

# Generalizations of semicoprime preradicals

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**ABSTRACT.** This article introduces the notions quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals and semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals, generalizing the concept of semicoprime preradicals. We study the concepts quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing submodules and semi-co- $n$ -absorbing submodules and their relations with quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals and semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals using the lattice structure of preradicals.

## 1. Introduction

The notion of 2-absorbing ideals of commutative rings was introduced by Badawi in [2], where a proper ideal  $I$  of a commutative ring  $R$  is called a *2-absorbing ideal of  $R$*  if whenever  $a, b, c \in R$  and  $abc \in I$ , then  $ab \in I$  or  $ac \in I$  or  $bc \in I$ . Anderson and Badawi [1] generalized the concept of 2-absorbing ideals to  $n$ -absorbing ideals. According to their definition, a proper ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is called an  *$n$ -absorbing* (resp. *strongly  $n$ -absorbing*) *ideal* if whenever  $x_1 \cdots x_{n+1} \in I$  for  $x_1, \dots, x_{n+1} \in R$  (resp.  $I_1 \cdots I_{n+1} \subseteq I$  for ideals  $I_1, \dots, I_{n+1}$  of  $R$ ), then there are  $n$  of the  $x_i$ 's (resp.  $n$  of the  $I_i$ 's) whose product is in  $I$ . In [24], the concept of 2-absorbing ideals was generalized to submodules of a module over a commutative ring. A proper submodule  $N$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a *2-absorbing submodule of  $M$*  if whenever  $a, b \in R$  and  $m \in M$  with  $abm \in N$ , then  $ab \in (N :_R M)$  or  $am \in N$  or  $bm \in N$ . For more studies concerning

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2-absorbing (submodules) ideals we refer to [3],[9],[24],[25]. In [13], Raggi et al. introduced the concepts of prime preradicals and prime submodules over noncommutative rings, and Raggi, Ríos and Wisbauer [18], studied the dual notions of these, coprime preradicals and coprime submodules. A generalization of prime preradicals and submodules, “2-absorbing preradicals and submodules” was investigated by Yousefian and Mostafanasab in [23]. In [14], Raggi et al. defined and investigated semiprime preradicals, and Mostafanasab and Yousefian [10], studied the concepts of quasi- $n$ -absorbing and semi- $n$ -absorbing preradicals. Raggi et al. [11] defined the notions of semicoprime preradicals and submodules. In this paper, we introduce the concepts of “quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals” and “semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals”. As well we investigate “quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing submodules” and “semi-co- $n$ -absorbing submodules” in this paper.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper  $R$  is an associative ring with nonzero identity, and  $R\text{-Mod}$  denotes the category of all the unitary left  $R$ -modules. We denote by  $R\text{-simp}$  a complete set of representatives of isomorphism classes of simple left  $R$ -modules. For  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ , we denote by  $E(M)$  the injective hull of  $M$ . Let  $U, N \in R\text{-Mod}$ , we say that  $N$  is *generated by*  $U$  (or  $N$  is  *$U$ -generated*) if there exists an epimorphism  $U^{(\Lambda)} \rightarrow N$  for some index set  $\Lambda$ . Dually, we say that  $N$  is *cogenerated by*  $U$  (or  $N$  is  *$U$ -cogenerated*) if there exists a monomorphism  $N \rightarrow U^\Lambda$  for some index set  $\Lambda$ . Also, we say that an  $R$ -module  $X$  is *subgenerated by*  $M$  (or  $X$  is  *$M$ -subgenerated*) if  $X$  is a submodule of an  $M$ -generated module. The category of  $M$ -subgenerated modules (the Wisbauer category) is denoted  $\sigma[M]$  (see [21]). A *preradical* over the ring  $R$  is a subfunctor of the identity functor on  $R\text{-Mod}$ . Denote by  $R\text{-pr}$  the class of all preradicals over  $R$ . There is a natural partial ordering in  $R\text{-pr}$  given by  $\sigma \preceq \tau$  if  $\sigma(M) \leq \tau(M)$  for every  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ . It is proved in [15] that with this partial ordering,  $R\text{-pr}$  is an atomic and co-atomic big lattice. The smallest and the largest elements of  $R\text{-pr}$  are denoted, respectively, 0 and 1.

Let  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ . Recall ([5] or [15]) that a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called *fully invariant* if  $f(N) \leq N$  for each  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow M$ . In this paper, the notation  $N \leq_{fi} M$  means that “ $N$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ ”. Obviously the submodule  $K$  of  $M$  is fully invariant if and only if there exists a preradical  $\tau$  of  $R\text{-Mod}$  such that  $K = \tau(M)$ . If  $N \leq M$ , then the preradicals  $\alpha_N^M$  and  $\omega_N^M$  are defined as follows: For  $K \in R\text{-Mod}$ ,

- 1)  $\alpha_N^M(K) = \sum\{f(N) \mid f \in \text{Hom}_R(M, K)\}.$
- 2)  $\omega_N^M(K) = \bigcap\{f^{-1}(N) \mid f \in \text{Hom}_R(K, M)\}.$

Notice that for  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$  and  $M, N \in R\text{-Mod}$  we have that  $\sigma(M) = N$  if and only if  $N \leq_{fi} M$  and  $\alpha_N^M \preceq \sigma \preceq \omega_N^M$ . We have also that if  $K \leq N \leq M$  with  $K, N \leq_{fi} M$ , then  $\alpha_K^M \preceq \alpha_N^M$  and  $\omega_K^M \preceq \omega_N^M$ .

The atoms and coatoms of  $R\text{-pr}$  are, respectively,  $\{\alpha_S^{E(S)} \mid S \in R\text{-simp}\}$  and  $\{\omega_I^R \mid I \text{ is a maximal ideal of } R\}$  (See [15, Theorem 7]).

There are four classical operations in  $R\text{-pr}$ , namely,  $\wedge, \vee, \cdot$  and  $:$  which are defined as follows. For  $\sigma, \tau \in R\text{-pr}$  and  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ :

- 1)  $(\sigma \wedge \tau)(M) = \sigma M \cap \tau M,$
- 2)  $(\sigma \vee \tau)(M) = \sigma M + \tau M,$
- 3)  $(\sigma\tau)(M) = \sigma(\tau M)$  and
- 4)  $(\sigma : \tau)(M)$  is determined by  $(\sigma : \tau)(M)/\sigma M = \tau(M/\sigma M).$

The meet  $\wedge$  and join  $\vee$  can be defined for arbitrary families of preradicals as in [15]. The operation defined in (3) is called *product*, and the operation defined in (4) is called *coproduct*. It is easy to show that for  $\sigma, \tau \in R\text{-pr}$ ,  $\sigma\tau \preceq \sigma \wedge \tau \preceq \sigma \vee \tau \preceq (\sigma : \tau)$ . It is clear that in  $R\text{-pr}$  the operations (1)-(3) are associative, and in [22] it was shown that the coproduct “ $:$ ” is associative. Notice the fact that coproduct of preradicals preserves order on both sides, see [8, Remark 2.1]. We denote  $\sigma\sigma \cdots \sigma$  ( $n$  times) by  $\sigma^n$  and  $(\sigma : \sigma : \cdots : \sigma)$  ( $n$  times) by  $\sigma_{[n]}$ . Recall that  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$  is an *idempotent* if  $\sigma^2 = \sigma$ , while  $\sigma$  is a *radical* if  $\sigma_{[2]} = \sigma$ . Note that  $\sigma$  is a radical if and only if,  $\sigma(M/\sigma(M)) = 0$  for each  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ . We say that  $\sigma$  is *nilpotent* if  $\sigma^n = 0$  for some  $n \geq 1$ , while  $\sigma$  is *unipotent* if  $\sigma_{[n]} = 1$  for some  $n \geq 1$ .

Using the preradical  $\omega_N^M$ , in the papers [6], [7] and [18], the following operation was introduced and studied:

$$\omega\text{-coproduct of submodules } K, N \leq M : (K :_M N) = (\omega_K^M : \omega_N^M)(M).$$

Henceforward, for brevity,  $(K : N)$  is written instead of  $(K :_M N)$ . For any  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$ , we will use the following class of  $R$ -modules:

$$\mathbb{T}_\sigma = \{M \in R\text{-Mod} \mid \sigma(M) = M\}.$$

Let  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$ . By [18, Theorem 8.2], the following classes of modules are closed under taking arbitrary meets and arbitrary joins:

$$\mathcal{A}_e = \{\tau \in R\text{-pr} \mid \tau\sigma = \sigma\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{A}_t = \{\tau \in R\text{-pr} \mid (\sigma : \tau) = 1\}.$$

As in [16], we define, for  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$ , the following preradicals:

- $e(\sigma) = \bigwedge\{\tau \in \mathcal{A}_e\}$  the equalizer of  $\sigma$ ;

- $t(\sigma) = \bigwedge \{ \tau \in \mathcal{A}_t \}$  the totalizer of  $\sigma$ .

Clearly  $e(\sigma)\sigma = \sigma$  and  $(\sigma : t(\sigma)) = 1$ . For undefined notions we refer the reader to [13, 15–17].

In [18], Raggi et al. defined the notions of coprime preradicals and coprime submodules as follows:

Let  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$ .  $\sigma$  is called *coprime in  $R\text{-pr}$*  if  $\sigma \neq 0$  and for any  $\tau, \eta \in R\text{-pr}$ ,  $\sigma \preceq (\tau : \eta)$  implies that  $\sigma \preceq \tau$  or  $\sigma \preceq \eta$ . Let  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$  and let  $N \leq M$  be a nonzero fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . The submodule  $N$  is said to be *coprime in  $M$*  if whenever  $K, L$  are fully invariant submodules of  $M$  with  $N \leq (K : L)$ , then  $N \leq K$  or  $N \leq L$ . Also, Raggi et al. [11] defined a preradical  $\sigma$  *semicoprime in  $R\text{-pr}$*  if  $\sigma \neq 0$  and for any  $\tau \in R\text{-pr}$ ,  $\sigma \preceq (\tau : \tau)$  implies that  $\sigma \preceq \tau$ . They said that a nonzero fully invariant submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is *semicoprime in  $M$*  if whenever  $K$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$  with  $N \leq (K : K)$ , then  $N \leq K$ . In special case,  $M$  is called a *coprime (resp. semicoprime) module* if  $M$  is a coprime (resp. semicoprime) submodule of itself.

Yousefian and Mostafanasab in [22] defined the notions of co-2-absorbing preradicals and co-2-absorbing submodules. The preradical  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$  is called *co-2-absorbing* if  $\sigma \neq 0$  and, for each  $\eta, \mu, \nu \in R\text{-pr}$ ,  $\sigma \preceq (\eta : \mu : \nu)$  implies that  $\sigma \preceq (\eta : \mu)$  or  $\sigma \preceq (\eta : \nu)$  or  $\sigma \preceq (\mu : \nu)$ . More generally, a preradical  $0 \neq \sigma$  in  $R\text{-pr}$  is said to be a *co- $n$ -absorbing preradical* if whenever  $\sigma \preceq (\eta_1 : \eta_2 : \cdots : \eta_{n+1})$  for  $\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_{n+1} \in R\text{-pr}$ , there are  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n \in \{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$  such that  $i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_n$  and  $\sigma \preceq (\eta_{i_1} : \eta_{i_2} : \cdots : \eta_{i_n})$ . They denoted by  $R\text{-co-ass}$  the class of all  $R$ -modules  $M$  that the operation  $\omega$ -coproduct is associative over fully invariant submodules of  $M$ , i.e., for any fully invariant submodules  $K, N, L$  of  $M$ ,  $((K : N) : L) = (K : (N : L))$ . Let  $M \in R\text{-co-ass}$  and  $K$  be a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . Then  $(K : K : \cdots : K)$  ( $n$  times) is simply denoted by  $K_{[n]}$ . By Proposition 5.4 of [7], we can see that if an  $R$ -module  $M$  is injective and artinian, then  $M \in R\text{-co-ass}$ . Let  $M \in R\text{-co-ass}$  and  $N$  a nonzero fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . The submodule  $N$  is said to be *co-2-absorbing in  $M$*  if whenever  $J, K, L$  are fully invariant submodules of  $M$  with  $N \leq (J : K : L)$ , then  $N \leq (J : K)$  or  $N \leq (J : L)$  or  $N \leq (K : L)$ . The generalization of co-2-absorbing submodules is that, the submodule  $N$  is said *co- $n$ -absorbing in  $M$*  if whenever  $N \leq (K_1 : K_2 : \cdots : K_{n+1})$  for fully invariant submodules  $K_1, K_2, \dots, K_{n+1}$  of  $M$ , there are  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n \in \{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$  such that  $i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_n$  and  $N \leq (K_{i_1} : K_{i_2} : \cdots : K_{i_n})$ . An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a *co- $n$ -absorbing module* if  $M$  is a co- $n$ -absorbing submodule of itself.

We say that a preradical  $0 \neq \sigma \in R\text{-pr}$  is called a *quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical* if whenever  $\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[n]} : \nu)$  for  $\mu, \nu \in R\text{-pr}$ , then  $\sigma \preceq \mu_{[n]}$  or  $\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu)$ . A preradical  $0 \neq \sigma \in R\text{-pr}$  is called a *semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical* if whenever  $\sigma \preceq \mu_{[n+1]}$  for  $\mu \in R\text{-pr}$ , then  $\sigma \preceq \mu_{[n]}$ . Let  $M \in R\text{-co-ass}$ . We say that a nonzero fully invariant submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is *quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing in  $M$*  if for every fully invariant submodules  $K, L$  of  $M$ ,  $N \leq (K_{[n]} : L)$  implies that  $N \leq K_{[n]}$  or  $N \leq (K_{[n-1]} : L)$ . A nonzero fully invariant submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called *semi-co- $n$ -absorbing in  $M$*  if for every fully invariant submodule  $K$  of  $M$ ,  $N \leq K_{[n+1]}$  implies that  $N \leq K_{[n]}$ . An  $R$ -module  $M$  satisfies *the  $\omega$ -property* if  $(\tau(M) :_M \eta(M)) = (\tau : \eta)(M)$  for every  $\tau, \eta \in R\text{-pr}$ , see [22].

We recall the definition of relative epi-projectivity (see [20]). Let  $M$  and  $N$  be modules.  $N$  is said to be *epi- $M$ -projective* if, for any submodule  $K$  of  $M$ , any epimorphism  $f : N \rightarrow \frac{M}{K}$  can be lifted to a homomorphism  $g : N \rightarrow M$

**Proposition 1** ([22, Proposition 2.9(1)]). *Let  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ . If for any fully invariant submodule  $K$  of  $M$ ,  $\frac{M}{K}$  is epi- $M$ -projective, then  $M$  has the  $\omega$ -property.*

In the next sections we frequently use the following proposition.

**Proposition 2** ([12, Proposition 1.2]). *Let  $\{M_\gamma\}_{\gamma \in I}$  and  $\{N_\gamma\}_{\gamma \in I}$  be families of modules in  $R\text{-Mod}$  such that for each  $\gamma \in I$ ,  $N_\gamma \leq M_\gamma$ . Let  $N = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in I} N_\gamma$ ,  $M = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in I} M_\gamma$ ,  $N' = \prod_{\gamma \in I} N_\gamma$  and  $M' = \prod_{\gamma \in I} M_\gamma$ .*

- (1) *If  $N \leq_{fi} M$ , then for each  $\gamma \in I$ ,  $N_\gamma \leq_{fi} M_\gamma$  and  $\alpha_N^M = \bigvee_{\gamma \in I} \alpha_{N_\gamma}^{M_\gamma}$ .*
- (2) *If  $N' \leq_{fi} M'$ , then for each  $\gamma \in I$ ,  $N_\gamma \leq_{fi} M_\gamma$  and  $\omega_{N'}^{M'} = \bigwedge_{\gamma \in I} \omega_{N_\gamma}^{M_\gamma}$ .*

### 3. Quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals

Suppose that  $m, n$  are positive integers with  $n > m$ . A preradical  $\sigma \neq 0$  is called a *quasi-co- $(n, m)$ -absorbing preradical* if whenever  $\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu)$  for  $\mu, \nu \in R\text{-pr}$ , then  $\sigma \preceq \mu_{[m]}$  or  $\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[m-1]} : \nu)$ .

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$  and let  $m > 0$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  *$\sigma$  is quasi-co- $(n, m)$ -absorbing for every  $n > m$ ;*
- (2)  *$\sigma$  is quasi-co- $(n, m)$ -absorbing for some  $n > m$ ;*
- (3)  *$\sigma$  is quasi-co- $m$ -absorbing.*

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Is trivial.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Assume that  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $(n, m)$ -absorbing for some  $n > m$ . Let  $\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[m]} : \nu)$  for some  $\mu, \nu \in R$ -pr. Since  $m \leq n-1$ , then  $(\mu_{[m]} : \nu) \preceq (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu)$  and so  $\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu)$ . Therefore  $\sigma \preceq \mu_{[m]}$  or  $\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[m-1]} : \nu)$ . Consequently  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $m$ -absorbing.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Suppose that  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $m$ -absorbing and get  $n > m$ . Let  $\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu)$  for some  $\mu, \nu \in R$ -pr. Therefore  $\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[m]} : (\mu_{[n-1-m]} : \nu))$ . Hence  $\sigma \preceq \mu_{[m]}$  or  $\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[m-1]} : (\mu_{[n-1-m]} : \nu)) = (\mu_{[n-2]} : \nu)$ . Repeating this method implies that  $\sigma \preceq \mu_{[m]}$  or  $\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[m-1]} : \nu)$ . Thus  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $(n, m)$ -absorbing.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** Let  $\sigma \in R$ -pr.

- (1)  $\sigma$  is coprime if and only if  $\sigma$  is quasi-co-1-absorbing if and only if  $\sigma$  is co-1-absorbing.
- (2) If  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing, then it is quasi-co- $i$ -absorbing for all  $i \geq n$ .
- (3) If  $\sigma$  is coprime, then it is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing for all  $n \geq 1$ .
- (4) If  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing for some  $n \geq 1$ , then there exists the least  $n_0 \geq 1$  such that  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $n_0$ -absorbing. In this case,  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing for all  $n \geq n_0$  and it is not quasi-co- $i$ -absorbing for  $n_0 > i > 0$ .

**Proposition 4.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a family of coprime preradicals. Then  $\bigvee_{\sigma \in \mathcal{C}} \sigma$  is a quasi-co- $i$ -absorbing preradical for every  $i \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\tau = \bigvee_{\sigma \in \mathcal{C}} \sigma$ . By Remark 1(2), it is sufficient to show that  $\tau$  is a quasi-co-2-absorbing preradical. Suppose that  $\tau \preceq (\mu_{[2]} : \nu)$  for some  $\mu, \nu \in R$ -pr. Since every  $\sigma \in \mathcal{C}$  is coprime and  $\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[2]} : \nu)$ , then  $\sigma \preceq \mu$  or  $\sigma \preceq \nu$ . Hence  $\tau \preceq (\mu : \nu)$ , and so we conclude that  $\tau$  is a quasi-co-2-absorbing preradical.  $\square$

Let  $\zeta = \bigvee \{ \alpha_S^S \mid S \in R\text{-simp} \}$ . Note that for every  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $\zeta(M) = \text{Soc}(M)$ . As in [14],  $\zeta$  is called the socle preradical. Also, let  $\kappa = \{ \alpha_{R/I}^{R/I} \mid I \text{ a maximal ideal of } R \}$ . We call  $\kappa$  the ultrasocle preradical, see [11].

As a direct consequence of Proposition 4 we have the following result.

**Proposition 5.**  $\zeta, \kappa$  are quasi-co- $i$ -absorbing preradicals for every  $i \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* By [18, p. 57], for each simple  $R$ -module  $S$ ,  $\alpha_S^S$  is coprime. Also, for every maximal ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $\alpha_{R/I}^{R/I}$  is a coprime preradical, [11, Remark 6]. Then by Proposition 4, the claim holds.  $\square$

**Proposition 6.** *If  $R$  is a semisimple Artinian ring, then every nonzero preradical  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$  is a quasi-co- $i$ -absorbing preradical for every  $i \geq 2$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $R$  is a semisimple Artinian ring. According to [18, Proposition 3.2], every atom  $\alpha_S^{E(S)}$  is a coprime preradical. On the other hand [15, Theorem 11] implies that  $\sigma = \bigvee \{ \alpha_S^{E(S)} \mid S \in R\text{-simp}, \alpha_S^{E(S)} \preceq \sigma \}$ . Therefore every nonzero preradical  $\sigma$  in  $R\text{-pr}$  is quasi-co- $i$ -absorbing for every  $i \geq 2$ , by Proposition 4.  $\square$

**Remark 2.** Let  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{n+1} \in R\text{-simp}$  be distinct. Then by Proposition 4,  $\alpha_{S_1}^{S_1} \vee \alpha_{S_2}^{S_2} \vee \dots \vee \alpha_{S_{n+1}}^{S_{n+1}}$  is a quasi-co- $i$ -absorbing preradical in  $R\text{-pr}$  for every  $i \geq 2$ . But, [22, Proposition 3.6] implies that  $\alpha_{S_1}^{S_1} \vee \alpha_{S_2}^{S_2} \vee \dots \vee \alpha_{S_{n+1}}^{S_{n+1}}$  is not a co- $n$ -absorbing preradical. This remark shows that the two concepts of quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals and of co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals are different in general.

**Corollary 1.** *If  $R$  is a ring such that every quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical in  $R\text{-pr}$  is co- $n$ -absorbing, then  $|R\text{-simp}| \leq n$ .*

Notice the fact that coproduct of preradicals preserves order on both sides.

**Proposition 7.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *for every  $\mu, \nu \in R\text{-pr}$ ,  $(\mu_{[n]} : \nu) = \mu_{[n]}$  or  $(\mu_{[n]} : \nu) = (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu)$ ;*
- (2) *for every  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n+1} \in R\text{-pr}$ ,*

$$(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2 : \dots : \sigma_{n+1}) \preceq (\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_n)_{[n]}$$

or

$$(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2 : \dots : \sigma_{n+1}) \preceq ((\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_n)_{[n-1]} : \sigma_{n+1});$$

- (3) *every preradical  $0 \neq \sigma \in R\text{-pr}$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing.*

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) If  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n+1} \in R\text{-pr}$ , then by part (1) we have that,

$$\begin{aligned} (\sigma_1 : \sigma_2 : \dots : \sigma_{n+1}) &\preceq ((\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_n)_{[n]} : \sigma_{n+1}) \\ &= (\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_n)_{[n]}, \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} (\sigma_1 : \sigma_2 : \dots : \sigma_{n+1}) &\preceq ((\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_n)_{[n]} : \sigma_{n+1}) \\ &= ((\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_n)_{[n-1]} : \sigma_{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) For preradicals  $\mu, \nu \in R\text{-pr}$ , we have from (2),

$$(\mu_{[n]} : \nu) \preceq \overbrace{(\mu \vee \cdots \vee \mu)}^{n \text{ times}}_{[n]} = \mu_{[n]}$$

or

$$(\mu_{[n]} : \nu) \preceq ((\overbrace{\mu \vee \cdots \vee \mu}^{n \text{ times}})_{[n-1]} : \nu) = (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu).$$

Thus we have that  $(\mu_{[n]} : \nu) = \mu_{[n]}$  or  $(\mu_{[n]} : \nu) = (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu)$ .

(1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (3) Is evident. □

In the next proposition we use  $(\mu_1 : \cdots : \widehat{\mu}_i : \cdots : \mu_{n+1})$  when the  $i$ -th term is excluded from  $(\mu_1 : \cdots : \mu_{n+1})$ .

**Proposition 8.** *Let  $0 \neq \sigma \in R\text{-pr}$  be an idempotent radical.*

(1) *If  $\sigma$  is such that for any  $\mu, \nu \in R\text{-pr}$ , we have*

$$\mu \vee \nu \preceq \sigma \preceq (\mu_{[n]} : \nu) \Rightarrow [\sigma \preceq \mu_{[n]} \text{ or } \sigma \preceq (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu)],$$

*then  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing.*

(2) *If  $\sigma$  is such that for any  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_{n+1} \in R\text{-pr}$ , we have*

$$\mu_1 \vee \mu_2 \vee \cdots \vee \mu_{n+1} \preceq \sigma \preceq (\mu_1 : \mu_2 : \cdots : \mu_{n+1}) \Rightarrow$$

$$[\sigma \preceq (\mu_1 : \cdots : \widehat{\mu}_i : \cdots : \mu_{n+1}), \text{ for some } 1 \leq i \leq n + 1],$$

*then  $\sigma$  is a co- $n$ -absorbing preradical.*

*Proof.* (1) Let  $\sigma \neq 0$  be an idempotent radical that satisfies the hypothesis in part (1). Let  $\sigma \preceq (\tau_{[n]} : \lambda)$  for some  $\tau, \lambda \in R\text{-pr}$ . Then, by [15, Theorem 8(3)] we have

$$\tau\sigma \vee \lambda\sigma \preceq \sigma = \sigma^2 \preceq (\tau_{[n]} : \lambda)\sigma = (\tau_{[n]}\sigma : \lambda\sigma) = ((\tau\sigma)_{[n]} : \lambda\sigma).$$

So, by hypothesis we have  $\sigma \preceq (\tau\sigma)_{[n]} = \tau_{[n]}\sigma \preceq \tau_{[n]}$  or  $\sigma \preceq ((\tau\sigma)_{[n-1]} : \lambda\sigma) = (\tau_{[n-1]} : \lambda)\sigma \preceq (\tau_{[n-1]} : \lambda)$ . Therefore  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing.

(2) The proof is similar to that of (1). □

**Proposition 9.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a chain of quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals, that is, a subclass of quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals which is linearly ordered. Then  $\bigvee_{\sigma \in \mathcal{C}} \sigma$  is a quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical.*



*Proof.* Let  $\tau = \bigvee_{\sigma \in \mathcal{C}} \sigma$  and assume that  $\tau \preceq (\mu_{[n]} : \nu)$  for some  $\mu, \nu \in R$ -pr. If  $\sigma \preceq \mu_{[n]}$  for each  $\sigma \in \mathcal{C}$ , then  $\tau \preceq \mu_{[n]}$ . If there exists  $\sigma_0 \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\sigma_0 \not\preceq \mu_{[n]}$ , then  $\sigma \not\preceq \mu_{[n]}$  for each  $\sigma_0 \preceq \sigma$ . Since all preradicals in  $\mathcal{C}$  are quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing, it follows that  $\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu)$  for each  $\sigma_0 \preceq \sigma$ . Thus  $\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu)$  for each  $\sigma \in \mathcal{C}$ , so that  $\tau \preceq (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu)$ . Consequently, we deduce that  $\tau$  is a quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical.  $\square$

**Proposition 10.** *If  $\sigma_i$  is a quasi-co- $n_i$ -absorbing preradical in  $R$ -pr for every  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , then  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \cdots \vee \sigma_k$  is a quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical for  $n = n_1 + \cdots + n_k$ .*

*Proof.* For  $k = 1$  there is nothing to prove. Then, suppose that  $k > 1$ . Assume that  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \cdots \vee \sigma_k \preceq (\mu_{[n]} : \nu)$  for some  $\mu, \nu \in R$ -pr. Notice that for every  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $\sigma_i \preceq (\mu_{[n]} : \nu) = (\mu_{[n_i]} : \mu_{[n-n_i]} : \nu)$ . Then, for every  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , either  $\sigma_i \preceq \mu_{[n_i]}$  or  $\sigma_i \preceq (\mu_{[n_i-1]} : \mu_{[n-n_i]} : \nu) = (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu)$ , because  $\sigma_i$  is quasi-co- $n_i$ -absorbing. On the other hand, for every  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $\mu_{[n_i]} \preceq \mu_{[n-1]}$  and so  $\mu_{[n_i]} \preceq (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu)$ . Hence  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \cdots \vee \sigma_k \preceq (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu)$  which shows that  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \cdots \vee \sigma_k$  is a quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical.  $\square$

**Proposition 11.** *Let  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_t \in R$ -pr.*

- (1) *If  $\sigma_1$  is a quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical and  $\sigma_2$  is a quasi-co- $m$ -absorbing preradical for  $m \leq n$ , then  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2$  is a quasi-co- $(n+1)$ -absorbing preradical.*
- (2) *If  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_t$  are quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals, then  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \cdots \vee \sigma_t$  is a quasi-co- $(n+t-1)$ -absorbing preradical.*
- (3) *If  $\sigma_i$  is a quasi-co- $n_i$ -absorbing preradical for every  $1 \leq i \leq t$  with  $n_1 < n_2 < \cdots < n_t$  and  $t > 2$ , then  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \cdots \vee \sigma_t$  is a quasi-co- $(n_t+1)$ -absorbing preradical.*

*Proof.* (1) Let  $\mu, \nu \in R$ -pr be such that  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \preceq (\mu_{[n+1]} : \nu)$ . Since  $\sigma_1$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing and  $\sigma_1 \preceq (\mu_{[n]} : \mu : \nu)$ , then either  $\sigma_1 \preceq \mu_{[n]}$  or  $\sigma_1 \preceq (\mu_{[n-1]} : \mu : \nu) = (\mu_{[n]} : \nu)$ . Also,  $\sigma_2$  is quasi-co- $m$ -absorbing and  $\sigma_2 \preceq (\mu_{[m]} : \mu_{[n+1-m]} : \nu)$ , so either  $\sigma_2 \preceq \mu_{[m]}$  or  $\sigma_2 \preceq (\mu_{[m-1]} : \mu_{[n+1-m]} : \nu) = (\mu_{[n]} : \nu)$ . There are four cases.

Case 1. Assume that  $\sigma_1 \preceq \mu_{[n]}$  and  $\sigma_2 \preceq \mu_{[m]}$ . Then  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \preceq \mu_{[n]}$ .

Case 2. Assume that  $\sigma_1 \preceq \mu_{[n]}$  and  $\sigma_2 \preceq (\mu_{[n]} : \nu)$ . Then  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \preceq (\mu_{[n]} : \nu)$ .

Case 3. Assume that  $\sigma_1 \preceq (\mu_{[n]} : \nu)$  and  $\sigma_2 \preceq \mu_{[m]}$ . Then  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \preceq (\mu_{[n]} : \nu)$ .

Case 4. Assume that  $\sigma_1 \preceq (\mu_{[n]} : \nu)$  and  $\sigma_2 \preceq (\mu_{[n]} : \nu)$ . Then  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \preceq (\mu_{[n]} : \nu)$ . Hence  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2$  is quasi-co- $(n+1)$ -absorbing.

(2) We use induction on  $t$ . For  $t = 1$  there is nothing to prove. Let  $t > 1$  and assume that for  $t - 1$  the claim holds. Then  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_{t-1}$  is quasi-co- $(n + t - 2)$ -absorbing. Since  $\sigma_t$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing, then it is quasi-co- $(n + t - 2)$ -absorbing, by Remark 1(2). Therefore  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_t$  is quasi-co- $(n + t - 1)$ -absorbing, by part (1).

(3) Induction on  $t$ : For  $t = 3$  apply parts (1) and (2). Let  $t > 3$  and suppose that for  $t - 1$  the claim holds. Hence  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_{t-1}$  is quasi-co- $(n_{t-1} + 1)$ -absorbing. We consider the following cases:

Case 1. Let  $n_{t-1} + 1 < n_t$ . In this case  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_t$  is quasi-co- $(n_t + 1)$ -absorbing, by part (1).

Case 2. Let  $n_{t-1} + 1 = n_t$ . Thus  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_t$  is quasi-co- $(n_t + 1)$ -absorbing, by part (2).

Case 3. Let  $n_{t-1} + 1 > n_t$ . Then  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_t$  is quasi-co- $(n_{t-1} + 2)$ -absorbing, by part (1). Since  $n_{t-1} + 2 \leq n_t + 1$ , then  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_t$  is quasi-co- $(n_t + 1)$ -absorbing.  $\square$

**Proposition 12.** *Let  $\sigma \in R$ -pr be a radical. If  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing, then  $e(\sigma)$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing, and let  $e(\sigma) \preceq (\mu_{[n]} : \nu)$  for some  $\mu, \nu \in R$ -pr. Then  $\sigma = e(\sigma)\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[n]} : \nu)\sigma \preceq ((\mu\sigma)_{[n]} : \nu\sigma)$ . Since  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing and radical, [15, Theorem 8(3)] implies that either  $\sigma \preceq (\mu\sigma)_{[n]} = \mu_{[n]}\sigma \preceq \mu_{[n]}$  or  $\sigma \preceq ((\mu\sigma)_{[n-1]} : \nu\sigma) = (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu)\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[n-1]} : \nu)$ . Consequently  $e(\sigma)$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing.  $\square$

**Definition 1.** For  $\tau, \rho \in R$ -pr define the totalizer of  $\rho$  relative to  $\tau$  as  $t_\tau(\rho) = \bigwedge \{ \eta \in R\text{-pr} \mid (\rho : \eta) \succeq \tau \}$ . Note that  $t_1(\rho) = t(\rho)$ .

**Proposition 13.** *Let  $\tau \in R$ -pr. If  $\tau$  is quasi-co-2-absorbing, then for each  $\lambda \in R$ -pr, either  $\tau \preceq \lambda_{[n]}$  or  $t_\tau(\lambda_{[n]}) = t_\tau(\lambda_{[n-1]})$ . In particular, if 1 is a quasi-co-2-absorbing preradical, then for each  $\lambda \in R$ -pr, either  $\lambda_{[n]} = 1$  or  $t(\lambda_{[n]}) = t(\lambda_{[n-1]})$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\tau$  is quasi-co-2-absorbing and let  $\lambda \in R$ -pr such that  $\tau \not\preceq \lambda_{[n]}$ . If  $\nu \in R$ -pr is such that  $\tau \preceq (\lambda_{[n]} : \nu)$ , then  $\tau \preceq (\lambda_{[n-1]} : \nu)$ , since  $\sigma$  is quasi-co-2-absorbing. Therefore  $t_\tau(\lambda_{[n-1]}) \preceq t_\tau(\lambda_{[n]})$ . On the other hand  $\lambda_{[n-1]} \preceq \lambda_{[n]}$  and so  $t_\tau(\lambda_{[n]}) \preceq t_\tau(\lambda_{[n-1]})$ . Consequently  $t_\tau(\lambda_{[n]}) = t_\tau(\lambda_{[n-1]})$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals

Suppose that  $m, n$  are positive integers with  $n > m$ . A more general concept than semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals is the concept of semi-co- $(n, m)$ -absorbing preradicals. A preradical  $\sigma \neq 0$  is called a *semi-co- $(n, m)$ -absorbing preradical* if whenever  $\sigma \preceq \mu_{[n]}$  for  $\mu \in R\text{-pr}$ , then  $\sigma \preceq \mu_{[m]}$ .

Note that a semicoprime preradical is just a semi-co-1-absorbing preradical.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$  and  $m, n$  be positive integers with  $n > m$ .*

- (1) *If  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $m$ -absorbing, then it is semi-co- $(k, m)$ -absorbing for every  $k > m$ .*
- (2) *If  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $(n, m)$ -absorbing, then it is semi-co- $(i, m)$ -absorbing for every  $m < i < n$ , in particular it is semi-co- $m$ -absorbing.*
- (3)  *$\sigma$  is semi-co- $(n, m)$ -absorbing if and only if  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $(n, k)$ -absorbing for each  $n > k \geq m$  if and only if  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $(i, j)$ -absorbing for each  $n \geq i > j \geq m$ .*
- (4) *If  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $(n, m)$ -absorbing, then it is semi-co- $(nk, mk)$ -absorbing for every positive integer  $k$ .*
- (5) *If  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $(n, m)$ -absorbing and semi-co- $(r, s)$ -absorbing for some positive integers  $r > s$ , then it is semi-co- $(nr, ms)$ -absorbing.*

*Proof.* (1) Is trivial.

(2) Is easy.

(3) Straightforward.

(4) Suppose that  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $(n, m)$ -absorbing. Let  $\mu \in R\text{-pr}$  and let  $k$  be a positive integer such that  $\sigma \preceq \mu_{[nk]}$ . Then  $\sigma \preceq \left(\mu_{[k]}\right)_{[n]}$ . Since  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $(n, m)$ -absorbing,  $\sigma \preceq \left(\mu_{[k]}\right)_{[m]} = \mu_{[mk]}$ , and so  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $(nk, mk)$ -absorbing.

(5) Assume that  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $(n, m)$ -absorbing and semi-co- $(r, s)$ -absorbing for some positive integers  $r > s$ . Let  $\sigma \preceq \mu_{[nr]}$ . Since  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $(n, m)$ -absorbing, then  $\sigma \preceq \mu_{[mr]}$ ; and since  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $(r, s)$ -absorbing,  $\sigma \preceq \mu_{[ms]}$ . Hence  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $(nr, ms)$ -absorbing.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$  and  $n$  be a positive integer.*

- (1) *If  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing, then it is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing.*
- (2) *Let  $t \leq n$  be an integer. If  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $(n + 1, t)$ -absorbing, then it is semi-co- $(nk + i, tk)$ -absorbing for all  $k \geq i \geq 1$ .*
- (3) *If  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing, then it is semi-co- $(nk + i, nk)$ -absorbing for all  $k \geq i \geq 1$ .*

- (4) If  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing, then it is semi-co- $(nk + j)$ -absorbing for all  $k > j \geq 0$ .
- (5) If  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing, then it is semi-co- $(nk)$ -absorbing for every positive integer  $k$ .
- (6) If  $\sigma$  is semicoprime, then it is semi-co- $k$ -absorbing for every positive integer  $k$ .
- (7) If  $\sigma$  is semicoprime, then for every  $k \geq 1$  and every  $\mu \in R\text{-pr}$ ,  $\sigma \preceq \mu_{[k]}$  implies that  $\sigma \preceq \mu$ .
- (8) If  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing, then it is semi-co- $((n + 1)^t, n^t)$ -absorbing for all  $t \geq 1$ .
- (9) If  $\sigma$  is semicoprime, then it is quasi-co- $k$ -absorbing for every  $k > 1$ .

*Proof.* (1) By parts (1), (2) of Theorem 1.

(2) Let  $\sigma$  be semi-co- $(n + 1, t)$ -absorbing. Then by Theorem 1(4),  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $(nk + k, tk)$ -absorbing, for every positive integer  $k$ . Hence by Theorem 1(2),  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $(nk + i, tk)$ -absorbing for every  $k \geq i \geq 1$ .

(3) In part (2) get  $t = n$ .

(4) By part (3).

(5) Is a special case of (4).

(6) Is a direct consequence of (5).

(7) By part (6).

(8) By Theorem 1(5).

(9) Assume that  $\sigma$  is semicoprime. Let  $\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[k]} : \nu)$  for some  $\mu, \nu \in R\text{-pr}$  and some  $k > 1$ . Then  $\sigma \preceq (\mu_{[k]} : \nu) \preceq (\mu : \nu)_{[k]}$ . Therefore  $\sigma \preceq (\mu : \nu)$ , by part (7). So  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $k$ -absorbing.  $\square$

In the following remark we prove Proposition 4 in another way.

**Remark 3.** Clearly, an arbitrary join of a family of semicoprime (coprime) preradicals is semicoprime, and so it is quasi-co- $k$ -absorbing for every  $k > 1$ , by Corollary 2(9).

**Proposition 14.** Let  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n \in R\text{-pr}$ . If for every  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $\sigma_i$  is a semicoprime preradical, then  $(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2 : \dots : \sigma_n)$  is a semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical. In particular, if  $\sigma$  is a semicoprime preradical, then  $\sigma_{[n]}$  is a semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical.

*Proof.* Apply Corollary 2(7).  $\square$

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$ . If  $\sigma_{[n+1]}$  is a semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical, then  $\sigma_{[n+1]} = \sigma_{[n]}$ . In particular, if  $\sigma_{[2]}$  is a semicoprime preradical, then  $\sigma$  is radical.

**Proposition 15.** *Let  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$ ,  $\sigma \neq 0$  be an idempotent radical. If  $\sigma$  is such that for any  $\mu \in R\text{-pr}$ , we have  $\mu \preceq \sigma \preceq \mu_{[n+1]} \Rightarrow \sigma \preceq \mu_{[n]}$ , then  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing.*

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Proposition 8(1).  $\square$

**Proposition 16.** *Let  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n \in R\text{-pr}$  be semi-co-2-absorbing preradicals. Then  $(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2 : \dots : \sigma_n)$  is a semi-co- $(3^n - 1)$ -absorbing preradical.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2 : \dots : \sigma_n) \preceq \mu_{[3^n]}$  for some  $\mu \in R\text{-pr}$ . For every  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $\sigma_i \preceq \mu_{[3^n]} = (\mu_{[3^{n-1}]})_{[3]}$  and  $\sigma_i$  is semi-co-2-absorbing, then  $\sigma_i \preceq (\mu_{[3^{n-1}]})_{[2]} = \mu_{[2 \cdot 3^{n-1}]} = (\mu_{[2 \cdot 3^{n-2}]})_{[3]}$ . Again, since  $\sigma_i$  is semi-co-2-absorbing, we conclude that  $\sigma_i \preceq \mu_{[2^2 \cdot 3^{n-2}]}$ . Repeating this method implies that  $\sigma_i \preceq \mu_{[2^n]}$ . So  $(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2 : \dots : \sigma_n) \preceq \mu_{[n2^n]}$ . On the other hand  $n2^n \leq 3^n - 1$ . So  $(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2 : \dots : \sigma_n) \preceq \mu_{[3^n - 1]}$  which shows that  $(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2 : \dots : \sigma_n)$  is semi-co- $(3^n - 1)$ -absorbing.  $\square$

**Proposition 17.** *If  $\sigma_i$  is a semi-co- $n_i$ -absorbing preradical in  $R\text{-pr}$  for every  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , then  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_k$  is a semi-co- $(n - 1)$ -absorbing preradical for  $n = \prod_{i=1}^k (n_i + 1)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mu \in R\text{-pr}$  be such that  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_k \preceq \mu_{[n]}$ . Thus for every  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $\sigma_i \preceq (\mu_{[m]})_{[n_i + 1]}$ , where  $m = \prod_{j=1, j \neq i}^k (n_j + 1)$ . Since  $\sigma_i$ 's are semi-co- $n_i$ -absorbing, then, for each  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $\sigma_i \preceq \mu_{[n_i m]}$ . Note that for every  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,

$$n_i m \leq \prod_{i=1}^k (n_i + 1) - 1 = n - 1.$$

So we have  $\sigma_i \preceq \mu_{[n-1]}$  for every  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Hence  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_k \preceq \mu_{[n-1]}$  which implies that  $\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_k$  is a semi-co- $(n - 1)$ -absorbing preradical.  $\square$

**Proposition 18.** *Let  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in R\text{-pr}$  and  $m, n$  be positive integers.*

- (1) *If  $\sigma_1$  is quasi-co- $m$ -absorbing and  $\sigma_2$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing, then  $(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2)$  is semi-co- $(n(m + 1) + m)$ -absorbing.*
- (2) *If  $\sigma_1$  is quasi-co- $(2m)$ -absorbing and  $\sigma_2$  is semi-co- $m$ -absorbing, then  $(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2)$  is semi-co- $(m^2 + 2m)$ -absorbing.*

*Proof.* (1) Suppose that  $(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2) \preceq \mu_{[(n+1)(m+1)]}$  for some  $\mu \in R\text{-pr}$ . Since  $\sigma_1$  is quasi-co- $m$ -absorbing and  $\sigma_1 \preceq \mu_{[(n+1)(m+1)]}$ , then  $\sigma_1 \preceq \mu_{[m]}$ .

On the other hand  $\sigma_2$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing and  $\sigma_2 \preceq \mu_{[(n+1)(m+1)]}$ , then  $\sigma_2 \preceq \mu_{[n(m+1)]}$ . Consequently  $(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2) \preceq \mu_{[n(m+1)+m]}$ , and so  $(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2)$  is semi-co- $(n(m+1) + m)$ -absorbing.

(2) Suppose that  $(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2) \preceq \mu_{[(m+1)^2]}$  for some  $\mu \in R\text{-pr}$ . Since  $\sigma_1$  is quasi-co- $(2m)$ -absorbing and  $\sigma_1 \preceq \mu_{[(m+1)^2]}$ , then  $\sigma_1 \preceq \mu_{[2m]}$ . Since  $\sigma_2$  is semi-co- $m$ -absorbing and  $\sigma_2 \preceq \mu_{[(m+1)^2]}$ , then  $\sigma_2 \preceq \mu_{[m^2]}$ . Hence  $(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2) \preceq \mu_{[m^2+2m]}$  which shows that  $(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2)$  is semi-co- $(m^2 + 2m)$ -absorbing.  $\square$

**Proposition 19.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *for every preradical  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$ ,  $\sigma_{[n+1]} = \sigma_{[n]}$ ;*
- (2) *for all preradicals  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n+1} \in R\text{-pr}$  we have*

$$(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2 : \dots : \sigma_{n+1}) \preceq (\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_{n+1})_{[n]};$$

- (3) *every preradical  $0 \neq \sigma \in R\text{-pr}$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing.*

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) If  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n+1} \in R\text{-pr}$ , then we get from (1),

$$(\sigma_1 : \sigma_2 : \dots : \sigma_{n+1}) \preceq (\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_{n+1})_{[n+1]} = (\sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2 \vee \dots \vee \sigma_{n+1})_{[n]}.$$

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) For a preradical  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$ , we have from (2),

$$\sigma_{[n+1]} \preceq \overbrace{(\sigma \vee \dots \vee \sigma)}^{n+1 \text{ times}}_{[n]} = \sigma_{[n]}.$$

So we have that  $\sigma_{[n+1]} = \sigma_{[n]}$ .

(1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (3) Is clear.  $\square$

**Remark 4.** Let  $\{\sigma_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I} \subseteq R\text{-pr}$ . If  $\sigma_\alpha$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing for every  $\alpha \in I$ , then  $\bigvee_{\alpha \in I} \sigma_\alpha$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing.

**Proposition 20.** *Let  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$  be radical. If  $\sigma$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing, then  $e(\sigma)$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing.*

*Proof.* Is similar to the proof of Proposition 12.  $\square$

In Proposition 23 of [11], it was shown that  $\sigma^0 := \bigvee\{\sigma \in R\text{-pr} \mid \sigma \text{ is semicoprime}\}$  is the unique greatest semicoprime preradical.

**Proposition 21.** *There exists in  $R\text{-pr}$  a unique greatest semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical.*

*Proof.* Set  $\sigma_{(n)}^0 = \bigvee \{ \sigma \in R\text{-pr} \mid \sigma \text{ is semi-co-}n\text{-absorbing} \}$ . By Remark 4,  $\sigma_{(n)}^0$  is the greatest semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical.  $\square$

By notation in the the proof of the previous proposition we have that  $\sigma_{(1)}^0 = \sigma^0$ .

**Remark 5.** As  $\zeta \preceq \kappa \preceq \sigma^0$  are semicoprime preradicals, then  $\zeta_{[n]}, \kappa_{[n]}, \sigma_{[n]}^0$  are semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals, by Proposition 14. Therefore  $\zeta_{[n]} \preceq \kappa_{[n]} \preceq \sigma_{[n]}^0 \preceq \sigma_{(n)}^0$ .

**Proposition 22.** *The following statements hold:*

- (1)  $\sigma^0 = \bigwedge_{n \geq 1} \sigma_{(n)}^0$ .
- (2)  $\sigma_{(n)}^0 \preceq \sigma_{[nk]}^0$  for every positive integer  $k$ .
- (3)  $\sigma_{[n]}^0 \preceq \sigma_{(n)}^0$  for every semicoprime preradical  $\sigma$ .

*Proof.* (1) By Corollary 2(6) every semicoprime preradical is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing for every  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $\sigma^0 \preceq \sigma_{(n)}^0$  for every  $n \geq 1$ .

(2) By Corollary 2(5).

(3) By Proposition 14.  $\square$

In Proposition 26 of [11] it was shown that  $\sigma^0 \preceq \nu_0$ , where  $\nu_0 = \bigwedge \{ \tau \mid \tau \in R\text{-pr}, \tau \text{ is unipotent} \}$ .

The following proposition is straightforward.

**Proposition 23.** *Suppose that  $\nu_0^{(n)} := \bigwedge \{ \tau_{[n]} \mid \tau \in R\text{-pr}, \tau_{[n+1]} = 1 \}$ . Then:*

- (1)  $\sigma_{(n)}^0 \preceq \nu_0^{(n)}$ ;
- (2)  $\nu_0 \preceq \nu_0^{(1)}$ .

**Corollary 3.** *The following statements hold:*

- (1) *If  $\zeta_{[n+1]} = 1$ , then  $\zeta_{[n]} = \kappa_{[n]} = \sigma_{[n]}^0 = \sigma_{(n)}^0 = \nu_0^{(n)}$ ;*
- (2) *If  $\zeta_{[2]} = 1$ , then  $\zeta = \kappa = \sigma^0 = \nu_0 = \nu_0^{(1)}$ .*

*Proof.* (1) By Remark 5 and Proposition 23 we have that  $\zeta_{[n]} \preceq \kappa_{[n]} \preceq \sigma_{[n]}^0 \preceq \sigma_{(n)}^0 \preceq \nu_0^{(n)}$ . If  $\zeta_{[n+1]} = 1$ , then  $\nu_0^{(n)} \preceq \zeta_{[n]}$ , and so  $\zeta_{[n]} = \kappa_{[n]} = \sigma_{[n]}^0 = \sigma_{(n)}^0 = \nu_0^{(n)}$ .

(2) By part (1) and [11, Corollary 27].  $\square$

**Proposition 24.** *For a ring  $R$  the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *For every  $\mu \in R\text{-pr}$ ,  $\mu_{[n+1]} = 1$  implies that  $\mu_{[n]} = 1$ ;*

- (2) 1 is a semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical;
- (3)  $\sigma_{(n)}^0 = 1$ ;
- (4)  $\nu_0^{(n)} = 1$ .

*Proof.* Is easy. □

For  $\tau \in R$ -pr define

$$C^{(n)}(\tau) = \bigvee \{ \sigma \in R\text{-pr} \mid \sigma \preceq \tau, \sigma \text{ semi-co-}n\text{-absorbing} \},$$

which is the unique greatest semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical less than or equal to  $\tau$ . Notice that in [11],  $C^{(1)}$  is denoted by  $C$ .

**Proposition 25.** *Let  $R$  be a ring.*

- (1)  $\sigma_{(n)}^0 = C^{(n)}(1) = \bigvee_{\tau \in R\text{-pr}} C^{(n)}(\tau)$ .
- (2) For each  $\tau \in R$ -pr,  $C^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq \tau$ .
- (3) For each  $\tau, \sigma \in R$ -pr we have  $\tau \preceq \sigma \Rightarrow C^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq C^{(n)}(\sigma)$ .
- (4) For each  $\tau \in R$ -pr,  $C^{(n)}(\tau_{[n+1]}) = C^{(n)}(\tau_{[n]})$ .
- (5) For each  $\tau \in R$ -pr,  $\tau$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing if and only if  $\tau = C^{(n)}(\tau)$ .
- (6)  $\{ \tau \in R\text{-pr} \mid \tau \text{ is semi-co-}n\text{-absorbing} \} = \text{Im } C^{(n)} = \{ C^{(n)}(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in R\text{-pr} \}$ .
- (7)  $[C^{(n)}]^2 = C^{(n)}$ . Thus,  $C^{(n)}$  is a closure operator on  $R$ -pr.
- (8) For each family  $\{ \tau_\alpha \}_{\alpha \in I} \subseteq R$ -pr, we have

$$C^{(n)}\left(\bigwedge_{\alpha \in I} \tau_\alpha\right) = C^{(n)}\left(\bigwedge_{\alpha \in I} C^{(n)}(\tau_\alpha)\right).$$

- (9)  $C^{(n)} = \bigwedge_{k \geq 1} C^{(nk)}$ , in particular  $C = \bigwedge_{k \geq 1} C^{(k)}$ .

- (10)  $C^{(n)}(\sigma_{[n+1]}) = C^{(n)}(\sigma_{[n]}) = \sigma_{[n]}$  for any semicoprime preradical  $\sigma$ .

*Proof.* The proofs of (1), (2), (3), (5) and (6) is easy.

(4) For any  $\tau \in R$ -pr, part (3) implies that  $C^{(n)}(\tau_{[n]}) \preceq C^{(n)}(\tau_{[n+1]})$ . Since  $C^{(n)}(\tau_{[n+1]})$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing (by Remark 4) and  $C^{(n)}(\tau_{[n+1]}) \preceq \tau_{[n+1]}$ , then  $C^{(n)}(\tau_{[n+1]}) \preceq \tau_{[n]}$ . Hence  $C^{(n)}(\tau_{[n+1]}) \preceq C^{(n)}(\tau_{[n]})$ . So the equality holds.

- (7) Is a direct consequence of part (5).
- (8) The proof is similar to that of [11, Proposition 31](5).
- (9) By Corollary 2(5).
- (10) Apply Proposition 14 and parts (4), (5). □



Now consider the operator  $\overline{(-)}$  in  $R$ -pr that assigns to each preradical  $\sigma$  the least radical over  $\sigma$  (see [19, p. 137]).

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $\sigma, \tau \in R$ -pr be such that  $\sigma$  is radical and  $\tau$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing. Then:*

- (1)  $C^{(n)}(\sigma) \preceq \overline{C^{(n)}(\sigma)} \preceq \sigma$ .
- (2)  $C^{(n)}(\sigma) = C^{(n)}(\overline{C^{(n)}(\sigma)})$ .
- (3)  $\tau \preceq C^{(n)}(\overline{\tau}) \preceq \overline{\tau}$ .
- (4)  $\overline{\tau} = \overline{C^{(n)}(\overline{\tau})}$ .

*Proof.* Similar to the proof of [11, Lemma 32]. □

**Proposition 26.** *Let  $R$  be a ring.*

- (1) *The operator  $\overline{C^{(n)}(-)}$  defines an interior operator on the ordered class of radicals.*
- (2) *The operator  $C^{(n)}(\overline{(-)})$  defines a closure operator on the ordered class of semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals.*

Notice that the “open” radicals associated with the interior operator  $\overline{C^{(n)}(-)}$  are

$$\mathcal{O}_{rad}^{(n)} = \{\sigma \text{ radical} \mid \sigma = \overline{\tau} \text{ for some semi-co-}n\text{-absorbing } \tau\}.$$

The “closed” semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals associated with the closure operator  $C^{(n)}(\overline{(-)})$  are

$$\mathcal{C}_{sca}^{(n)} = \{\tau \text{ semi-co-}n\text{-absorbing} \mid \tau = C^{(n)}(\sigma) \text{ for some radical } \sigma\}.$$

The following result is immediate.

**Corollary 4.** *For a ring  $R$  the operators  $\overline{C^{(n)}(-)}$  and  $C^{(n)}(\overline{(-)})$  restrict to mutually inverse maps between  $\mathcal{O}_{rad}^{(n)}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{sca}^{(n)}$ .*

**Definition 2.** Let  $\tau \in R$ -pr. Define

$$C_1^{(n)}(\tau) = \bigwedge \{\sigma_{[n]} \mid \sigma \in R\text{-pr}, \tau \preceq \sigma_{[n+1]}\}.$$

**Proposition 27.** *For a ring  $R$  the following conditions hold:*

- (1) *For each  $\tau \in R$ -pr,  $C_1^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq \tau_{[n]}$ .*
- (2) *For each  $\tau \in R$ -pr,  $\tau$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing if and only if  $\tau \preceq C_1^{(n)}(\tau)$ .*
- (3) *1 is a semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical if and only if  $C_1^{(n)}(1) = 1$ .*

- (4) Let  $\tau, \sigma \in R\text{-pr}$ . If  $\tau \preceq \sigma$ , then  $C_1^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq C_1^{(n)}(\sigma)$ .
- (5) For each family  $\{\tau_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I} \subseteq R\text{-pr}$ ,  $C_1^{(n)}(\bigwedge_{\alpha \in I} \tau_\alpha) \preceq \bigwedge_{\alpha \in I} C_1^{(n)}(\tau_\alpha)$  and  $\bigvee_{\alpha \in I} C_1^{(n)}(\tau_\alpha) \preceq C_1^{(n)}(\bigvee_{\alpha \in I} \tau_\alpha)$ .

*Proof.* The assertions have straightforward verifications. □

We apply an ‘‘Amitsur construction’’ to  $C_1^{(n)}$  as follows:

**Definition 3.** Let  $\tau \in R\text{-pr}$ . We define recursively the preradical  $C_\lambda^{(n)}(\tau)$  for each ordinal  $\lambda$  as follows:

- (1)  $C_0^{(n)}(\tau) = \tau$ .
- (2)  $C_{\lambda+1}^{(n)}(\tau) = C_1^{(n)}(C_\lambda^{(n)}(\tau))$ .
- (3) If  $\lambda$  is a limit ordinal, then  $C_\lambda^{(n)}(\tau) = \bigwedge_{\beta < \lambda} C_\beta^{(n)}(\tau)$ .
- (4)  $C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau) = \bigwedge_{\lambda \text{ ordinal}} C_\lambda^{(n)}(\tau)$ .

**Proposition 28.** Let  $\tau \in R\text{-pr}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $\tau$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing;
- (2) For each ordinal  $\lambda$ ,  $\tau \preceq C_\lambda^{(n)}(\tau)$ ;
- (3)  $C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau) = \tau$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 27 and using transfinite induction we have the claim. □

As is the case with  $C_1^{(n)}$ , all of the operators  $C_\lambda^{(n)}$  preserve order between preradicals.

**Proposition 29.** Let  $\tau, \sigma \in R\text{-pr}$  be such that  $\tau \preceq \sigma$ . Then:

- (1) For each ordinal  $\lambda$ ,  $C_\lambda^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq C_\lambda^{(n)}(\sigma)$ .
- (2)  $C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq C_\Omega^{(n)}(\sigma)$ .

**Proposition 30.** For each  $\tau \in R\text{-pr}$ ,  $C^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\tau \in R\text{-pr}$ . We use transfinite induction. First, note that  $C^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq \tau = C_0^{(n)}(\tau)$ . Assume that  $\lambda$  is an ordinal such that  $C^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq C_\lambda^{(n)}(\tau)$ . Since  $C^{(n)}(\tau)$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing,  $C^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq C_1^{(n)}(C^{(n)}(\tau)) \preceq C_1^{(n)}(C_\lambda^{(n)}(\tau)) = C_{\lambda+1}^{(n)}(\tau)$ , by parts (2) and (4) of Proposition 27. If  $\lambda$  is a limit ordinal and  $C^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq C_\beta^{(n)}(\tau)$  for each  $\beta < \lambda$ , then  $C^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq \bigwedge_{\beta < \lambda} C_\beta^{(n)}(\tau) = C_\lambda^{(n)}(\tau)$ . □

In the following result we give equivalent conditions for the equality  $C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau) = C^{(n)}(\tau)$ .

**Proposition 31.** *For each  $\tau \in R\text{-pr}$  the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau)$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing;
- (2)  $C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq C_1^{(n)}(C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau))$ ;
- (3) For each ordinal  $\lambda$  we have  $C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq C_\lambda^{(n)}(C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau))$ ;
- (4)  $C_\Omega^{(n)}(C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau)) = C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau)$ ;
- (5)  $C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau) = C^{(n)}(\tau)$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) By Proposition 27(2).

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) It follows by using transfinite induction on  $\lambda$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4) Is easy.

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (1) By Proposition 28.

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (5) Assume that  $C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau)$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing. Since  $C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq \tau$ , the definition of  $C^{(n)}(\tau)$  implies that  $C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq C^{(n)}(\tau)$ . On the other hand  $C^{(n)}(\tau) \preceq C_\Omega^{(n)}(\tau)$ , by Proposition 30. So the equality holds.

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Is straightforward.  $\square$

## 5. Quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing and semi-co- $n$ -absorbing submodules

**Remark 6.** Let  $M \in R\text{-co-ass}$  and  $N$  be a nonzero fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . Then we have:

- (1)  $N$  is co- $n$ -absorbing in  $M \Rightarrow N$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing in  $M \Rightarrow N$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing in  $M$ .
- (2)  $N$  is a quasi-co-1-absorbing submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $N$  is a coprime submodule of  $M$ .
- (3)  $N$  is a semi-co-1-absorbing submodule of  $M$  if and only if  $N$  is a semicoprime submodule of  $M$ .

**Proposition 32.** *Let  $\sigma \in R\text{-pr}$ . If for every  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ ,  $\sigma(M)$  is a semicoprime submodule of  $M$ , then  $\sigma$  is a semicoprime preradical.*

*Proof.* By hypothesis, [11, Proposition 19] implies that  $\alpha_{\sigma(M)}^M$  is a semicoprime preradical. So  $\sigma = \bigvee \{ \alpha_{\sigma(M)}^M \mid M \in R\text{-Mod} \}$  (see [17, Remark 1]) is a semicoprime preradical.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. If every nonzero  $R$ -module is semicoprime, then 1 is a semicoprime preradical in  $R\text{-pr}$ .*

**Lemma 3** ([7, Lemma 2.5]). *Let  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ . Then for any submodules  $N, K$  of  $M$ ,  $\alpha_{N+K}^M = \alpha_N^M \vee \alpha_K^M$ .*

**Proposition 33.** *Let  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ . Suppose that  $\{N_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a family of semicoprime submodules of  $M$ . Then  $N = \sum_{i \in I} N_i$  is a semicoprime submodule of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\{N_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of semicoprime submodules of  $M$ . Then, by [11, Proposition 19],  $\alpha_{N_j}^M$ 's are semicoprime preradicals. Thus  $\alpha_N^M = \bigvee_{i \in I} \alpha_{N_i}^M$  is a semicoprime preradical. Again by [11, Proposition 19],  $N = \sum_{i \in I} N_i$  is a semicoprime submodule of  $M$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 34.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of semicoprime  $R$ -modules. Then  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$  is a semicoprime  $R$ -module.*

*Proof.* Since for every  $i \in I$ ,  $M_i$  is a semicoprime  $R$ -module, then for every  $i \in I$ ,  $\alpha_{M_i}^{M_i}$  is a semicoprime preradical, by [11, Proposition 19]. Therefore  $\bigvee_{i \in I} \alpha_{M_i}^{M_i} = \alpha_M^M$  is a semicoprime preradical, and so again by [11, Proposition 19],  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$  is a semicoprime  $R$ -module.  $\square$

**Proposition 35.** *For a ring  $R$  the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is a finite product of simple rings;
- (2)  $\kappa = 1$ ;
- (3)  $1$  is a semicoprime preradical;
- (4)  ${}_R R$  is a semicoprime  $R$ -module;
- (5) There exists a semicoprime  $R$ -module that is a generator in  $R\text{-Mod}$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (2) By [11, Theorem 10].

(1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (3) By [11, Theorem 29].

(3) $\Leftrightarrow$ (4) Notice the fact that an  $R$ -module  $G$  is a generator in  $R\text{-Mod}$  if and only if  $\alpha_G^G = 1$ . Since  $R$  is a generator in  $R\text{-Mod}$ , then  $\alpha_R^R = 1$ . Now, use [11, Proposition 19].

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (5) Is trivial.

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (3) See the proof of (3) $\Leftrightarrow$ (4).  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $M \in R\text{-co-ass}$  and  $N$  a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . Consider the following statements.*

- (a)  $N$  is co- $n$ -absorbing in  $M$ .
- (b)  $\alpha_N^M$  is a co- $n$ -absorbing preradical.

*Then (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a), and if  $M$  satisfies the  $\omega$ -property, then (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b).*

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of [22, Theorem 4.2]. □

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $M \in R$ -co-ass and  $N$  a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ . Consider the following statements:*

- (1)  $N$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing (resp. semi-co- $n$ -absorbing) in  $M$ .
- (2)  $\alpha_N^M$  is a quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing (resp. semi-co- $n$ -absorbing) preradical.

*Then (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1), and if  $M$  satisfies the  $\omega$ -property, then (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2).*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Assume that  $N$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing in  $M$  and that  $(\eta(M) : \mu(M)) = (\eta : \mu)(M)$  for every  $\eta, \mu \in R$ -pr. Since  $N \neq 0$  we have  $\alpha_N^M \neq 0$ . Now let  $\eta, \mu \in R$ -pr be such that  $\alpha_N^M \preceq (\eta_{[n]} : \mu)$ . In this case we have

$$N = \alpha_N^M(M) \leq (\eta_{[n]} : \mu)(M) = (\eta(M)_{[n]} : \mu(M)).$$

Since  $N$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing in  $M$ , by hypothesis we have that  $N \leq \eta(M)_{[n]} = \eta_{[n]}(M)$  or  $N \leq (\eta(M)_{[n-1]} : \mu(M)) = (\eta_{[n-1]} : \mu)(M)$ . It follows from [15, Proposition 5] that  $\alpha_N^M \preceq \alpha_{\eta_{[n]}(M)}^M \preceq \eta_{[n]}$  or  $\alpha_N^M \preceq \alpha_{(\eta_{[n-1]} : \mu)(M)}^M \preceq (\eta_{[n-1]} : \mu)$ , and so  $\alpha_N^M$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Assume that  $\alpha_N^M$  is a quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical. Since  $\alpha_N^M \neq 0$ , we have  $N \neq 0$ . Suppose that  $J, K$  are fully invariant submodules of  $M$  such that  $N \leq (J_{[n]} : K)$ . Then we have  $N \leq ((\omega_J^M)_{[n]} : \omega_K^M)(M)$ . By [15, Proposition 5], we get

$$\alpha_N^M \preceq \alpha_{((\omega_J^M)_{[n]} : \omega_K^M)(M)}^M \preceq ((\omega_J^M)_{[n]} : \omega_K^M).$$

Since  $\alpha_N^M$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing, we have  $\alpha_N^M \preceq (\omega_J^M)_{[n]}$  or  $\alpha_N^M \preceq ((\omega_J^M)_{[n]} : \omega_K^M)$ . Therefore  $N = \alpha_N^M(M) \preceq (\omega_J^M)_{[n]}(M) = J_{[n]}$  or  $N = \alpha_N^M(M) \preceq ((\omega_J^M)_{[n]} : \omega_K^M)(M) = (J_{[n-1]} : K)$ . Hence  $N$  is a quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing submodule. A similar proof can be stated for semi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals. □

**Remark 7.** Note that in Theorem 3, for the case  $n = 2$  we can omit the condition  $M \in R$ -co-ass, by the definition of quasi-co-2-absorbing (semi-co-2-absorbing) submodules.

**Definition 4.** Let  $M \in R$ -co-ass. We say that  $M$  is a quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing (resp. semi-co- $n$ -absorbing) module if  $M$  is a quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing (resp. semi-co- $n$ -absorbing) submodule of itself.

**Corollary 6.** *Let  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_t$  be injective Artinian  $R$ -modules. Suppose that  $M_i$ 's are quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing modules that satisfy the  $\omega$ -property. Then  $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^t M_i$  is a quasi-co- $(n + t - 1)$ -absorbing  $R$ -module.*

*Proof.* Let  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_t$  be quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing  $R$ -modules. Then, by Theorem 3,  $\alpha_{M_1}^{M_1}, \alpha_{M_2}^{M_2}, \dots, \alpha_{M_t}^{M_t}$  are quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradicals, and so  $\alpha_M^M = \alpha_{M_1}^{M_1} \vee \alpha_{M_2}^{M_2} \vee \dots \vee \alpha_{M_t}^{M_t}$  is a quasi-co- $(n + t - 1)$ -absorbing preradical, by Proposition 11(2). Again by Theorem 3,  $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^t M_i$  is a quasi-co- $(n + t - 1)$ -absorbing  $R$ -module.  $\square$

**Corollary 7.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following statements hold:*

- (1) *If the preradical 1 is quasi-co-2-absorbing (resp. semi-co-2-absorbing), then every generator  $R$ -module is a quasi-co-2-absorbing (resp. semi-co-2-absorbing)  $R$ -module.*
- (2) *If  $R$  is a semisimple Artinian ring, then every  $R$ -module is quasi-co- $i$ -absorbing for every  $i \geq 2$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Suppose that 1 is a quasi-co-2-absorbing (resp. semi-co-2-absorbing) preradical and  $G$  is a generator  $R$ -module. Since  $\alpha_G^G = 1$ , the result follows from Theorem 3.

(2) By Proposition 6 and Theorem 3.  $\square$

**Example 1.** Let  $R$  be a semisimple Artinian ring and  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{n+1} \in R$ -simp be distinct. Then the injective Artinian  $R$ -module  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n+1} S_i$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing, by Corollary 7(2). But note that, by [22, Proposition 3.6] and Theorem 2,  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n+1} S_i$  is not co- $n$ -absorbing. This example shows that the two concepts of quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing modules and of co- $n$ -absorbing modules are different in general.

The following two propositions can be proved similar to [22, Proposition 4.10] and [22, Theorem 4.11], respectively.

**Proposition 36.** *Let  $N, H \in R$ -co-ass such that  $H$  be a fully invariant submodule of  $N$  and  $N$  be self-injective. For a fully invariant submodule  $K$  of  $H$ ,*

- (1) *If  $K$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing in  $N$ , then  $K$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing in  $H$ .*
- (2) *If  $K$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing in  $N$  and  $K \in R$ -co-ass, then  $K$  is a quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing module.*
- (3) *If  $\alpha_K^N$  is a quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical and  $N$  satisfies the  $\omega$ -property, then  $\alpha_K^H$  is a quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical.*

**Proposition 37.** *Let  $N, Q \in R$ -co-ass such that  $N$  be a fully invariant submodule of  $Q$  and  $Q$  be self-injective. Then  $N$  is a quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing module if and only if  $N$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing in  $Q$ .*

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $M \in R$ -co-ass that satisfies the  $\omega$ -property. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing;
- (2)  $\alpha_M^M$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing;
- (3) For each  $\tau, \eta \in R$ -pr,  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{(\tau_{[n]}:\eta)} \Rightarrow M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau_{[n]}}$  or  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{(\tau_{[n-1]}:\eta)}$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) Is clear by Theorem 3.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Suppose that  $\alpha_M^M$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing. Let  $\tau, \eta \in R$ -pr such that  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{(\tau_{[n]}:\eta)}$ . Then  $(\tau_{[n]} : \eta)(M) = M$ , and so  $\alpha_M^M \preceq (\tau_{[n]} : \eta)$ . Therefore  $\alpha_M^M \preceq \tau_{[n]}$  or  $\alpha_M^M \preceq (\tau_{[n-1]} : \eta)$ . Hence  $\tau_{[n]}(M) = M$  or  $(\tau_{[n-1]} : \eta)(M) = M$ . Consequently  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau_{[n]}}$  or  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{(\tau_{[n-1]}:\eta)}$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) has a routine verification. □

Similarly we can prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $M \in R$ -co-ass that satisfies the  $\omega$ -property. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing;
- (2)  $\alpha_M^M$  is semi-co- $n$ -absorbing;
- (3) For each  $\tau \in R$ -pr,  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau_{[n+1]}} \Rightarrow M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau_{[n]}}$ .

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $M \in R$ -Mod be such that, for each pair  $K, L$  of fully invariant submodules of  $M$ , we have  $(\omega_K^M : \omega_L^M) = \omega_{(K:L)}^M$ . Then, for each quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing (resp. semi-co- $n$ -absorbing) preradical  $\sigma$  such that  $\sigma(M) \neq 0$ , we have that  $\sigma(M)$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing (resp. semi-co- $n$ -absorbing) in  $M$ .*

*Proof.* By hypothesis  $M \in R$ -co-ass, [22, Lemma 4.12]. Let  $\sigma$  be a quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing preradical such that  $\sigma(M) \neq 0$ . If  $K, L$  are fully invariant submodules of  $M$  such that  $\sigma(M) \leq (K_{[n]} : L)$ , then

$$\sigma \preceq \omega_{\sigma(M)}^M \preceq \omega_{(K_{[n]}:L)}^M = ((\omega_K^M)_{[n]} : \omega_L^M).$$

Since  $\sigma$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing, then

$$\sigma \preceq (\omega_K^M)_{[n]} \text{ or } \sigma \preceq ((\omega_K^M)_{[n-1]} : \omega_L^M).$$

In the first case we have  $\sigma(M) \leq (\omega_K^M)_{[n]}(M) = K_{[n]}$ ; in the second case we have  $\sigma(M) \leq ((\omega_K^M)_{[n-1]} : \omega_L^M)(M) = (K_{[n-1]} : L)$ . Consequently  $\sigma(M)$  is quasi-co- $n$ -absorbing. □

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