



## ON COFINITELY FLAT QUADRATIC $O_K$ -MODULES

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*Abstract.* In this paper, we considered quadratic  $O_K$ -modules over the number fields and we defined the new concepts "cofinitely quadratic  $O_K$ -module" and "cofinitely flat quadratic  $O_K$ -module" for the integral ring  $O_K$  of the quadratic number fields. We described tensor product for these modules, and we extended them to the cofinitely quadratic  $O_K$ -modules. Finally we provided a main theorem by using these definitions.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Quadratic modules play a ubiquitous role in real algebra (see [4, 6–8] and the references therein). Many algebraic structures in real algebra and algebraic geometry are associated with quadratic modules. For instance, a quadratic module in a commutative ring  $A$  (with unit element) is a subset  $Q$  of  $A$  containing the unit element 1, which is closed under addition and under multiplication with squares and the ring  $A$  contains a smallest quadratic module, namely, the set  $\sum A^2$  consisting of all sums of squares of elements of  $A$ . Quadratic modules of groups are algebraic models for homotopy connected 3-types introduced by Baues [3]. Baues in [3] constructed a functor from the category of simplicial groups to the category of quadratic modules. In [9], Lie algebra versions of quadratic modules was also defined, and the connections between 2-crossed modules, quadratic modules and simplicial Lie algebras were explored by using simplicial properties in [1].

In recent studies, quadratic modules defined on algebraic number fields has also gained importance in real algebra. For this purpose, in this work, the quadratic modules defined on such fields will be examined. Namely, quadratic modules belonging to integral rings of algebraic number fields which are finite extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}$  will be

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discussed and new definitions and algebraic structions related to these modules will be given.

Let  $K$  be a number field over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = n$ . We shall use denotation  $O_K$  for the ring of integers of  $K$  where  $O_K$  is a finitely generated  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.

In the theory of finite  $O_K$ -modules, these modules are identified in equipped with a quadratic form  $q : O_K \rightarrow K/\sigma^{-1}$  where  $\sigma^{-1} = \{x \in K \mid T_{r_K/\mathbb{Q}}(xy) \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall x, y \in O_K\}$  is called *different* of  $K$  and  $\sigma^{-1}$  is also a fractional ideal of  $O_K$ .

We notice that we have a function

$$T_r : K/\sigma^{-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}, T_r(a + \sigma^{-1}) = t_r(a) + \mathbb{Z}.$$

Let  $b \in a + \sigma^{-1}$ . If we take  $b = a + t$  for some  $t \in \sigma^{-1}$  then  $T_r(t) \in \mathbb{Z}$  holds.

## 2. FINITE QUADRATIC $O_K$ -MODULES

**Definition 1.** Let  $M$  be a finite  $O_K$ -module, then a quadratic form on  $M$  is a function  $q : M \rightarrow K/\sigma^{-1}$  which satisfies the following:

- (i)  $q(ax) = a^2q(x); \forall a \in O_K, x \in M$ ,  $q$  is a non-degenerate quadratic form.
- (ii) The form  $\beta_q = M \times M \rightarrow K/\sigma^{-1}$  defined by

$$\beta_q(x, y) = \beta_q(x + y) - \beta_q(x) - \beta_q(y)$$

is  $O_K$ -bilinear and symmetric.

$\beta_q$  is non-degenerate which means

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_q(x, y) = 0 & \text{ if and only if } x = 0 \text{ for all } y \in M, \\ \beta_q(x, y) = 0 & \text{ if and only if } y = 0 \text{ for all } x \in M, \end{aligned}$$

where a finite quadratic  $O_K$ -module can be briefly shown as  $\underline{M} = (M, q)$  with a pair  $(M, q)$ .

It is clear that  $\beta_q$  is also an  $O_K$ -balanced form on  $M$ . Therefore, we can give the following definition for  $\underline{M}$  and  $\underline{N}$ .

**Definition 2.** Let  $\underline{M} = (M, q)$  and  $\underline{N} = (N, q')$  be finite quadratic  $O_K$ -modules with associated bilinear forms  $\beta_q$  and  $\gamma_{q'}$  respectively. The form  $\beta_q \otimes \gamma_{q'}$  defined by

$$\beta_q \otimes \gamma_{q'} : (M \otimes N) \times (M \otimes N) \rightarrow K/\sigma^{-1} \times K/\sigma^{-1}$$

$(x \otimes x', y \otimes y') \mapsto \beta_q(x, y)\gamma_{q'}(x', y')$  is bilinear and symmetric. Since the form  $\underline{M} \otimes \underline{N} = (M \otimes N, q \otimes q')$  is finite quadratic  $O_K$ -module associated with  $O_K$ -bilinear symmetric form  $\beta_q \otimes \gamma_{q'}$  then  $\underline{M} \otimes \underline{N}$  is called "*tensor product*" of the finite quadratic  $O_K$ -modules  $\underline{M} = (M, q)$  and  $\underline{N} = (N, q')$ .

From the definitions which are given in [10] and [5, p. 44] for the modules over the commutative rings (with unit) we can give the following definition for the finite  $O_K$ -modules.

**Definition 3.** Let  $M$  be an  $O_K$ -module and  $U$  be a finite  $O_K$ -submodule of  $M$ . If  $M/U$  is finitely generated, then  $U$  is called *cofinite  $O_K$ -submodule* of  $M$ .

**Definition 4.** Let  $\underline{M} = (M, q)$  be a finite quadratic  $O_K$ -module,  $U$  be a finite  $O_K$ -submodule of  $M$  and  $0 \rightarrow U^\# \xrightarrow{f} M$  be an exact sequence of finite  $O_K$ -modules such that  $M/f(U^\#)$  is finitely generated. If the sequence  $0 \rightarrow U \otimes U^\# \xrightarrow{I_U \otimes f} U \otimes M$  is exact, then  $U$  is called *cofinitely flat quadratic  $O_K$ -module*, where  $U^\#$  is a dual group of  $U$  and it is defined by  $U^\# = \{y \in \underline{M} \mid B_q(U, y) = 0\}$ . We notice that  $U^\#$  is also an  $O_K$ -submodule of  $M$ .

**Proposition 1 ([2]).**  $\underline{M} = (M, q)$  be a finite quadratic  $O_K$ -module associated with the bilinear form  $\beta_q$  and  $U$  be an  $O_K$ -submodule of  $\underline{M}$ . The application  $x \mapsto \beta_q(x, \cdot)$  defines an exact sequence of  $O_K$ -modules:

$$0 \rightarrow U^\# \rightarrow \underline{M} \rightarrow \text{Hom}(U, K/\sigma^{-1}) \rightarrow 0.$$

Here  $\text{Hom}(U, K/\sigma^{-1})$  denotes the group of  $O_K$ -module homomorphism of  $U$  into  $K/\sigma^{-1}$ . In particular, one has  $|U| \cdot |U^\#| = |M|$  and  $(U^\#)^\# = U$ .

### 3. MAIN THEOREM

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\underline{M}$  be a finite quadratic  $O_K$ -module and  $U$  be an  $O_K$ -submodule of  $\underline{M}$ . Let  $i : T \rightarrow \underline{M}$  be an inclusion homomorphism where  $T$  is any cofinite  $O_K$ -submodule of  $\underline{M}$ .  $U$  is a cofinitely flat  $O_K$ -module if and only if  $I_U \otimes i : U \otimes T \rightarrow U \otimes \underline{M}$  is injective.

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$  Since  $U$  is a cofinitely flat  $O_K$ -module from the hypothesis of our theorem then it is clear that  $U^\#$  is also a cofinitely flat  $O_K$ -module from Definition 4. Hence if we take  $U^\#$  instead of  $T$  then the sequence  $0 \rightarrow U \otimes U^\# \xrightarrow{I_U \otimes f} U \otimes \underline{M}$  is exact which gives the injectivity of  $I_U \otimes i$ .

$\Leftarrow$ : Let  $U$  be a cofinitely flat  $O_K$ -module and  $i : U^\# \rightarrow \underline{M}$  be inclusion map for  $T = U^\#$  and let  $I_U \otimes i : U \otimes U^\# \rightarrow U \otimes \underline{M}$  be injective. If we take the sequence  $0 \rightarrow U \xrightarrow{f} \underline{M}$  of the finite  $O_K$ -modules such that  $\underline{M}/f(U)$  is finitely generated then  $\underline{M}/U^\#$  is finitely generated for  $f(U) = U^\#$ . If we get  $h : U \rightarrow U^\#, y \mapsto h(y) = f(y) (\forall y \in U)$  then it is clear that  $h$  is a homomorphism of finite  $O_K$ -modules.

Since  $f = i \circ h$  then we can write  $I_U \otimes f = (I_U \circ I_U) \otimes (i \circ h) = (I_U \otimes i) \circ (I_U \otimes h)$  where  $I_U \otimes h$  is isomorphism of finite  $O_K$ -modules from properties (3) and (4) in [10, p. 92].

Since  $(I_U \otimes i)$  and  $(I_U \otimes h)$  are injective then  $I_U \otimes f$  is injective and so the sequence  $0 \rightarrow U \otimes U^\# \xrightarrow{I_U \otimes f} U \otimes \underline{M}$  is exact. Therefore,  $U$  is a cofinitely flat  $O_K$ -module.  $\square$

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