative and if  $x+y$  is defined i.e,  $x \leq y^* = 2-y$  or  $x+y \leq 2$ , then  $x \cdot z + y \cdot z \leq 2$ ,  $z \cdot x + z \cdot y \leq 2$  and  $(x+y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$  and  $z \cdot (x+y) = z \cdot x + z \cdot y$ . Let  $P = \{0\}$ . Then  $A/\{0\} \simeq A$  is an  $MVF$ -algebra but  $P = \{0\}$  is not  $\cdot$ -prime ideal of  $A$ . Since  $2 \cdot 1 \in P$  but  $2 \neq 0$  and  $1 \neq 0$ .

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module. Then an  $A$ -ideal  $P$  of an  $MV$ -module  $M$  is a *prime  $A$ -ideal*, if (i)  $P \neq M$  (ii) for every  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $x \in M$  if  $\alpha x \in P$ , then  $x \in P$  or  $\alpha \in (P : M)$ .

**Example 3.4.** Let  $A = \{0, a, b, 1\}$ , where  $0 < a, b < 1$ . Define  $\odot$ ,  $\oplus$  and  $*$  as follows:

$\odot$	0	$a$	$b$	1	$\oplus$	0	$a$	$b$	1	$*$	0	$a$	$b$	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$a$	$b$	1	1	1	$b$	$a$	0
$a$	0	$a$	0	$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	1	1	2	0	$a$	$b$	1
$b$	0	0	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	1	$b$	1	2	1	$b$	$a$	0
1	0	$a$	$b$	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	$a$	$b$	0

Then  $(A, \oplus, \odot, *, 0, 1)$  is an  $MV$ -algebra. If we define  $\alpha x := \alpha \cdot x = 0$  for any  $\alpha \in A$  and  $x \in A$ , then  $A$  becomes an  $A$ -module. It is clear that  $P_1 = \{0, a\}$  and  $P_2 = \{0, b\}$  are prime  $A$ -ideals of  $A$ . Let  $\alpha x = 0 \in P_1$ . If  $x \in P$ , then the proof is clear. If  $x \notin P$ , then  $\alpha \in (P : M)$ . Since  $\alpha M = \{0\} \subseteq P_1$ . Hence  $P_1$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $A$ . Similarly  $P_2$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $A$ .

**Example 3.5.** Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$  be a linearly ordered set (chain).  $A$  is an  $MV$ -algebra with operations  $\wedge = \min$ ,  $x \oplus y = \min\{2, x+y\}$  and  $x \odot y = \max\{0, x+y-2\}$ , for every  $x, y \in A$  [11]. Also,  $A$  is  $PMV$ -algebra with the following operations:

$\oplus$	0	1	2	$\cdot$	0	1	2	$*$	0	1	2
0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	2
2	2	2	2	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	2

Clearly,  $A$  is a  $PMV$ -algebra and  $A$  becomes an  $A$ -module over  $A$  with the external operation defined by  $\alpha x = \alpha \cdot x$ , for any  $\alpha \in A$  and  $x \in A$ . Then  $P = \{0\}$  is not a prime  $A$ -ideal. Since  $2 \cdot 1 \in P$  and  $1 \notin P$ , also for  $\alpha = 2$  and  $x = 1$ , we have  $2M \not\subseteq P$ , because  $2 \cdot 2 = 1 \notin P$ . Hence  $P$  is not a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ .

**Example 3.6.** Let  $M$  be  $\Gamma(\mathbb{R}^2, u)$  such that  $u = (1, 1)$ ,  $A = \Gamma(M_2(\mathbb{R}), v)$  and  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$ . By Example 1.1,  $M$  is an  $A$ -module such that  $M = \Gamma(\mathbb{R}^2, u) = [(0, 0), (1, 1)]$  and  $A = \Gamma(M_2(\mathbb{R}), v) = [0, \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}]$ . Then  $Id_A(M) = \{(0, 0), M\}$ , but  $M$  has not prime  $A$ -ideal. If  $P = (0, 0)$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal, then  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in A$ ,  $(0, 1/2) \in M$ , we have  $\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in P$ , but  $\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} M \not\subseteq P$  and  $(0, 1/2) \notin P$ . Let  $m = (1/2, 1/2) \in M$ . Then  $\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix} =$

$\begin{pmatrix} 1/4 \\ 1/4 \end{pmatrix} \notin P$  and  $(0, 1/2) \notin P$ . Therefore,  $(0, 0)$  is not a prime  $A$ -ideal of a  $MV$ -module  $M$ .

We denoted that  $Z_A(M) = \{r \in A : \exists m \in M - \{0\}; rm = 0\}$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module. Then  $P = \{0\}$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M$  if and only if  $Ann_A(M) = Z_A(M)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $P = \{0\}$  be a prime  $A$ -ideal. suppose that  $a \in Ann_A(M)$ , then  $am = 0$  for every  $m \in M$ . It follows that  $a \in Z_A(M)$ . Now, let  $a \in Z_A(M)$ . Then for some  $0 \neq m \in M$ ,  $am = 0 \in P$ , by hypothesis, we deduce that  $m \in P = \{0\}$  or  $a \in (P : M)$ . Since  $m \neq 0$ , hence  $a \in (P : M)$ , it follows that  $aM = 0$ . Thus,  $a \in Ann_A(M)$ .

Conversely, let  $Ann_A(M) = Z_A(M)$ . We show that  $P = \{0\}$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal. For every  $a \in A$ ,  $m \in M$ , suppose that  $am = 0$ ,  $m \neq 0$ , then  $a \in Z_A(M) = Ann_A(M)$ . It follows that  $aM = 0$  or  $a \in (\{0\} : M)$ .

□

**Remark 3.3.** Let  $A$  be a unital  $PMV$ -algebra. Then every  $\cdot$ -ideal of  $A$  is a  $\cdot$ -prime if and only if it is a prime  $A$ -ideal of an  $A$ -module  $A$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** Let  $h : M \rightarrow M'$  be an onto  $A$ -module homomorphism. If  $P$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M'$ , then  $h^{-1}(P)$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $h : M \rightarrow M'$  be an onto  $A$ -module homomorphism. Then prime  $A$ -ideals of  $M'$  and prime  $A$ -ideals of  $M$  that contain  $kerh$  are in one to one correspondence.

*Proof.* Let  $\psi : T \rightarrow S$ , where  $T = \{Q : Q \text{ is prime } A\text{-ideal of } M'\}$  and  $S = \{P : P \text{ is a prime } A\text{-ideal of } M \text{ such that } kerh \subseteq P\}$ . We define  $\psi(Q) := h^{-1}(Q)$ . By Proposition 3.3,  $\psi$  is well defined. Also  $\psi$  is injective. Let  $Q \in ker\psi$ . Then  $\psi(Q) = 0$ , hence  $h^{-1}(Q) = 0$ , it follows that  $Q = h(h^{-1}(Q)) = h(0) = 0$ . Therefore  $Q = 0$ , so  $\psi$  is injective.

Now, we show that  $\psi$  is a surjective. Let  $P \in S$  or on the other hand,  $P$  be  $A$ -ideal of  $M$  that contains  $kerh$ . We claim that there exists a prime  $A$ -ideal  $Q = h(P)$  of  $M'$  such that  $\psi(Q) = \psi(h(P)) = P$ .

Firstly,  $Q = h(P)$  is an ideal of  $M'$ .

- (i) Suppose that  $a, b \in h(P)$ , then  $a = h(x)$  and  $b = h(y)$  for some  $x, y \in M$ .  $a \oplus b = h(x) \oplus h(y) = h(x \oplus y) \in h(P)$
- (ii) Suppose that  $a \in M'$ ,  $b \in h(P)$  such that,  $a \leq b$  and  $b \in h(P)$ , then  $b = h(x)$ , for some  $x \in P$ , and  $a \in M'$ ,  $h$  is surjective, there exists  $y \in M$  such that  $h(y) = a$ ; but  $h(y) \leq h(x)$ , hence by Lemma 1.2,  $h(y) \odot (h(x))^* = 0$  or  $y \odot x^* \in kerh \subseteq P$ , then  $(y \odot x^*) \oplus x \in P$  or  $x \vee y \in P$  and  $y \leq x \vee y$ , hence,  $y \in P$ . Therefore,  $a = h(y) \in h(P)$ .

(iii) Let  $x \in h(P)$  and  $a \in A$ .

Since  $x \in h(P)$ , then  $x = h(b)$  for some  $b \in P$  and  $a \in A$ , hence  $ab \in P$  and

$$ax = ah(b) = h(ab) \in h(P).$$

It follows that  $h(P)$  is  $A$ -ideal of  $M'$ .

Second, we show that  $Q = h(P)$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M'$ .

(i)  $h(P)$  is a proper  $A$ -ideal of  $M'$ . If  $h(P) = M' = h(M)$ .

Hence for  $x \in M$ , we have  $h(x) \in h(M) = h(P)$ , hence  $h(x) = h(y)$  for some  $y \in P$ . Therefore,  $h(x) \leq h(y)$  and  $h(y) \leq h(x)$ . By Lemma 1.2,  $h(x) \odot (h(y))^* = 0$ , hence  $x \odot y^* \in \ker h \subseteq P$  and  $y \in P$ , then  $(x \odot y^*) \oplus y \in P$  or  $x \vee y \in P$ . Since  $x \leq x \vee y$  and  $x \vee y \in P$ , then  $x \in P$ . Thus,  $M \subseteq P$ . It follows that  $M = P$  which is a contradiction.

(ii) Let  $a \in A$ ,  $x \in M'$  such that  $ax \in h(P)$ , we show that  $x \in h(P)$  or  $a \in (h(P) : M')$ . Since  $x \in M'$ , there exists  $y \in M$  such that  $h(y) = x$ . Also, since  $ax \in h(P)$ ,  $ax = h(t)$  for some  $t \in P$ , we have  $ax = ah(y) = h(ay) = h(t)$ , so  $h(ay) \leq h(t)$ , by Lemma 1.2,  $(ay) \odot t^* \in \ker h \subseteq P$  and  $t \in P$ , therefore  $((ay) \odot t^*) \oplus t \in P$ , then  $t \vee (ay) \in P$  and  $ay \leq t \vee (ay)$  and  $P$  is  $A$ -ideal, hence  $ay \in P$  for some  $a \in A$ ,  $y \in M$ ; but  $P$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ , then  $y \in P$  or  $a \in (P : M)$ . If  $y \in P$ , then  $h(y) \in h(P)$ , if we have  $a \in (P : M)$ , then  $aM \subseteq P$ . It follows that  $h(aM) \subseteq h(P)$ . This implies  $ah(M) \subseteq h(P)$ , hence  $aM' \subseteq h(P)$  or  $a \in (h(P) : M')$ . Therefore,  $h(y) \in h(P)$  or  $a \in (h(P) : M')$ . Thus,  $h(P)$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M'$ .

Now, we show that  $\psi(Q) = \psi(h(P)) = h^{-1}(h(P))$ . Let  $x \in h^{-1}(h(P))$ . Then  $h(x) \in h(P)$ , hence  $h(x) = h(y)$  for some  $y \in P$ ,  $h(x) \leq h(y)$ , by Lemma 1.2,  $x \odot y^* \in \ker h \subseteq P$  and  $y \in P$ , it follows that  $x \vee y = (x \odot y^*) \oplus y \in P$  and  $x \leq x \vee y$ , so  $x \in P$ . Thus,  $h^{-1}(h(P)) \subseteq P$ , so  $h^{-1}(h(P)) = P$  or  $\psi(h(P)) = P$ , therefore  $\psi$  is surjective.

□

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $M$  be a unitary  $A$ -module and  $P$  an  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ .  $P$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M$  if and only if  $P$  is a prime  $A/Ann(M)$ -ideal of  $M$ .

*Proof.* Let  $P$  be a prime  $A$ -ideal. We show that  $P$  is a prime  $A/Ann(M)$ -ideal of  $M$ . Firstly,  $M$  is a  $A/Ann(M)$ -module with operation  $A/Ann(M) \times M \rightarrow M$  such that  $(a/Ann(M), x) \rightarrow ax$  or  $[a/Ann(M)]x = ax$ , for every  $a \in A, x \in M$ .

(i) It well defined, since  $a/Ann(M) = b/Ann(M)$ , for every  $a, b \in A$ , by Remark 1.1, we have  $d(a, b) \in Ann(M)$ , hence  $d(a, b)M = 0$ . It follows that  $d(a, b)1_M = 0$ . Hence,  $d(a, b) = 0$ , by Lemma 1.1,  $a = b$ . For  $x, y \in M, a, b \in A$ :

(1) If  $x + y$  is defined in  $M$ , then we show that  $[a/Ann(M)]x + [a/Ann(M)]y$  is defined in  $M$  or  $ax + ay$  is defined in  $M$ .

Since  $M$  is an  $A$ -module and  $x + y$  is defined in  $M$ , so  $ax + ay$  is defined in  $M$ .

(2) If  $a/Ann(M), b/Ann(M) \in A/Ann(M)$  such that  $a/Ann(M) + b/Ann(M)$  is defined in  $A/Ann(M)$ .

We prove that  $[a/Ann(M)]x + [b/Ann(M)]x$  is defined in  $M$ . If  $a/Ann(M) + b/Ann(M)$

is defined, then  $a/Ann(M) \leq (b/Ann(M))^* = b^*/Ann(M)$ , by Remark 1.1,  $a \odot (b^*)^* \in Ann(M)$ , so  $a \odot b \in Ann(M)$  or  $(a \odot b)M = 0$  or  $(a \odot b)1_M = 0$  or  $a \odot b = 0$ . Therefore,  $a \leq b^*$ . i.e.,  $a + b$  is defined in  $A$ , since  $M$  is an  $A$ -module, for every  $x \in M$   $ax + bx$  is defined in  $M$ . Thus,  $[a/Ann(M)]x + [b/Ann(M)]x$  is defined in  $M$ .  
(3)  $(a/Ann(M) \cdot b/Ann(M))x = [(a \cdot b)/Ann(M)]x = (a \cdot b)x = a(bx) = (a/Ann(M))(bx) = (a/Ann(M))[(b/Ann(M))x]$ .

Now, let  $P$  be a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ . Then, for every  $a/Ann(M) \in A/Ann(M)$  and  $x \in M$  such that  $[a/Ann(M)]x \in P$ , then  $ax \in P$ , since  $P$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ , then  $a \in (P : M)$  or  $x \in P$ . Consider  $a \in (P : M)$ , then  $aM \subseteq P$  and for every  $x \in M$ ,  $ax \in P$  if and only if  $(a/Ann(M))x \in P$ , for any  $x \in M$ , if and only if  $(a/Ann(M))M \subseteq P$  if and only if  $a/Ann(M) \in (P : M)$ . Hence,  $x \in P$  or  $a/Ann(M) \in (P : M)$ . We deduce that  $P$  is a prime  $A/Ann(M)$ -ideal.

Conversely, let  $P$  be prime  $A/Ann(M)$ -ideal and for every  $a \in A, x \in M$  such that  $ax \in P$ . We show that  $x \in P$  or  $a \in (P : M)$ .

Let  $ax \in P$ . Then  $(a/Ann(M))x \in P$ , by hypothesis,  $x \in P$  or  $a/Ann(M) \in (P : M)$ , so  $x \in P$  or  $(a/Ann(M))M \subseteq P$ , hence  $x \in P$  or  $aM \subseteq P$ . Therefore,  $x \in P$  or  $a \in (P : M)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $N$  be an  $A$ -ideal of a  $MV$ -module  $M$  such that  $(N : M)$  is a maximal  $\cdot$ -ideal of  $A$ . Then  $N$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ .

*Proof.* Let  $am \in N$  and  $a \notin (N : M)$ , for every  $a \in A, m \in M$ . Since  $(N : M)$  is a maximal, then  $(N : M) \vee (a) = A$ , hence there exist  $t \in (N : M)$  and  $s \in (a)$ , such that  $1 = t \oplus s$ . Hence by Lemma 3.1 (e), we have  $m = m(t \oplus s) \leq mt \oplus ms$ . Since  $t \in (N : M)$ , so  $tM \subseteq N$ , hence for every  $m \in M$ ,  $tm \in N$ . Also since  $s \in (a)$ , hence for some integer  $n \geq 0$ ,  $s \leq na$ , then, by Lemma 1.4 (c)  $sm \leq (na)m = n(am)$  and by hypothesis,  $n(am) \in N$ , it follows that  $sm \in N$ , so  $m \leq tm \oplus sm \in N$ . Thus,  $N$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $M$  be a unitary  $A$ -module. Then  $A$ -ideal  $N$  of a  $MV$ -module  $M$  is a prime if and only if  $P = (N : M)$  is a  $\cdot$ -prime ideal of  $A$ , and  $A/P$ -module  $M/N$  is a torsion free.

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ . We claim that  $(N : M)$  is a  $\cdot$ -prime ideal of  $A$ . Firstly  $(N : M)$  is a proper ideal. If  $(N : M) = A$ , then  $1 \in (N : M)$ , it follows that  $1M \subseteq N$ , so  $M = N$ . Which is a contradiction. Now, let  $a, b \in A$  such that  $a \cdot b \in (N : M)$  and  $a \notin (N : M)$ . Then  $(a \cdot b)M \subseteq N$  and  $aM \not\subseteq N$ , it follows that for every  $m \in M$ ,  $(a \cdot b)m \in N$  and there exists  $x \in M$  such that  $ax \notin N$ , also we have  $b(ax) = (a \cdot b)x \in N$ . Hence by hypothesis,  $b \in (N : M)$ , thus  $(N : M)$  is a  $\cdot$ -prime ideal of  $A$ .

Now, we show that  $M/N$  is  $A/P$ -module, by operation:  $(a/P, m/N) \rightarrow (am)/N$ .

We prove that it is well defined, for every  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  and  $m_1, m_2 \in M$ . Suppose that  $a_1/P = a_2/P, m_1/N = m_2/N$ , then by Remark 1.1, we have

$$d(a_1, a_2) \in P \quad \text{and} \quad d(m_1, m_2) \in N, \quad (1)$$

this results  $d(a_1, a_2) \in P = (N : M)$ , it follows that  $d(a_1, a_2)M \subseteq N$ , hence  $d(a_1, a_2)1 \in N$ , then

$$d(a_1, a_2) \in N, \quad (2)$$

by Lemma 1.4 (k) and Lemma 3.1 (d), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_1m_1, a_2m_2) &\leq d(a_1m_1, a_1m_2) \oplus d(a_1m_2, a_2m_2) \\ &\leq a_1d(m_1, m_2) \oplus d(a_1, a_2)m_2 \end{aligned}$$

and by (1), (2) we deduce that  $d(a_1m_1, a_2m_2) \in N$ .

(i) If  $a_1/P + a_2/P$  is defined in  $A/P$ ,

we show that  $(a_1m)/N + (a_2m)/N$  is defined in  $M/N$ , for every  $a_1, a_2 \in A, m \in M$ . If  $a_1/P + a_2/P$  is defined in  $A/P$ , then  $a_1/P \leq (a_2/P)^*$ , it follows that by Remark 1.1,  $a_1 \odot a_2 \in P = (N : M)$ , then  $(a_1 \odot a_2)M \subseteq N$ , so  $(a_1 \odot a_2)m \in N$ , for any  $m \in M$  but by Lemma 3.1 (b), we have  $a_1m \odot a_2m \leq (a_1 \odot a_2)m$ . Thus,  $a_1m \odot a_2m \in N$ . So by Remark 1.1, we have  $(a_1m)/N \leq [(a_2m)/N]^*$ , therefore,  $(a_1m)/N + (a_2m)/N$  is defined in  $M/N$ , for any  $m \in M$  and  $a_1, a_2 \in A$ .

(ii) If  $m_1/N + m_2/N$  is defined in  $M/N$ , then we show that  $(am_1)/N + (am_2)/N$  is defined in  $M/N$ .

Let  $m_1/N + m_2/N$  be defined in  $M/N$ . Then  $m_1/N \leq (m_2/N)^*$ , it follows from Remark 1.1,  $m_1 \odot m_2 \in N$ , we have by Lemma 3.1 (b),  $am_1 \odot am_2 \leq a(m_1 \odot m_2)$ , then  $am_1 \odot am_2 \in N$ , so by Remark 1.1, we have  $(am_1)/N \leq [(am_2)/N]^*$ . Thus,  $(am_1)/N + (am_2)/N$  is defined in  $M/N$ .

(iii) For any  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  and  $m \in M$ , we have:  $(a_1/P \cdot a_2/P)(m/N) = [(a_1 \cdot a_2)/P](m/N) = [(a_1 \cdot a_2)m]/N = [a_1(a_2m)]/N = (a_1/P)[(a_2/P)(m/N)]$ . Thus,  $M/N$  is an  $A/P$ -module.

Now, we prove that  $M/N$  is torsion free  $A/P$ -module. For every  $a \in A, m \in M$ , such that  $(a/P)(m/N) = 0/N, a/P \neq 0/P$ . Then  $(am)/N = 0/N$ , by Remark 1.1, it follows that  $d(am, 0) \in N$ , so by Lemma 1.1, we have  $am \in N$ . Now, let  $m/N \neq 0/N$  or  $m = d(m, 0) \notin N$ . Since  $P$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ , hence  $a \in (N : M) = P$ , so  $a = d(a, 0) \in P$ , it follows that  $a/P = 0/P$ , which is a contradiction. Thus,  $M/N$  is a torsion free.

Conversely, we prove that  $N$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal. Let  $am \in N$  and  $a \notin (N : M) = P$  for every  $m \in M, a \in A$ . Then  $(a/P)(m/N) = (am)/N = 0/N, a/P \neq 0/P$ , by hypothesis, since  $M/N$  is torsion free  $A/P$ -module, it follows that  $m/N = 0/N$ , then  $m \in N$ . Also, suppose that  $N = M$ , thus  $P = (N : M) = A$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $N$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.5.** Let  $N$  be a proper  $A$ -ideal of a unitary  $MV$ -module  $M$  such that  $(N : M) = P$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (a)  $N$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ ,
- (b)  $M/N$  is a torsion free  $A/P$ -module,
- (c) For every  $r \in A - P, N = \{m \in M : rm \in N\}$ ,
- (d) For every  $\cdot$ -ideal  $J$  of  $A$  such that  $J \not\subseteq P, N = \{m \in M : Jm \subseteq N\}$ ,
- (e) For every  $m \in M - N, P = (N : (m))$ ,

- (f) For every  $A$ -ideal  $L$  of  $M$  such that  $L \not\subseteq N$ ,  $P = (N : L)$ ,
- (g) For every  $m \in M - N$ ,  $\text{Ann}_A(m/N) = P$ ,
- (h)  $Z_A(M/N) = P$ .

*Proof.* (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) is straightforward by Theorem 3.4.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) Let  $T = \{m \in M : rm \in N\}$  for every  $r \in A - P$ . Suppose that  $m \in T$ , then  $rm \in N$ , it follows that by Lemma 1.1,  $rm = d(rm, 0) \in N$ , so by Remark 1.1, we have  $(r/P)(m/N) = (rm)/N = 0/N$ , hence by hypothesis, since  $M/N$  is torsion free, so  $m/N = 0/N$ , it follows that  $m \in N$ . Thus,  $N = \{m \in M : rm \in N\}$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d) Let  $J$  be a  $\cdot$ -ideal of  $A$  such that  $J \not\subseteq P$ . Then there exists  $r \in J - P$ . We show that  $\{m \in M : Jm \subseteq N\} \subseteq N$ . Let  $m \in M$  such that  $Jm \subseteq N$ . Hence  $rm \in N$  and  $r \notin P$ . By (c), we deduce that  $m \in N$ . Thus  $N = \{m \in M : Jm \subseteq N\}$ .

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (e) Let  $m \in M - N$  and  $r \in (N : (m))$ . Suppose that  $r \notin P$ , consider  $J = (r)$ , then  $Jm \subseteq N$  and  $J \not\subseteq P$  by hypothesis, we have  $m \in N$ , which is a contradiction. So  $r \in P$ , hence  $(N : (m)) \subseteq P$ . Now, let  $r \in P = (N : M)$ . Then  $rM \subseteq N$ , so  $rm \in N$  for every  $m \in M$ , we prove that  $r \in (N : (m))$  or  $r(m) \subseteq N$ . Suppose that  $t \in (m)$ , hence  $t \leq nm$  for some integer  $n \geq 0$ , so by Lemma 1.4 (c),  $rt \leq r(nm) = n(rm)$  and  $rm \in N$ , it follows that  $rt \in N$  or  $r(m) \subseteq N$  or  $r \in (N : (m))$ .

(e)  $\Rightarrow$  (f) Let  $N \neq L \subseteq M$ . Then there exists  $m \in L - N$ , then by (e), we have  $(N : (m)) = P$ . Now since  $m \in L$  and  $(N : M) = P$ , hence  $(N : L) = P$ .

(f)  $\Rightarrow$  (g) Let  $m \in M - N$ . Suppose that  $r \in \text{Ann}_A(m/N)$ , then  $r(m/N) = 0/N$ , it follows that by Remark 1.1,  $rm \in N$ , consider that  $L = (m)$ , by hypothesis, we deduce that  $(N : (m)) = P$ . Let  $r \in (N : (m)) = P$ . We show that  $r(m) \subseteq N$ , suppose that  $t \in (m)$ , so  $t \leq nm$  for some integer  $n \geq 0$ , hence  $rt \leq r(nm)$ , by Lemma 1.4 (c),  $rt \leq r(nm) = n(rm)$  and we have  $rm \in N$ , so  $rt \in N$  and since  $(N : (m)) = P$ , hence  $r \in P$ . Therefore,  $\text{Ann}(m/N) \subseteq P$ .

Conversely, let  $r \in P$ . Consider  $L = (m)$ , we deduce by (f),  $P = (N : (m))$ . It follows that  $r \in (N : (m))$ , then  $r(m) \subseteq N$ . Hence  $rm \in N$  then by Lemma 1.1 and Remark 1.1, we have  $d(rm, 0) \in N$  or  $(rm)/N = 0/N$  or  $r(m/N) = 0/N$ , hence  $r \in \text{Ann}_A(m/N)$ . Therefore,  $P \subseteq \text{Ann}_A(m/N)$ . Thus,  $\text{Ann}_A(m/N) = P$ .

(g)  $\Rightarrow$  (h) Let

$$\begin{aligned} Z_A(M/N) &= \{r \in A : r(m/N) = 0/N \text{ for some } m/N \in M/N \text{ and } m/N \neq 0/N\} \\ &= \{r \in A : d(rm, 0) \in N \text{ for some } m \in M - N\} \\ &= \{r \in A : rm \in N \text{ for some } m \in M - N\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, let  $r \in Z_A(M/N)$ . Then  $r \in \text{Ann}_A(m/N)$  but we deduce by (g),  $\text{Ann}_A(m/N) = P$ , hence  $r \in P$ .

Conversely, let  $m \in M - N$  and  $r \in P$ . This implies by (g),  $\text{Ann}_A(m/N) = P$ , so  $r \in \text{Ann}_A(m/N)$ . It follows that by Remark 1.1, we have  $(rm)/N = 0/N$  or  $d(rm, 0) \in N$  or  $rm \in N$ , thus,  $r \in Z_A(M/N)$ . Therefore,  $P \subseteq Z_A(M/N)$ .

(h)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) Let  $Z_A(M/N) = P$ . Suppose that  $r \in A$ ,  $m \in M$  such that  $rm \in N$  and  $m \notin N$ , by definition of  $Z_A(M/N)$  and hypothesis, we deduce that  $r \in P = (N : M)$ . Thus,  $N$  is a prime  $A$ -ideal of  $M$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Conclusion and future research

$MV$ -modules over a  $PMV$ -algebra  $A$  and  $A$ -ideals in  $MV$ -modules are introduced by Di Nola, et.al. They proved equivalence between the category of  $lu$ -modules over  $(R, v)$  and the category of  $MV$ -modules over  $\Gamma(R, v)$ , where  $(R, v)$  is an  $lu$ -ring [5]. Also A. Dvurecenskij and A. Di Nola in [6] introduced the notions of  $PMV$ -algebras,  $MVF$ -algebras and  $\cdot$ -ideals in  $PMV$ -algebras. We introduced  $\cdot$ -prime ideals in  $PMV$ -algebras and investigated the relation between  $\cdot$ -prime ideals and  $MVF$ -algebras. We studied  $A$ -ideals in  $MV$ -modules and introduced the notion of prime  $A$ -ideals in an  $MV$ -module and annihilator of an  $A$ -ideal in an  $MV$ -module. We give some conditions on an  $A$ -ideal to become prime and proved that if  $h : M \rightarrow N$  is an  $A$ -module homomorphism then all prime  $A$ -ideals of  $N$  and prime  $A$ -ideals of  $M$  that contains  $ker h$  are in one to one correspondence.

In our future study of  $MV$ -modules, we are planning:

- (1) to get more results on  $A$ -ideals.
- (2) to define another types of  $A$ -ideals in  $M$ .
- (3) to get more results on prime  $A$ -ideal.

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