

## THE SQUARE-FREE $\mathbb{Z}$ -MODULES

The notion of a *square-free module* first appeared in [2].

”A module  $M$  is called square-free if it contains no non-zero isomorphic submodules  $A$  and  $B$  with  $A \cap B = 0$ .”

The square-free Abelian groups (i.e.,  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules), are easy to characterize.

**Theorem 1.** *An Abelian group  $G$  is square-free (as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module) iff its torsion-free rank  $r_0(G) \leq 1$  and for every prime  $p$ , all its  $p$ -ranks  $r_p(G) \leq 1$ .*

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