

# Some results on modules satisfying S-strong accr\*

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**Abstract.** The rings considered in this article are commutative with identity. Modules are assumed to be unitary. Let *R* be a ring and let *S* be a multiplicatively closed subset of *R*. We say that a module *M* over *R* satisfies *S*-strong  $accr^*$  if for every submodule *N* of *M* and for every sequence  $\langle r_n \rangle$  of elements of *R*, the ascending sequence of submodules  $(N :_M r_1) \subseteq (N :_M r_1 r_2) \subseteq (N :_M r_1 r_2 r_3) \subseteq \cdots$  is *S*-stationary. That is, there exist  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$  such that  $s(N :_M r_1 \cdots r_n) \subseteq (N :_M r_1 \cdots r_k)$  for all  $n \geq k$ . We say that a ring *R* satisfies *S*-strong  $accr^*$  if *R* regarded as a module over *R* satisfies *S*-strong accr<sup>\*</sup>. The aim of this article is to study some basic properties of rings and modules satisfying *S*-strong  $accr^*$ .

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The rings considered in this article are commutative with identity. Modules are assumed to be unitary. Let *R* be a ring. If *S* is a multiplicatively closed subset of *R*, then we assume that  $0 \notin S$  and  $1 \in S$ . We use m.c. set to denote multiplicatively closed set. We use the abbreviation f.g. for finitely generated. Let *M* be a module over a ring *R* and let *S* be a m.c. subset of *R*. Recall from [2] that *M* is said to be *S*-finite if there exist  $s \in S$  and a f.g. submodule *N* of *M* such that  $sM \subseteq N$  and *M* is said to be *S*-Noetherian if any

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submodule of M is S-finite. A ring R is said to be S-Noetherian if R regarded as a module over R is S-Noetherian. A very interesting and inspiring investigation on S-Noetherian rings and S-Noetherian modules has been carried out in [2] and the article [2] contains Svariant of several properties of Noetherian modules to S-Noetherian modules. This article is motivated by the interesting theorems proved by D.D. Anderson and T. Dumitrescu in [2]. To justify this statement, we mention some results that were proved in [2]. Let S be a m.c. subset of a ring R and let M be a module over R. Let  $\psi: M \to S^{-1}M$  denote the usual *R*-homomorphism defined by  $\psi(m) = \frac{m}{1}$ . For any submodule *N* of *M*,  $\psi^{-1}(S^{-1}N)$ is called the saturation of N with respect to S and is denoted by  $Sat_S(N)$ . It was shown in [2, Proposition 2(f)] that a ring R is S-Noetherian if and only if  $S^{-1}R$  is Noetherian and for every f.g. ideal I of R,  $Sat_S(I) = (I :_R s)$  for some  $s \in S$ . Let M be a S-finite module over R. In [2, Proposition 4], it was proved that M is S-Noetherian if and only if the submodules of the form *PM* are *S*-finite for each prime ideal *P* of *R* disjoint from *S* and it was deduced in [2, Corollary 5] that a ring R is S-Noetherian if and only if every prime ideal of R disjoint from S is S-finite and this is the S-variant of Cohen's Theorem. Let  $A \subseteq B$  be a ring extension and  $S \subseteq A$  be a m.c. subset such that B is a S-finite A-module. It was shown in [2, Corollary 7] that if B is S-Noetherian, then so is A and this is the S-variant of Eakin–Nagata Theorem. Recall from [2, page 4411] that a m.c. subset S of R is said to be anti-Archimedean if  $(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} s^n R) \cap S \neq \emptyset$  for every  $s \in S$ . Let S be an anti-Archimedean m.c. subset of a ring R. It was proved in [2, Proposition 9] that if R is S-Noetherian, then so is the polynomial ring  $R[X_1, \ldots, X_n]$  and this is the S-variant of Hilbert Basis Theorem and it was shown in [2, Proposition 10] that if S consists of nonzero-divisors and if R is S-Noetherian, then so is the power series ring  $R[[X_1, \ldots, X_n]]$ .

Let *M* be a module over a ring *R*. Recall from [7] that *M* satisfies accr (respectively, satisfies accr<sup>\*</sup>) if the ascending chain of submodules of the form  $(N :_M B) \subseteq (N :_M B^2) \subseteq (N :_M B^3) \subseteq \cdots$  terminates for every submodule *N* of *M* and every f.g. (respectively, principal) ideal *B* of *R*. A ring *R* is said to satisfy accr (respectively, satisfy accr<sup>\*</sup>) if *R* regarded as a module over *R* satisfies accr (respectively, accr<sup>\*</sup>). It is known that a module *M* over a ring *R* satisfies accr if and only if *M* satisfies accr<sup>\*</sup> [7, Theorem 1]. In [7,8], Chin-Pi Lu has shown that many important properties of Noetherian modules are possessed by modules satisfying accr.

Let *R* be a ring and let *S* be a m.c. subset of *R*. Inspired by the articles [2,7,8], H. Ahmed and H. Sana introduced and investigated the concept of modules satisfying *S*-accr and *S*-accr<sup>\*</sup> in [1]. Let *M* be a module over *R*. Recall from [1] that an ascending sequence of submodules  $N_1 \subseteq N_2 \subseteq N_3 \subseteq \cdots$  of *M* is *S*-stationary if there exist  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$  such that  $sN_n \subseteq N_k$  for all  $n \ge k$ . Recall from [1, Definition 3.1] that *M* satisfies *S*-accr (respectively, satisfies *S*-accr<sup>\*</sup>) if the ascending sequence of submodules of the form  $(N :_M B) \subseteq (N :_M B^2) \subseteq (N :_M B^3) \subseteq \cdots$  is *S*-stationary for any submodule *N* of *M* and any f.g. (respectively, principal) ideal *B* of *R*. A ring *R* is said to satisfy *S*-accr (respectively, satisfy *S*-accr<sup>\*</sup>) if *R* regarded as a module over *R* satisfies *S*-accr (respectively, *S*-accr<sup>\*</sup>). Several results from [7,8] on modules satisfying accr have been extended in [1] to modules satisfying *S*-accr.

Let *M* be a module over a ring *R*. We say that *M* satisfies (*C*) if the ascending sequence of submodules of the form  $(N :_M r_1) \subseteq (N :_M r_1 r_2) \subseteq (N :_M r_1 r_2 r_3) \subseteq \cdots$  terminates for any submodule *N* of *M* and for any sequence  $\langle r_n \rangle$  of elements of *R* [12]. It is clear that if a module *M* over a ring *R* satisfies (*C*), then *M* satisfies *accr*<sup>\*</sup>. Hence, it is convenient to replace the condition (*C*) by strong-*accr*<sup>\*</sup>. We say that *M* satisfies strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup> if *M*  satisfies (C). We say that R satisfies strong  $accr^*$  if R regarded as a module over R satisfies strong  $accr^*$ . A study was carried out on rings and modules satisfying strong  $accr^*$  in [12].

Let *S* be a m.c. subset of a ring *R*. It was shown in [1, Proposition 3.1] that for any *R*-module *M*, the properties *S*-accr and *S*-accr<sup>\*</sup> are equivalent. It was proved in [1, Lemma 3.6] that *R* satisfies *S*-accr if and only if the *R*-module  $R^n$  satisfies *S*-accr for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let *M* be a f.g. module over *R*. In [1, Theorem 3.3], it was shown that if *R* satisfies *S*-accr, then so does *M*. We denote the polynomial ring in one variable *X* over a ring *R* by *R*[*X*]. If *S* is finite, then it was proved in [1, Theorem 3.4] that *R*[*X*] satisfies *S*-accr if and only if *R* is *S*-Noetherian. Motivated by the work on *S*-accr modules in [1], in this article, we introduce the concept of modules satisfying *S*-strong accr<sup>\*</sup> and try to investigate some properties of modules satisfying *S*-strong accr<sup>\*</sup> if for any submodule *N* of *M* and for any sequence  $\langle r_n \rangle$  of elements of *R*, the ascending sequence of submodules of the form  $(N :_M r_1) \subseteq (N :_M r_1 r_2) \subseteq (N :_M r_1 r_2 r_3) \subseteq \cdots$  is *S*-stationary. We say that *R* satisfies *S*-strong accr<sup>\*</sup>.

In Section 2 of this article, we prove some basic properties of modules satisfying Sstrong  $accr^*$ . Let S be a m.c. subset of a ring R and let M be a module over R. The main result proved in Section 2 is Theorem 2.7 in which necessary and sufficient conditions are determined for a module M over a ring R to satisfy S-strong  $accr^*$ , where S is a countable m.c. subset of R. For a countable m.c. subset S of R, in Theorem 2.8, the question of when every module over R satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$  is answered. Let  $n \ge 1$ . Inspired by the work on rings and modules satisfying n-acc and pan-acc by W. Heinzer and D. Lantz in [6] and by G. Renault in [9], the concept of S-n-acc and S-pan-acc are introduced and it is shown that for a countable m.c. subset S of a ring R, if every module over R satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$ , then every module over R satisfies S-pan-acc. Examples are given to illustrate some of the results proved in Section 2 (see Examples 2.3, 2.5, 2.9, 2.11, and 2.13).

In Section 3 of this article, some more properties of modules satisfying S-strong accr<sup>\*</sup> are proved. Let S be a m.c. subset of an integral domain R such that R satisfies S-strong accr<sup>\*</sup>. In Proposition 3.4, the problem of when a free module F over R satisfies S-strong accr<sup>\*</sup> is answered. Let S be a countable m.c. subset of R. It is shown in Theorem 3.6 that the polynomial ring R[X] satisfies S-strong accr<sup>\*</sup> if and only if R[X] is S-Noetherian.

Let R be a ring. The Krull dimension of R is simply referred to as the dimension of R and is denoted by the notation  $\dim R$ . We denote the set of all units of R by U(R). Whenever a set A is a subset of a set B and  $A \neq B$ , we denote it symbolically by the notation  $A \subset B$ .

#### 2. Some basic properties of modules satisfying S-strong accr<sup>\*</sup>

Let *M* be a module over a ring *R*. If *M* satisfies strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>, then it is clear that *M* satisfies *accr*<sup>\*</sup> and so, *M* satisfies accr [7, Theorem 1]. In Remark 2.1(*i*), we mention an example of a module *M* over  $\mathbb{Z}$  such that *M* satisfies *accr* but *M* does not satisfy strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>.

**Remark 2.1.** (*i*) Let us denote the set of all prime numbers by  $\mathbb{P}$ . Let  $M = \bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p\mathbb{Z}}$ . We know from [7, Example 1] that the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module M satisfies accr. It was shown in [12, see page 164] that M does not satisfy strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>.

(*ii*) Let M be a module over a ring R. Let S be a m.c. subset of R. If M satisfies strong  $accr^*$ , then M satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$ . In Example 2.13, we provide an example of a domain R and a m.c. subset S of R such that R satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$  but R does not satisfy strong  $accr^*$ .  $\Box$ 

Let M be a module over a ring R and let S be a m.c. subset of R. If M is S-Noetherian, then it is not hard to show that any ascending sequence of submodules of M is S-stationary. Hence, we obtain that M satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$ . We provide Example 2.3 to illustrate that a module satisfying S-strong  $accr^*$  can fail to be S-Noetherian.

**Lemma 2.2.** Let V be a vector space over a field K. Then V satisfies strong accr<sup>\*</sup>.

**Proof.** Let *W* be any subspace of *V* and let  $\alpha \in K$ . Note that  $(W :_V \alpha) = V$  if  $\alpha = 0$  and it is equal to *W* if  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Let  $\langle \alpha_n \rangle$  be any sequence of elements of *K*. If  $\alpha_k = 0$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then for all  $n \ge k$ ,  $(W :_V \alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n) = (W :_V \alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_k) = V$ . If  $\alpha_i \neq 0$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(W :_V \alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i) = (W :_V \alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j) = W$  for all  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ . This shows that *V* satisfies strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>.  $\Box$ 

**Example 2.3.** Let V be an infinite dimensional vector space over a field K. Then for any m.c. subset S of K, V satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$  but V is not S-Noetherian.

**Proof.** We know from Lemma 2.2 that V satisfies strong  $accr^*$  and so, V satisfies Sstrong  $accr^*$  for any m.c. subset S of K. Let S be any m.c. subset of K. Note that  $S \subseteq K \setminus \{0\} = U(K)$ . Hence, for any subspace W of V and for any  $s \in S$ , sW = W. Since we are assuming that  $dim_K V$  is infinite, there exists a strictly ascending sequence of subspaces  $W_1 \subset W_2 \subset W_3 \subset \cdots$  of V. It is clear that there exist no  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ such that  $sW_n \subseteq W_k$  for all  $n \ge k$ . Therefore, V is not S-Noetherian for any m.c. subset S of K.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 2.4.** Let M be a module over a ring R and let S be a m.c. subset of R. If M satisfies S- strong accr<sup>\*</sup>, then the  $S^{-1}R$ -module  $S^{-1}M$  satisfies strong accr<sup>\*</sup>.

**Proof.** Let *W* be any  $S^{-1}R$ -submodule of  $S^{-1}M$ . Let  $\langle x_n \rangle$  be e sequence of elements of  $S^{-1}R$ . Note that  $W = S^{-1}N$  for some *R*-submodule *N* of *M* and for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $x_n = \frac{r_n}{s_n}$  for some  $r_n \in R$  and  $s_n \in S$ . Since *M* satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup> by hypothesis, we obtain that the ascending sequence of submodules  $(N :_M r_1) \subseteq (N :_M r_1 r_2) \subseteq (N :_M r_1 r_2 r_3) \subseteq \cdots$  of *M* is *S*-stationary. Hence, there exist  $s \in S$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $s(N :_M r_1 \cdots r_n) \subseteq (N :_M r_1 \cdots r_n) \subseteq (N :_M r_1 \cdots r_k)$  for all  $n \geq k$ . This implies that  $S^{-1}(s(N :_M r_1 \cdots r_n)) \subseteq S^{-1}(N :_M r_1 \cdots r_k) \subseteq S^{-1}(N :_M r_1 \cdots r_n)$  for all  $n \geq k$  and so,  $(S^{-1}N :_{S^{-1}M} \frac{r_1}{s_1} \cdots \frac{r_n}{s_n}) = (S^{-1}N :_{S^{-1}M} \frac{r_1}{s_1} \cdots \frac{r_k}{s_k})$  for all  $n \geq k$ . Thus there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(W :_{S^{-1}M} x_1 \cdots x_n) = (W :_{S^{-1}M} x_1 \cdots x_k)$  for all  $n \geq k$ . This shows that the  $S^{-1}R$ -module  $S^{-1}M$  satisfies strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>.

We provide Example 2.5 to illustrate that the converse of Lemma 2.4 can fail to hold.

**Example 2.5.** Let us denote the set of all prime numbers by  $\mathbb{P}$ . Let  $\mathbb{P} = \{p_1 = 2 < p_2 = 3 < p_3 < p_4 < \cdots\}$ . Let *M* be the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module given by  $M = \bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p\mathbb{Z}}$ . Let  $S = \mathbb{Z} \setminus 2\mathbb{Z}$ . Then the  $S^{-1}\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $S^{-1}M$  satisfies strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup> but *M* does not satisfy *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>.

**Proof.** Let  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ . It is not hard to verify that  $M_{p\mathbb{Z}} \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}_{p\mathbb{Z}}}{p\mathbb{Z}_{p\mathbb{Z}}}$  as  $\mathbb{Z}_{p\mathbb{Z}}$ -modules. Let  $S = \mathbb{Z} \setminus 2\mathbb{Z}$ . Note that S is a m.c. subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$  and as  $M_{2\mathbb{Z}}$  is a finite  $\mathbb{Z}_{2\mathbb{Z}}$ -module, we obtain that the  $\mathbb{Z}_{2\mathbb{Z}}$ -module  $S^{-1}M = M_{2\mathbb{Z}}$  satisfies strong  $accr^*$ . We now verify that the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module M does not satisfy S-strong  $accr^*$ . Let us denote the zero submodule of M simply by  $(\overline{0}, \overline{0}, \overline{0}, \ldots)$ . We know from [12, page 164] that  $((\overline{0}, \overline{0}, \overline{0}, \ldots) :_M p_1) \subset ((\overline{0}, \overline{0}, \overline{0}, \ldots) :_M p_1 p_2) \subset ((\overline{0}, \overline{0}, \overline{0}, \ldots) :_M p_1 p_2 p_3) \subset \cdots$  is a strictly ascending sequence of submodules of M. We claim that this sequence is not S-stationary. Suppose that the above sequence of submodules of M is S-stationary. Then there exist  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$  such that  $s((\overline{0}, \overline{0}, \overline{0}, \ldots) :_M p_1 \ldots p_n) \subseteq ((\overline{0}, \overline{0}, \overline{0}, \ldots) :_M p_1 \cdots p_k)$  for all  $n \geq k$ . We can assume that s > 0. It is clear that  $s \neq 1$ . As  $s \in S = \mathbb{Z} \setminus 2\mathbb{Z}$ , it follows that there exist distinct  $p_{i_1}, \ldots, p_{i_l} \in \mathbb{P} \setminus \{2\}$  and positive integers  $n_1, \ldots, n_t$  such that  $s = \prod_{j=1}^{t} p_{i_j}^{n_j}$ . Observe that  $s((\overline{0}, \overline{0}, \overline{0}, \ldots) :_M p_1 p_2 \cdots p_{k+i_1+\cdots+i_t}) = \bigoplus_{j\in T} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p_j\mathbb{Z}}$  where  $T = \{1, 2, \ldots, k + i_1 + \cdots + i_t\} \setminus \{i_1, \ldots, i_t\}, ((\overline{0}, \overline{0}, \overline{0}, \ldots) :_M p_1 \cdots p_k) = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p_1\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \cdots \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p_k\mathbb{Z}}$  and so, we get that  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p_{k+i_1+\cdots+i_t\mathbb{Z}}} \subseteq \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p_1\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \cdots \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p_k\mathbb{Z}}$ . This is impossible. Therefore, the ascending sequence of submodules  $((\overline{0}, \overline{0}, \overline{0}, \ldots) :_M p_1) \subset ((\overline{0}, \overline{0}, \overline{0}, \ldots) :_M p_1 p_2) \subset ((\overline{0}, \overline{0}, \overline{0}, \ldots) :_M p_1 p_2 p_3) \subset \cdots$  is not S-stationary. This shows that the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module M does not satisfy S-strong  $accr^*$ .  $\Box$ 

In Lemma 2.6, we provide a sufficient condition on a module M over a ring R under which the converse of Lemma 2.4 holds.

**Lemma 2.6.** Let M be a module over a ring R and let S be a m.c. subset of R. If the  $S^{-1}R$ -module  $S^{-1}M$  satisfies strong accr<sup>\*</sup> and if for any submodule N of M, there exists  $s \in S$  (depending on N) such that  $Sat_S(N) = (N :_M s)$ , then M satisfies S-strong accr<sup>\*</sup>.

**Proof.** Let *N* be a submodule of *M* and let  $\langle r_n \rangle$  be a sequence of elements of *R*. We prove that the ascending sequence  $(N :_M r_1) \subseteq (N :_M r_1 r_2) \subseteq (N :_M r_1 r_2 r_3) \subseteq \cdots$  of submodules of *M* is *S*-stationary. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let us denote  $\frac{r_n}{1}$  by  $x_n$ . Then  $\langle x_n \rangle$  is a sequence of elements of  $S^{-1}R$ . Consider the ascending sequence of submodules of  $S^{-1}N$  are  $(S^{-1}N :_{S^{-1}M} x_1) \subseteq (S^{-1}N :_{S^{-1}M} x_1 x_2) \subseteq (S^{-1}N :_{S^{-1}M} x_1 x_2 x_3) \subseteq \cdots$ . Since the  $S^{-1}R$ -module  $S^{-1}M$  satisfies strong  $accr^*$ , there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \ge k$ ,  $(S^{-1}N :_{S^{-1}M} x_1 \cdots x_n) = (S^{-1}N :_{S^{-1}M} x_1 \cdots x_k)$ . By hypothesis, there exists  $s \in S$  such that  $Sat_S(N) = (N :_M s)$ . Let  $n \ge k$ . Let  $m \in (N :_M r_1 \cdots r_n)$ . Then  $\frac{m}{1} \in (S^{-1}N :_{S^{-1}M} x_1 \cdots x_k)$  for some  $s' \in S$  and so,  $s'r_1 \cdots r_k m \in N$ . Therefore,  $r_1 \cdots r_k m \in Sat_S(N) = (N :_M s)$ . This proves that  $s(N :_M r_1 \cdots r_n) \subseteq (N :_M r_1 \cdots r_k)$  for all  $n \ge k$ . Therefore, we obtain that *M* satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$ .  $\Box$ 

Let S be a countable m.c. subset of a ring R. With the help of Lemmas 2.4 and 2.6, in Theorem 2.7, we provide a necessary and sufficient condition in order that a module M over R satisfies S-strong accr<sup>\*</sup>.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let *M* be a module over a ring *R*. Let *S* be a countable m.c. subset of *R*. The following statements are equivalent:

(i) M satisfies S-strong accr<sup>\*</sup>.

(ii) The  $S^{-1}R$ -module  $S^{-1}M$  satisfies strong  $accr^*$  and for any submodule N of M, there exists  $s \in S(depending \text{ on } N)$  such that  $Sat_S(N) = (N :_M s)$ .

**Proof.**  $(i) \Rightarrow (ii)$  Assume that M satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$ . Then we know from Lemma 2.4 that the  $S^{-1}R$ -module  $S^{-1}M$  satisfies strong  $accr^*$  (for the proof of this assertion, we do not need the assumption that S is countable). Assume that S is countable. Let N be any submodule of M. Suppose that S is finite. Let  $S = \{s_1, \ldots, s_t\}$ . Let  $s = \prod_{i=1}^t s_i$ . Then it is clear that  $s \in S$  and  $Sat_S(N) = (N :_M s)$ . Hence, we can assume that S is denumerable. Let  $S = \{s_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Since M satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$ , the ascending sequence of submodules  $(N :_M s_1) \subseteq (N :_M s_1s_2) \subseteq (N :_M s_1s_2s_3) \subseteq \cdots$  is S-stationary. Therefore, there exist  $s_i \in S$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $s_i(N :_M s_1 \cdots s_n) \subseteq (N :_M s_1 \cdots s_k)$  for all  $n \ge k$ . Let  $m \in Sat_S(N)$ . Then  $s_jm \in N$  for some  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence,  $m \in (N :_M s_1s_2 \cdots s_{k+j})$ . Therefore,  $s_im \in s_i(N :_M s_1s_2 \cdots s_{k+j}) \subseteq (N :_M s_1 \cdots s_k)$ . This implies that  $s_is_1 \cdots s_k m \in N$ . Let  $s = s_is_1 \cdots s_k$ . Then  $s \in S$  and  $sm \in N$ . This proves that  $Sat_S(N) \subseteq (N :_M s)$  and it is clear that  $(N :_M s) \subseteq Sat_S(N)$ . Therefore, we get that  $Sat_S(N) = (N :_M s)$ .

assumption that S is countable).  $\Box$ 

Let *R* be a ring. Recall from [3, page 321] that *R* is said to be *perfect* if every *R*-module has a projective cover. A pioneering work on perfect rings was done by Hyman Bass and there are several characterizations of perfect rings due to him [3, Theorem 28.4]. It was proved in [12, Proposition 1.1] that every *R*-module satisfies strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup> if and only if *R* satisfies strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup> and *dim R* = 0 which is equivalent to the statement that *R* is a perfect ring. Let *S* be a countable m.c. subset of *R*. As an application of [12, Proposition 1.1] and Theorem 2.7, in Theorem 2.8, we characterize rings *R* such that every module over *R* satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>.

**Theorem 2.8.** Let R be a ring. Let S be a countable m.c. subset of R. Suppose that for any module M over R and for any submodule N of M, there exists  $s \in S$  (depending on N) such that  $Sat_S(N) = (N :_M s)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i) Every module over R satisfies S-strong accr<sup>\*</sup>.

(ii) Every module over  $S^{-1}R$  satisfies strong accr<sup>\*</sup>.

(iii)  $S^{-1}R$  satisfies strong accr<sup>\*</sup> and  $dim(S^{-1}R) = 0$ .

(iv)  $S^{-1}R$  is a perfect ring.

**Proof.** (*i*)  $\Rightarrow$  (*ii*) Let V be any module over  $S^{-1}R$ . Observe that V can be regarded as a module over R and hence by (*i*), V satisfies S-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup> regarded as a module over R. We know from Lemma 2.4 that the  $S^{-1}R$ -module  $S^{-1}V = V$  satisfies strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>. This shows that any  $S^{-1}R$ -module satisfies strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>.

 $(ii) \Rightarrow (iii)$  As any  $S^{-1}R$ -module satisfies strong  $accr^*$ , it follows that  $S^{-1}R$  satisfies strong  $accr^*$  and any  $S^{-1}R$ -module satisfies  $accr^*$ . Therefore, we obtain from  $(ii) \Rightarrow (i)$  of [10, Proposition 2.4] that  $dim(S^{-1}R) = 0$ .

 $(iii) \Rightarrow (iv)$  It follows from  $(ii) \Rightarrow (iii)$  of [12, Proposition 1.1] that  $S^{-1}R$  is a perfect ring.

 $(iv) \Rightarrow (i)$  It follows from  $(iii) \Rightarrow (i)$  of [12, Proposition 1.1] that any module over  $S^{-1}R$  satisfies strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>. Let *M* be a module over *R*. Now, the  $S^{-1}R$ -module  $S^{-1}M$  satisfies strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>. We are assuming that given any submodule *N* of *M*, there exists  $s \in S$  (depending on *N*) such that  $Sat_S(N) = (N :_M s)$ . Therefore, we obtain from  $(ii) \Rightarrow (i)$  of Theorem 2.7 that *M* satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>. This proves that any module over *R* satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>.

We provide Example 2.9 to illustrate that  $S^{-1}R$  is a perfect ring is not sufficient to imply that any module over R satisfies S-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>.

**Example 2.9.** Let us denote the set of all prime numbers by  $\mathbb{P}$ . Consider the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module M given by  $M = \mathbb{Z} + \sum_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \mathbb{Z}_p^{\frac{1}{p}}$ . Let  $S = \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ . Then  $S^{-1}\mathbb{Z}$  is a perfect ring and M does not satisfy *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>.

**Proof.** Let  $\mathbb{P} = \{p_1 = 2 < p_2 = 3 < p_3 < \cdots\}$ . Note that  $S^{-1}\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Q}$  is the field of rational numbers and so,  $S^{-1}\mathbb{Z}$  is a perfect ring. It is not hard to verify that  $(\mathbb{Z} :_M p_1 \cdots p_n) = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z} \frac{1}{p_1} + \cdots + \mathbb{Z} \frac{1}{p_n}$ . Hence, the ascending sequence of submodules  $(\mathbb{Z} :_M p_1) \subset (\mathbb{Z} :_M p_1 p_2) \subset (\mathbb{Z} :_M p_1 p_2 p_3) \subset \cdots$  of M is strictly ascending. We claim that the above ascending sequence of submodules of M is not S-stationary. Suppose that the above ascending sequence of submodules of M is S-stationary. Then there exist  $s \in S$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $s(\mathbb{Z} :_M p_1 \cdots p_n) \subseteq (\mathbb{Z} :_M p_1 \cdots p_k)$  for all  $n \geq k$ . We can assume that s > 0. It is clear that  $s \neq 1$ . Note that there exist distinct  $p_{i_1}, \ldots, p_{i_t} \in \mathbb{P}$  and positive integers  $n_1, \ldots, n_t$  such that  $s = \prod_{j=1}^t p_{i_j}^{n_j}$ . Observe that  $s(\mathbb{Z} :_M p_1 p_2 \cdots p_{k+i_1+\cdots+i_t}) \subseteq \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z} \frac{1}{p_1} + \cdots + \mathbb{Z} \frac{1}{p_k}$ . This implies that  $\frac{s}{p_{k+i_1+\cdots+i_t}} = \frac{m}{p_1\cdots p_k}$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . This is impossible since  $p_{k+i_1+\cdots+i_t}$  does not divide  $sp_1 \cdots p_k$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . This proves that the sequence of submodules  $(\mathbb{Z} :_M p_1) \subset (\mathbb{Z} :_M p_1 p_2 p_3) \subset \cdots$  is not S-stationary. This shows that M does not satisfy S-strong  $accr^*$ .

Let *M* be a module over a ring *R*. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Recall from [6] that *M* is said to *satisfy n*-*acc* if every ascending sequence of submodules of *M*, each of which is generated by *n* elements stabilizes. Recall from [6] that *M* is said to *satisfy pan-acc* if *M* satisfies *n*-acc for all  $n \ge 1$ . We say that *R* satisfies *n*-acc (respectively, satisfies pan-acc) if *R* regarded as a module over *R* satisfies *n*-acc (respectively, pan-acc). It is known that every module over a ring *R* satisfies pan-acc if and only if *R* is a perfect ring [9, Proposition 1.2].

Let S be a m.c. subset of a ring R. Let M be a module over R. Let  $n \ge 1$ . We say that M satisfies S-n-acc if any ascending sequence of submodules of M, each of which is generated by n elements is S-stationary. We say that M satisfies S-pan-acc if M satisfies S-n-acc for all  $n \ge 1$ . We say that R satisfies S-n-acc (respectively, satisfies S-pan-acc) if R regarded as a module over R satisfies S-n-acc (respectively, S-pan-acc).

We know from [6, Example pages 275–276] that there exist a domain D and a m.c. subset S of D such that D has pan-acc but  $S^{-1}D$  does not have 1-acc. Let  $n \ge 1$ . The above mentioned example illustrates that if a module M over a ring R satisfies S-n-acc (S is a m.c. subset of R), then it need not imply that the  $S^{-1}R$ -module  $S^{-1}M$  has n-acc.

**Lemma 2.10.** Let S be a m.c. subset of a ring R. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let M be a module over R. Suppose that for each submodule N of M generated by n elements, there exists  $s \in S$  (depending on N) such that  $Sat_S(N) = (N :_M s)$ . If the  $S^{-1}R$ -module  $S^{-1}M$  satisfies n-acc, then M satisfies S-n-acc.

**Proof.** Let  $N_1 \subseteq N_2 \subseteq N_3 \subseteq \cdots$  be an ascending sequence of submodules of M such that  $N_i$  is generated by n elements for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Observe that  $S^{-1}N_1 \subseteq S^{-1}N_2 \subseteq S^{-1}N_3 \subseteq \cdots$  is an ascending sequence of n-generated submodules of  $S^{-1}M$ . Since  $S^{-1}M$  satisfies n-acc by hypothesis, we obtain that there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $S^{-1}N_n = S^{-1}N_k$  for all  $n \geq k$ . Hence,  $Sat_S(N_n) = Sat_S(N_k)$  for all  $n \geq k$ . Moreover, by assumption,

 $Sat_S(N_k) = (N_k :_M s)$  for some  $s \in S$ . Let  $n \ge k$  and let  $x \in N_n$ . Then  $x \in Sat_S(N_n) = Sat_S(N_k) = (N_k :_M s)$  and so,  $sx \in N_k$ . This shows that  $sN_n \subseteq N_k$  for all  $n \ge k$ . This proves that any ascending sequence of submodules of M, each of which is *n*-generated is *S*-stationary. Therefore, we obtain that M satisfies *S*-*n*-acc.  $\Box$ 

We provide Example 2.11 to illustrate that the hypothesis, for any submodule N of M generated by n elements, there exists  $s \in S$  (depending on N) such that  $Sat_S(N) = (N :_M s)$  in Lemma 2.10 cannot be omitted.

**Example 2.11.** Let  $\mathbb{P}$ , M be as in Example 2.9. Let  $S = \mathbb{Z} \setminus 2\mathbb{Z}$ . Then the  $S^{-1}\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $S^{-1}M$  satisfies pan-acc but M does not satisfy S-1-acc.

**Proof.** Now,  $M = \mathbb{Z} + \sum_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \mathbb{Z}_p^1$ . It is not hard to verify that  $M_{2\mathbb{Z}} = \mathbb{Z}_{2\mathbb{Z}} + \mathbb{Z}_{2\mathbb{Z}}^1$ . Observe that  $M_{2\mathbb{Z}}$  is a Noetherian  $\mathbb{Z}_{2\mathbb{Z}}$ -module and so,  $M_{2\mathbb{Z}}$  satisfies pan-acc. We next verify that M does not satisfy S-1-acc. Let  $\mathbb{P} = \{p_1 = 2 < p_2 = 3 < p_3 < \cdots\}$ . Let  $n \ge 1$ . It is convenient to denote  $\frac{1}{p_1 \cdots p_n}$  by  $q_n$  and  $\mathbb{Z}q_n$  by  $M_n$ . It is clear that  $M_n \subset M$ . Observe that  $q_n = p_{n+1}q_{n+1}$  and so,  $M_n \subseteq M_{n+1}$ . From  $\frac{1}{p_{n+1}} \in M_{n+1} \setminus M_n$ , it follows that  $M_n \subset M_{n+1}$ . Hence,  $M_! \subset M_2 \subset M_3 \subset \cdots$  is a strictly ascending sequence of 1-generated submodules of M. We claim that this sequence of cyclic submodules of M is not S-stationary. Suppose that this sequence of submodules of M is S-stationary. Then there exist  $s \in S$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $sM_n \subseteq M_k$  for all  $n \ge k$ . We can assume without loss of generality that s > 0. It is clear that  $s \neq 1$ . Observe that there exist  $p_{i_1}, \ldots, p_{i_t} \in \mathbb{P} \setminus \{2\}$  and  $n_1, \ldots, n_t \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $s = \prod_{j=1}^t p_{i_j}^{n_j}$ . Note that  $sM_{k+i_1+\dots+i_t} \subseteq M_k$ . This implies that  $\frac{s}{p_1p_2\cdots p_k+i_1+\dots+i_t} = \frac{y}{p_1\cdots p_k}$  for some  $y \in \mathbb{Z}$ . This is impossible, since  $p_{k+i_1+\dots+i_t}$  does not divide  $sp_1\cdots p_k$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore, the sequence  $M_1 \subset M_2 \subset M_3 \subset \cdots$  of 1-generated submodules of M is not S-stationary and so, M does not satisfy S-1-acc.

**Corollary 2.12.** Let S be a countable m.c. subset of a ring R. Suppose that for any module M over R, and any submodule N of M, there exists  $s \in S$  (depending on N) such that  $Sat_S(N) = (N :_M s)$ . Consider the following statements.

(i) Every module over R satisfies S-strong accr<sup>\*</sup>.

(*ii*)  $S^{-1}R$  is a perfect ring.

(iii) Every module over R satisfies S-pan-acc.

Then  $(i) \Leftrightarrow (ii)$  and  $(ii) \Rightarrow (iii)$ .

**Proof.** (*i*)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (*ii*) This is (*i*)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (*iv*) of Theorem 2.8.

 $(ii) \Rightarrow (iii)$  Let *M* be a module over *R*. Let  $n \ge 1$ . Since  $S^{-1}R$  is a perfect ring, we obtain from [9, Proposition 1.2] that the  $S^{-1}R$ -module  $S^{-1}M$  satisfies *n*-acc. Now, it follows from Lemma 2.10 that *M* satisfies *S*-*n*-acc. This is true for any  $n \ge 1$ . This proves that any *R*-module *M* satisfies *S*-pan-acc.  $\Box$ 

It was shown in [12, Proposition 2.2] that if a domain R satisfies strong  $accr^*$ , then R satisfies 1-acc. In Example 2.13, we provide a domain R and a m.c. subset S of R such that R satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$  but R does not satisfy strong  $accr^*$ .

**Example 2.13.** Let p be a prime number and let  $F = \frac{Z}{pZ}$ . Let X be an indeterminate over F. For each  $n \ge 1$ , let  $X^{\frac{1}{p^n}}$  denote the  $p^n$ -th root of X in an algebraic closure of F(X).

Let  $R = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F[X^{\frac{1}{p^n}}]$ . Let  $S = R \setminus \{0\}$ . Then R satisfies S-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup> but R does not satisfy strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>.

**Proof.** The domain *R* was considered by D.E. Dobbs in [5]. Let us denote the quotient field of *R* by *K*. Observe that  $S^{-1}R = K$  is a Noetherian ring. Let *I* be any nonzero ideal of *R*. Then  $S^{-1}I = K$  and so,  $Sat_S(I) = K \cap R = R = (I :_R s)$  for any  $s \in I \setminus \{0\}$ . Hence, we obtain from [2, Proposition 2(f)] that *R* is *S*-Noetherian. Therefore, any increasing sequence of ideals of *R* is *S*-stationary and so, we get that *R* satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>. Also, *R* satisfies *S*-pan-acc. Observe that  $RX \subset RX^{\frac{1}{p}} \subset RX^{\frac{1}{p^2}} \subset \cdots$  is a strictly ascending sequence of principal ideals of *R* and so, *R* does not satisfy 1-acc. Hence, it follows from [12, Proposition 2.2] that *R* does not satisfy strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>.

## 3. SOME MORE RESULTS ON MODULES SATISFYING S-STRONG accr<sup>\*</sup>

Let R be a ring and let S be a m.c. subset of R. The aim of this section is to discuss some more results on modules M over R satisfying S-strong  $accr^*$ .

**Remark 3.1.** Let *R* be a ring and let *S* be a m.c. subset of *R*. Let *M* be a module over *R*. If *M* satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>, then it is not hard to show that for any submodule *N* of *M*, both *N* and  $\frac{M}{N}$  satisfy *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>. We verify in Lemma 3.2 that if both *N* and  $\frac{M}{N}$  satisfy *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>, then *M* satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let S be a m.c. subset of a ring R. Let M be a module over R and let N be a submodule of M. If both N and  $\frac{M}{N}$  satisfy S-strong accr<sup>\*</sup>, then M satisfies S-strong accr<sup>\*</sup>.

**Proof.** Let *L* be a submodule of *M* and let  $\langle r_n \rangle$  be a sequence of elements of *R*. We verify that the ascending sequence  $(L :_M r_1) \subseteq (L :_M r_1r_2) \subseteq (L :_M r_1r_2r_3) \subseteq \cdots$  of *M* is *S*-stationary. Since  $\frac{M}{N}$  satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>, there exist  $s \in S$  and  $k_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \ge k_1$ ,  $s(\frac{L+N}{N} :_M r_1 \cdots r_n) \subseteq (\frac{L+N}{N} :_M r_1 \cdots r_n)$ . This implies that  $s(L+N :_M r_1 \cdots r_n) \subseteq (L+N :_M r_1 \cdots r_{k_1})$  for all  $n \ge k_1$ . As *N* satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>, it follows that the ascending sequence of submodules  $(N \cap L :_N r_{k_1+1}) \subseteq (N \cap L :_N r_{k_1+1}r_{k_1+2}r_{k_1+3}) \subseteq \cdots$  of *N* is *S*-stationary. Hence, there exist  $s' \in S$  and  $k_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $j \ge 1$ ,  $s'(N \cap L :_N r_{k_1+1} \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}) \subseteq (N \cap L :_N r_{k_1+1}r_{k_1+2}r_{k_1+3}) \subseteq \cdots$  of *N* is *S*-stationary. Hence, there exist  $s' \in S$  and  $k_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $j \ge 1$ ,  $s'(N \cap L :_N r_{k_1+1} \cdots r_{k_1+k_2+j}) \subseteq (N \cap L :_N r_{k_1+1} \cdots r_{k_1+k_2})$ . We verify that  $ss'(L :_M r_1r_2 \cdots r_n) \subseteq (L :_M r_1r_2 \cdots r_{k_1+k_2})$  for all  $n \ge k_1 + k_2$ . Let  $n \ge k_1 + k_2$ . Then  $n = k_1 + k_2 + j$  for some  $j \ge 0$ . Let  $m \in (L :_M r_1r_2 \cdots r_n)$ . Now,  $r_1r_2 \cdots r_nm \in L \subseteq L + N$ . Hence,  $sr_1 \cdots r_{k_1}m \in L + N$ . This implies that  $sr_1 \cdots r_{k_1}m = y + z$  for some  $y \in L$  and  $z \in N \cap L$ . So,  $s'r_{k_1+1} \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}z \in L \cap N$ . Therefore,  $ss'r_1r_2 \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}m = s'r_{k_1+1} \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}y + s'r_{k_1+1} \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}z \in L \cap N$ . Therefore,  $ss'r_1r_2 \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}m = s'r_{k_1+1} \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}y + s'r_{k_1+1} \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}z \in L \cap N$ . Therefore,  $ss'r_1r_2 \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}m = s'r_{k_1+1} \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}y + s'r_{k_1+1} \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}z \in L \cap N$ . Therefore,  $ss'r_1r_2 \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}m = s'r_{k_1+1} \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}y + s'r_{k_1+1} \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}z \in L \cap N$ . Therefore,  $ss'r_1r_2 \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}m = s'r_{k_1+1} \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}y + s'r_{k_1+1} \cdots r_{k_1+k_2}y$ . Therefore, *M* satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>.  $\Box$ 

Let S be a m.c. subset of a ring R. As an application of Lemma 3.2, we verify in Remark 3.3 that if R satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$ , then M satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$  for any f.g. R-module M.

**Remark 3.3.** Let S be a m.c. subset of a ring R. If  $(0) \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow (0)$  is a short exact sequence of R-modules, then using standard arguments, it follows from Remark 3.1 and Lemma 3.2 that M satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$  if and only if both M' and M'' satisfy S-strong  $accr^*$ . If R satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$ , then for any  $n \ge 1$ , the free R-module  $R^n$  satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$ . If M is a f.g. module over a ring R, then M is a homomorphic image of a f.g. free R-module F. Thus if R satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$ , then M satisfies S-strong  $accr^*$ .

Let *R* be an integral domain with  $\dim R > 0$ . It was shown in [11, Result 12] that if a free *R*-module *F* satisfies  $accr^*$ , then *F* is f.g. As a consequence of this result and Remark 3.3, we prove in Proposition 3.4 that a free *R*-module *F* satisfies *S*-strong  $accr^*$  if and only if *F* is f.g., where *S* is a m.c. subset of an integral domain *R* such that *R* satisfies *S*-strong  $accr^*$  and  $S^{-1}R$  is not a field.

**Proposition 3.4.** Let R be an integral domain. Let S be a m.c. subset of R such that  $S^{-1}R$  is not a field. Suppose that R satisfies S-strong accr<sup>\*</sup>. Let F be a free R-module. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i) F satisfies S-strong accr<sup>\*</sup>.

(ii) F satisfies S- accr<sup>\*</sup>.

(*iii*) F is finitely generated.

**Proof.** (*i*)  $\Rightarrow$  (*ii*) This follows immediately from the fact that if a module *M* over a ring *R* satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>, then *M* satisfies *S*-*accr*<sup>\*</sup>.

 $(ii) \Rightarrow (iii)$  Let  $\{e_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  be a basis of F as a free R-module. Then  $S^{-1}F$  is a free  $S^{-1}R$ -module with basis  $\{\frac{e_{\alpha}}{1}\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$ . We are assuming that F satisfies S-accr<sup>\*</sup>. It can be shown as in Lemma 2.4 that the  $S^{-1}R$ -module  $S^{-1}F$  satisfies  $accr^*$ . Since  $S^{-1}R$  is not a field by assumption, we obtain from [11, Result 12] that  $\Lambda$  is a finite set. Therefore, it follows that F is finitely generated.

 $(iii) \Rightarrow (i)$  By hypothesis, *R* satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>. Since *F* is a f.g. module over *R*, we obtain from Remark 3.3 that *F* satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>.

We provide Example 3.5 to illustrate that the hypothesis F is a free module cannot be omitted in Proposition 3.4.

**Example 3.5.** Let *p* be a prime number and  $R = \mathbb{Z}_{p\mathbb{Z}}$ . It is well-known that *R* is a rank one discrete valuation domain with  $\mathfrak{m} = pR$  as its unique maximal ideal. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $M_n$  be the *R*-module given by  $M_n = \frac{R}{\mathfrak{m}}$ . Let  $M = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} M_n$ . Then *M* satisfies strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>.

**Proof.** Since *R* is Noetherian, *R* satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup> for any m.c. subset *S* of *R*. Let S = 1 + m. Then *S* is a m.c. subset of *R* and as  $S \subseteq U(R)$ , we obtain that  $S^{-1}R = R$ . As m*M* is the zero submodule of *M*, *M* can be made into a module over  $\frac{R}{m}$  by defining (r + m)x = rx for any  $r + m \in \frac{R}{m}$  and for any  $x \in M$ . Observe that a nonempty subset *N* of *M* is an *R*-submodule of *M* if and only if *N* is an  $\frac{R}{m}$ -submodule of *M*. As *M* is a vector space over the field  $\frac{R}{m}$ , we know from Lemma 2.2 that *M* regarded as a module over  $\frac{R}{m}$  satisfies strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup> and so, *M* satisfies strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup> as a module over *R*. Hence, *M* satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>. But *M* is not a f.g. module over *R*.

**Theorem 3.6.** Let *S* be a countable m.c. subset of a ring *R*. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i) R[X] satisfies S-strong accr<sup>\*</sup>.

(*ii*) R[X] satisfies S-accr<sup>\*</sup> and for any ideal A of R[X],  $Sat_S(A) = (A :_{R[X]} s)$  for some  $s \in S$ .

(*iii*) *R*[*X*] *is S-Noetherian*.

**Proof.** (*i*)  $\Rightarrow$  (*ii*) As R[X] satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>, it is clear that R[X] satisfies *S*-accr<sup>\*</sup>. Since *S* is a countable m.c. subset of *R* and R[X] satisfies *S*-strong *accr*<sup>\*</sup>, it follows from (*i*)  $\Rightarrow$  (*ii*) of Theorem 2.7 that if *A* is any ideal of R[X], then  $Sat_S(A) = (A :_{R[X]} s)$  for some  $s \in S$ .

 $(ii) \Rightarrow (iii)$  As R[X] satisfies S-accr<sup>\*</sup>, it follows as in Lemma 2.4 that  $S^{-1}(R[X])$  satisfies accr<sup>\*</sup>. Observe that  $S^{-1}(R[X]) = (S^{-1}R)[X]$  is the polynomial ring in one variable over  $S^{-1}R$ . Hence, we obtain from [8, Theorem 2] that  $S^{-1}R$  is Noetherian. Therefore, it follows from Hilbert Basis Theorem [4, Theorem 7.5] that  $(S^{-1}R)[X] = S^{-1}(R[X])$  is Noetherian. Thus  $S^{-1}(R[X])$  is Noetherian and for any ideal A of R[X], there exists  $s \in S$  such that  $Sat_S(A) = (A :_{R[X]} s)$ . Hence, we obtain from [2, Proposition 2(f)] that R[X] is S-Noetherian.

 $(iii) \Rightarrow (i)$  Since R[X] is S-Noetherian, any ascending sequence of ideals of R[X] is S-stationary and so, R[X] satisfies S-strong accr<sup>\*</sup>.  $\Box$ 

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