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**Abstract.** Let *R* be a commutative ring with identity and *S* a multiplicative subset of *R*. The purpose of this paper is to introduce the concept of generalized *S*-prime ideals as a new generalization of prime ideals. An ideal *P* of *R* disjoint with *S* is called a generalized *S*-prime ideal if for all  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  there exists an  $s \in S$  such that  $\alpha\beta \in P$  implies  $s\alpha \in P$  or  $s\beta \in P$ . Several properties, characterizations and examples concerning generalized *S*-prime ideals are presented. We give a relationship between generalized *S*-prime ideals of a ring *R* and those of the idealization ring R(+)M. Also, we show that each ideal of *R* disjoint with *S* is contained in a minimal generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*. This extends classical well-known result on minimal prime ideals.

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### 1 Introduction

Throughout this article all rings are commutative with non-zero identity. In recent years, the prime ideals and their generalizations have an important place in commutative algebra and they draw attention by several authors. In 2019, the concept of S-prime ideals, which is a generalization of prime ideals, was first initiated by Hamed and Malek in [8]. Let R be a ring and S a multiplicative subset of R. Following [8], an ideal P of R with  $P \cap S = \emptyset$  is said to be an S-prime ideal of R if there exists  $s \in S$  such that for all  $a, b \in R$  with  $ab \in P$ , we have either  $sa \in P$  or  $sb \in P$ . In [8], the authors stated and proved S-version of several classical results on prime ideals. Let P be an ideal of R disjoint with S. It was shown in [8]. Corollary 1] that P is S-prime if and only if there exists  $s \in S$ , such that for all  $I_1, \ldots, I_n$  ideals of R, if  $I_1 \cdots I_n \subseteq P$ , then  $sI_j \subseteq P$  for some  $j \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ . Let I be an ideal of R and let  $P_1, \ldots, P_n$  be S-prime ideals of R. The authors proved that if  $I \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n P_i$ , then there exist  $s \in S$  and  $j \in \{1, ..., n\}$  such that  $sI \subseteq P_j$ . This notion was generalized by several authors. According to 10 an ideal I of R with  $I \cap S = \emptyset$  is said to be an S-primary ideal of R if there exists  $s \in S$  such that for all  $a, b \in R$  with  $ab \in I$ , we have either  $sa \in I$  or  $sb \in \sqrt{I}$ . Later, Yetkin Celikel and Hamed generalize the notion of "S-primary ideals" by introducing the concept of "quasi-S-primary" ideals of a commutative ring and study its basic properties. Following [3], a proper ideal I of R disjoint from *S* is called a *quasi-S-primary* ideal if there exists an (fixed)  $s \in S$  such that for all  $a, b \in R$  if  $ab \in I$ , then  $sa \in \sqrt{I}$  or  $sb \in \sqrt{I}$ . Some generalizations of S-prime ideals can be found in [1, 3, 10, 11, 13].

Motivated by the research work on *S*-prime ideals in [8] and by the above generalizations of prime ideals, in this article, we introduce a new class of a generalization of prime ideals. Let *R* be a ring and *S* a multiplicative subset of *R*. An ideal *P* of *R* disjoint with *S* is called a *generalized S*-prime ideal of *R* if for all  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  there exists an  $s \in S$  such that  $\alpha\beta \in P$  implies  $s\alpha \in P$  or  $s\beta \in P$ . Note that every *S*-prime ideal of *R* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R* since the fixed element  $s \in S$  in "*S*-prime" is dependent on the ideal *P*, but the element  $s \in S$  in the concept of "generalized *S*-prime" ideals of a ring *R* as follow: let *S* a multiplicative subset of a ring *R*. An ideal *P* of *R* disjoint with *S* is called a *locally* 

*S-prime* ideal of *R* if whenever  $S^{-1}P$  is a prime ideal of  $S^{-1}R$ . Clearly that every generalized *S*-prime ideal is locally *S*-prime (In section 2, we prove that the two concepts are equal).

In the first part of this article, we state and prove some basic properties of generalized *S*-prime ideals. Clearly, every prime ideal of a ring *R* disjoint with a multiplicative subset *S* of *R* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*. We give an example shows that the converse of the previous implication is not true in general (Example 2.3). Also, we show that if *S* is a finite multiplicative subset of a ring *R*, then the notions "*S*-prime" and "generalized *S*-prime" coincide (Proposition 2.2). Let *R* be a commutative ring, *S* a multiplicative subset of *R* and *I* an ideal of *R* disjoint with *S*. Let  $s \in S$ , we denote by  $\overline{s}$  the equivalence class of *s* in *R*/*I*. Let  $\overline{S} = {\overline{s} \mid s \in S}$ . Then  $\overline{S}$  is a multiplicative subset of *R*/*I*. Let *P* be a proper ideal of *R* containing *I* such that  $P/I \cap \overline{S} = \emptyset$ . We show that *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R* if and only if *P*/*I* is a generalized  $\overline{S}$ -prime ideal of *R*/*I* (Proposition 2.7). Also, we give a new characterization for an ideal *P* of *R* to be a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*. Let *P* be an ideal of *R* disjoint with *S*. It is proved in Theorem 2.9 that the following conditions are equivalent.

- 1. *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*.
- 2. *P* satisfies:
  - (i) for all  $\alpha, \beta \in R$ , there exists an  $s \in S$  such that if  $\alpha \beta \in P$ , then  $s\alpha \in \sqrt{P}$  or  $s\beta \in \sqrt{P}$ .
  - (ii) for each  $x \in R$  if  $x^2 \in P$ , then  $sx \in P$  for some  $s \in S$ .

We end the first part of this paper by giving a relationship between generalized *S*-prime ideals of a ring *R* and those of the idealization ring R(+)M. First, let us recall the notion of idealization ring R(+)M. Let *R* be a commutative ring with identity and *M* a unitary *R*-module. Then the *Nagata's idealization* of *M* in *R* (or *trivial extension* of *R* by *M*) is a commutative ring

$$R(+)M := \{(r, m) | r \in R \text{ and } m \in M\}$$

under the usual addition and the multiplication defined by  $(r_1, m_1)(r_2, m_2) = (r_1r_2, r_1m_2 + r_2m_1)$  for all  $(r_1, m_1), (r_2, m_2) \in R(+)M$ . It is clear that (1, 0) is the identity of R(+)M; and if *S* is a multiplicative subset of *R*, then S(+)M and S(+)0 are multiplicative subsets of R(+)M. For an ideal *P* of *R* disjoint with *S*, we show that P(+)M is a generalized S(+)M-prime ideal of R(+)M if and only if *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R* equivalent to P(+)M is a generalized S(+)0-prime ideal of R(+)M(Proposition[2.17]).

In the second part of this paper, we study minimal generalized *S*-prime ideals of a commutative ring. First, we need to collect some necessary notions. Following [8], a multiplicative set *S* of a commutative ring *R* is called *weakly anti-Archimedean* if for each family  $(s_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  of elements of *S* we have

$$(\cap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} s_{\alpha} R) \cap S \neq \emptyset.$$

Let *Q* be an ideal of *R* disjoint with *S* and *P* a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R* such that  $Q \subseteq P$ . We say that *P* is *minimal over Q* if *P* is minimal in the set of the generalized *S*-prime ideals of *R* containing *Q*. Let *S* be a weakly anti-Archimedean multiplicative subset of a ring *R*. We prove that each ideal of *R* disjoint with *S* is contained in a minimal generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R* (Theorem 3.3). In the particular case when *S* consists of units of *R*, we recover the following well-known result. Every proper ideal of ring *R* is contained in a minimal prime ideal of *R*.

#### 2 Characterizations of generalized *S*-prime ideal

We start this section by introducing the notion of generalized *S*-prime ideals.

**Definition 2.1.** Let *R* be a ring and *S* a multiplicative subset of *R*. An ideal *P* of *R* disjoint with *S* is called a generalized *S*-prime ideal if for all  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  there exists an  $s \in S$  such that  $\alpha\beta \in P$  implies  $s\alpha \in P$  or  $s\beta \in P$ .

Let *R* be a ring and *S* a multiplicative closed subset of *R*. Following [8], an ideal *P* of *R* disjoint with *S* is said to be an *S*-prime ideal of *R* if there exists an  $s \in S$  such that for all  $a, b \in R$  if  $ab \in P$ , then  $sa \in P$  or  $sb \in P$ . Clearly, every *S*-prime ideal of *R* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*. Note that the converse is true if *S* consists of units of *R*. The next result proved a relationship between the notion "*S*-prime" and the concept "generalized *S*-prime."

**Proposition 2.2.** Let R be a ring, S a finite multiplicative subset of R and P an ideal of R disjoint with S. Then the following assertions are equivalent.

- 1. *P* is an *S*-prime ideal of *R*.
- 2. *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*.

*Proof.*  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$ . Obvious.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Put  $S = \{s_1, ..., s_n\}$ . Assume that *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*, and let  $s = s_1 s_2 \cdots s_n$ . Then  $s \in S$ . Now, let  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  such that  $\alpha\beta \in P$ . By hypothesis,  $s_k\alpha \in P$  or  $s_k\beta \in P$  for some  $s_k \in S$ . This implies that  $s\alpha = s_1 \cdots s_k \cdots s_n \alpha \in P$  or  $s\beta = s_1 \cdots s_k \cdots s_n \beta \in P$ ; so  $s\alpha \in P$  or  $s\beta \in P$ , and hence *P* is an *S*-prime ideal of *R*.

We next give an example of a generalized S-prime ideal which is not a prime ideal.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}_{24}$  and S be the multiplicative subset of R generated by  $\overline{3}$ , i.e.,  $S = \{\overline{1}, \overline{3}, \overline{9}\}$ . Let  $P = (\overline{6}) = \{\overline{0}, \overline{6}, \overline{12}, \overline{18}\}$ . Then P is not a prime ideal of R, since  $\overline{3} \cdot \overline{4} \in P$  but neither  $\overline{3} \in P$  nor  $\overline{4} \in P$ . Moreover,  $P \cap S = \emptyset$ . It is easy to show that for each  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  such that  $\alpha\beta \in P$ , then  $\overline{3}\alpha \in P$  or  $\overline{3}\beta \in P$ which implies that P is a generalized S-prime ideal of R.

**Remark 2.4.** Let *R* be a ring and  $T \subseteq S$  be two multiplicatively closed subsets of *R*. If *P* is a generalized *T*-prime ideal of *R* such that  $P \cap S = \emptyset$ , then *P* is also a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*.

The following example shows that the reverse of the previous Remark is not true in general.

**Example 2.5.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}[X]$ ,  $S = \{2^n | n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$  and  $T = \{1\} \subseteq U(R)$ . Then  $T \subseteq S$  are two multiplicative subsets of R. Let  $P = 4X\mathbb{Z}[X]$ . By [8, Example 1] P is an S-prime ideal of R which implies that P is a generalized S-prime ideal of R. Note that P is not a generalized T-prime ideal of R because  $4X \in P$  but neither  $1 \cdot 4 \in P$  nor  $1 \cdot X \in P$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** Let R be a ring and  $T \subseteq S$  be two multiplicatively closed subsets of R. Assume that for each  $s \in S$ , there is an element  $t \in T$  such that  $st \in T$ . If P is a generalized S-prime ideal of R, then P a generalized T-prime ideal of R.

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  such that  $\alpha\beta \in P$ . There exists an  $s \in S$  such that  $s\alpha \in P$  or  $s\beta \in P$ . By hypothesis, there is an element  $t \in T$  such that  $st \in T$ . Let  $s' = st \in S$ . Then  $s'\alpha = st\alpha \in P$  or  $s'\beta = st\beta \in P$ . Hence P is a generalized T-prime ideal of R.

Let *R* be a commutative ring, *S* a multiplicative subset of *R* and *I* an ideal of *R* disjoint with *S*. Let  $s \in S$ , we denote by  $\overline{s}$  the equivalence class of *s* in *R*/*I*. Let  $\overline{S} = {\overline{s} | s \in S}$ . Then  $\overline{S}$  is a multiplicative subset of *R*/*I*.

**Proposition 2.7.** Let R be a ring, S a multiplicative subset of R and I an ideal of R disjoint with S. Let P be a proper ideal of R containing I such that  $P/I \cap \overline{S} = \emptyset$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent.

- 1. *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*.
- 2. P/I is a generalized  $\overline{S}$ -prime ideal of R/I.

*Proof.* First, note that  $P \cap S = \emptyset$  if and only if  $P/I \cap \overline{S} = \emptyset$ .

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Assume that *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*, and let  $\overline{\alpha}, \overline{\beta} \in R/I$  such that  $\overline{\alpha}\overline{\beta} \in P/I$ . This implies that  $\alpha\beta \in P$ ; so there exists an  $s \in S$  such that  $s\alpha \in P$  or  $s\beta \in P$ . Hence  $\overline{s\alpha} \in P/I$  or  $\overline{s\beta} \in P/I$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  such that  $ab \in P$ . Then  $\overline{ab} \in P/I$ . Since P/I is generalized  $\overline{S}$ -prime ideal of R/I, there exists an  $\overline{s} \in \overline{S}$  such that  $\overline{s\alpha} \in P/I$  or  $\overline{s\beta} \in P/I$ ; so  $s\alpha \in P$  or  $s\beta \in P$ . This shows that P is a generalized S-prime ideal of R.

Let *R* be a ring and *S* a multiplicative subset of *R*. The saturation of *S* is the set  $S^* = \{x \in R : xy \in S \text{ for some } y \in R\}$  is a multiplicative subset of *R* satisfying  $S \subseteq S^*$ , see [5]. Our next theorem gives equivalent conditions for an ideal *I* disjoint with *S* to be generalized *S*-prime.

Theorem 2.8. Let *P* be an ideal of *R* disjoint with *S*. Then the following assertions are equivalent.

- 1. *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*.
- 2. *P* is a generalized  $S^*$ -prime ideal of *R*.
- 3. For any  $a \in R$  and any finitely generated ideal *I* of *R*, there exists an  $s \in S$  such that if  $aI \subseteq P$ , then  $sa \in P$  or  $sI \subseteq P$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since  $S \subseteq S^*$ , it is sufficient to show that  $S^* \cap P = \emptyset$  by Remark 2.4. Assume that  $S^* \cap P \neq \emptyset$ , and let  $t \in S^* \cap P$ . Then there exists an  $s \in S$  such that s = tr for some  $r \in R$ . Thus, we conclude  $s \in S \cap P$ , a contradiction.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ . Let  $a \in R$  and  $I = (\alpha_1, ..., \alpha_n)$  a finitely generated ideal of R such that  $aI \subseteq P$ . Note that for each  $1 \le i \le n$ ,  $a\alpha_i \in aI \subseteq P$ . Then for each  $1 \le i \le n$ , there exists an  $s_i \in S$  such that  $s_i a \in P$  or  $s_i \alpha_i \in P$ . Let  $s = s_1 \cdots s_n$ . Then  $s \in S$ . Assume that  $sa \notin P$ . We show that  $sI \subseteq P$ . Since  $sa \notin P$ ,  $s_i a \notin P$  for each  $1 \le i \le n$ . This implies that for each  $1 \le i \le n$ ,

$$s\alpha_i = s_1 \cdots s_i \cdots s_n \alpha_i \in P$$
,

because  $s_i a \notin P$ . Thus  $sI \subseteq P$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  such that  $\alpha\beta \in P$ . Put  $I = \beta R$ . Then by hypothesis, there exists an  $s \in S$  such that  $s\alpha \in P$  or  $sI \subseteq P$ . Thus  $s\alpha \in P$  or  $s\beta \in P$ , and hence P is a generalized S-prime ideal of R.

Next we give a new characterization for an ideal *P* of *R* disjoint with *S* to be generalized *S*-prime.

**Theorem 2.9.** Let *P* be an ideal of *R* disjoint with *S*. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- 1. *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*.
- 2. *P* satisfies:
  - (i) for all  $\alpha, \beta \in R$ , there exists an  $s \in S$  such that if  $\alpha\beta \in P$ , then  $s\alpha \in \sqrt{P}$  or  $s\beta \in \sqrt{P}$ .
  - (ii) for each  $x \in R$  if  $x^2 \in P$ , then  $sx \in P$  for some  $s \in S$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$  (2). Suppose that *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*. We show (i). Let  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  such that if  $\alpha\beta \in P$ . Since *P* is generalized *S*-prime, there exists an  $s \in S$  such that  $s\alpha \in P$  or  $s\beta \in P$ . This implies that  $s\alpha \in \sqrt{P}$  or  $s\beta \in \sqrt{P}$ , because  $P \subseteq \sqrt{P}$ . It is clearly that if *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*, then the assertion (ii) hold.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). We show that *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*. Let  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  such that  $\alpha\beta \in P$ . Then there exists an  $s \in S$  such that  $s\alpha \in \sqrt{P}$  or  $s\beta \in \sqrt{P}$ .

**Case 1:**  $s\alpha \in \sqrt{P}$ . Then  $(s\alpha)^n \in P$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If *n* is even, then n = 2k for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ; so by hypothesis,  $s_1(s\alpha)^k \in P$  for some  $s_1 \in S$ . If *n* is odd, then n = 2k + 1 for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , which implies that  $(s\alpha)^{2k+2} = (s\alpha)^{n+1} \in P$ ; so by hypothesis,  $s_1(s\alpha)^{k+1} \in P$  for some  $s_1 \in S$ . Thus there exists an  $n_1 < n$ ,  $(n_1 = k \text{ if } n \text{ is even and } n_1 = k + 1 \text{ if } n \text{ is odd})$  and  $s_1 \in S$  such that  $s_1(s\alpha)^{n_1} \in P$ . This implies that  $(s_1s\alpha)^{n_1} \in P$ ; so there exists an  $n_1 < n$ , and  $t = s_1s \in S$  such that  $(t\alpha)^{n_1} \in P$ . If we continue this process, then we obtain,  $(t\alpha)^2 \in P$  or  $(t\alpha)^3 \in P$  for some  $t \in S$ . By using the hypothesis (ii), we get  $s't\alpha \in P$  for some  $s' \in S$ . So for  $t' = s't \in S$ , we have  $t'\alpha \in P$ .

**Case 2:**  $s\beta \in \sqrt{P}$ . In the same way (case 1) we can prove that  $t'\beta \in P$  for some  $t' \in S$ .

This show that *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*, and the proof is completed.

In the particular case when S = U(R) the set of units of *R*, we recover the following well-known result.

**Corollary 2.10.** Let P be a proper ideal of a ring R. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- 1. *P* is a prime ideal of *R*.
- 2. P satisfies:
  - (i) for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , such that  $\alpha\beta \in P$  implies  $\alpha \in \sqrt{P}$  or  $\beta \in \sqrt{P}$ .
  - (ii) for each  $x \in R$ ,  $x^2 \in P$  implies  $x \in P$ .

**Proposition 2.11.** Let R be a commutative ring, S a multiplicative subset of R and P a generalized S-prime ideal of R.

- 1. Let Q be an ideal of R such that  $Q \cap S \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $P \cap Q$  and PQ are generalized S-prime ideals of R.
- 2. Let Q be an ideal of R such that  $Q \subseteq P$ , then for each  $x \in \sqrt{Q}$ , there exists an  $s \in S$  such that  $sx \in P$ .

*Proof.* (1). Since  $P \cap S = \emptyset$ , clearly we have  $(P \cap Q) \cap S = \emptyset$  and  $PQ \cap S = \emptyset$ . Let  $\alpha\beta \in P \cap Q$ . Then  $s\alpha \in P$  or  $s\beta \in P$  for some  $s \in S$ . Let  $t \in Q \cap S$ . Then  $st\alpha \in P \cap Q$  or  $st\beta \in P \cap Q$ . Thus  $P \cap Q$  is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*. The proof is similar for *PQ*.

(2). Let  $x \in \sqrt{Q}$ , then there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  such that  $x^n \in Q \subseteq P$ . Thus  $x \cdot x \cdots x \in P$  which implies that  $s_1x \in P$  or  $s_1(x)^{n-1} \in P$  for some  $s_1 \in S$ . If  $s_1x \in P$ , then the prof is completed. If  $s_1(x)^{n-1} \in P$ , then  $s_1s_2x \in P$  or  $s_2(x)^{n-2} \in P$  for some  $s_2 \in S$ . If we continue this process, then we obtain  $tx \in P$  for some  $t \in S$ .

**Proposition 2.12.** Let  $f : R \to T$  be a ring homomorphism and S be a multiplicatively closed subset of R such that f(S) does not contain zero. If Q is a generalized f(S)-prime ideal of T, then  $f^{-1}(Q)$  is a generalized S-prime ideal of R.

*Proof.* Note that if  $s \in f^{-1}(Q) \cap S$ , then  $f(s) \in Q \cap S$ , which is a contradiction. Hence,  $f^{-1}(Q) \cap S = \emptyset$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  such that  $\alpha\beta \in f^{-1}(Q)$ . Then  $f(\alpha\beta) = f(\alpha)f(\beta) \in Q$ , and since Q is a generalized S-prime ideal of T, there exists  $f(s) \in f(S)$  such that  $f(s)f(\alpha) \in Q$  or  $f(s)f(\beta) \in Q$ . This implies that  $s\alpha \in f^{-1}(Q)$  or  $s\beta \in f^{-1}(Q)$ , and hence  $f^{-1}(Q)$  is a generalized S-prime ideal of R.

**Proposition 2.13.** Let S be multiplicatively closed subset of a ring R and P an ideal of R disjoint with S. Then P is a generalized S-prime of R if and only if  $S^{-1}P$  is a prime ideal of  $S^{-1}R$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $S^{-1}P$  is a proper ideal of  $S^{-1}R$  if and only if  $S \cap P = \emptyset$ . Assume that *P* is a generalized *S*-prime of *R*, and let  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  and  $s, t \in S$  with  $\frac{\alpha}{s} \frac{\beta}{t} \in S^{-1}P$  and  $\frac{\alpha}{s} \notin S^{-1}P$ . Then  $s'\alpha\beta \in P$  for some  $s' \in S$ . Since *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal, there exists a  $t' \in S$  such that  $s't'\beta \in P$  and  $t'\alpha \notin P$ , because  $\frac{\alpha}{s} \notin S^{-1}P$ . Thus,  $\frac{\beta}{t} = \frac{s't'\beta}{s't't} \in S^{-1}P$ , and hence  $S^{-1}P$  is a prime ideal of  $S^{-1}R$ .

Conversely, assume that  $S^{-1}P$  is a prime of  $S^{-1}R$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  such that  $\alpha\beta \in P$ . Then  $\frac{\alpha}{1}\frac{\beta}{1} \in S^{-1}P$  which implies either  $\frac{\alpha}{1} \in S^{-1}P$  or  $\frac{\beta}{1} \in S^{-1}P$  since  $S^{-1}P$  is prime. Thus there exist  $s, t \in S$  such that either  $s\alpha \in P$  or  $t\beta \in P$ . Let  $s' = st \in S$ . Then we get either  $s'\alpha \in P$  or  $s'\beta \in P$ , and hence P is a generalized S-prime of R.

Let *R* be a ring. We denote by Reg(R) the set of regular elements of *R*. Combining Proposition 2.13 and [8], Remark 1], we get the following result.

**Corollary 2.14.** Let  $S \subseteq Reg(R)$  be multiplicatively closed subset of a ring R and P an ideal of R disjoint with S such that  $(S^{-1}P) \cap R = (P:s)$  for some  $s \in S$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent.

- 1. *P* is a generalized *S*-prime of *R*.
- 2. P is an S-prime of R.
- 3.  $S^{-1}P$  is a prime ideal of  $S^{-1}R$ .

Next, we characterize generalized S-prime ideals in a cartesian product of rings.

**Theorem 2.15.** Let  $R = R_1 \times R_2$  and  $S = S_1 \times S_2$  where  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  are multiplicatively closed subsets and  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$  be ideals of rings  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , respectively. Then the following assertions are equivalent.

- 1.  $P = P_1 \times P_2$  is a generalized *S*-prime of *R*.
- 2.  $P_1$  is a generalized  $S_1$ -prime of  $R_1$  and  $S_2 \cap P_2 \neq \emptyset$  or  $P_2$  is a generalized  $S_2$ -prime of  $R_2$  and  $S_1 \cap P_1 \neq \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$  (2). Assume that  $P = P_1 \times P_2$  is a generalized *S*-prime of *R*. Suppose that  $S_1 \cap P_1 = S_2 \cap P_2 = \emptyset$ . Let  $(\alpha, \beta) \in P$ . Then  $(\alpha, 1)(1, \beta) \in P$ ; so there exists an  $(s_1, s_2) \in S$  such that  $(s_1, s_2)(\alpha, 1) \in P$  or  $(s_1, s_2)(1, \beta) \in P$ . Thus, we get either  $s_2 \in S_2 \cap P_2$  or  $s_1 \in S_1 \cap P_1$ , a contradiction. Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $S_1 \cap P_1 \neq \emptyset$ , and we will prove that  $P_2$  is a generalized  $S_2$ -prime ideal of  $R_2$ . First,  $S_2 \cap P_2 = \emptyset$  as  $S \cap P = \emptyset$ . Let  $a, b \in R_2$  such that  $ab \in P_2$ . Choose  $t \in S_1 \cap P_1$ . Hence  $(t, a)(1, b) \in P$  which implies that  $s(t, a) \in P$  or  $s(1, b) \in P$  for some  $s = (s_1, s_2) \in S$ . Therefore,  $s_2a \in P_2$  or  $s_2b \in P_2$ , as needed.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Assume that  $P_1$  is a generalized  $S_1$ -prime ideal of  $R_1$  and  $S_2 \cap P_2 \neq \emptyset$ . Choose  $t \in S_2 \cap P_2$ . Let  $(a_1, a_2)(b_1, b_2) \in P$  for some  $a_1, b_1 \in R_1$  and  $a_2, b_2 \in R_2$ . Hence  $a_1b_1 \in P_1$  which implies that  $sa_1 \in P_1$ or  $sb_1 \in P_1$ . Now set  $s' = (s, t) \in S$ . Observe that  $s'(a_1, a_2)P$  or  $s'(b_1, b_2) \in P$ , and thus P is a generalized S-prime ideal of R. In the same way one can prove the claim if  $P_2$  is a generalized  $S_2$ -prime of  $R_2$  and  $S_1 \cap P_1 \neq \emptyset$ .

Using Theorem 2.15, we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.16.** Let  $R = R_1 \times \cdots \times R_n$  and  $S = S_1 \times \cdots \times S_n$ , where  $S_i$ 's are multiplicatively closed subsets of  $R_i$ 's for all  $i \in \{1, ..., n\}$ , respectively. Then  $P = P_1 \times \cdots \times P_n$  is a generalized S-prime ideal of R if and only if  $P_k$  is a generalized  $S_k$ -prime ideal of  $R_k$  for some  $k \in \{1, ..., n\}$  and  $S_i \cap P_i \neq \emptyset$  for all  $j \in \{1, ..., n\} \setminus \{k\}$ .

We end this section by giving a relationship between generalized *S*-prime ideals of a ring *R* and those of the idealization ring R(+)M. First, let us recall the notion of idealization ring R(+)M. Let *R* be a commutative ring with identity and *M* a unitary *R*-module. Then the *Nagata's idealization* of *M* in *R* (or *trivial extension* of *R* by *M*) is a commutative ring

$$R(+)M := \{(r, m) | r \in R \text{ and } m \in M\}$$

under the usual addition and the multiplication defined by  $(r_1, m_1)(r_2, m_2) = (r_1r_2, r_1m_2 + r_2m_1)$  for all  $(r_1, m_1), (r_2, m_2) \in R(+)M$ . It is clear that (1, 0) is the identity of R(+)M; and if *S* is a multiplicative subset of *R* and *N* is an *R*-submodule of *M*, then S(+)N is a multiplicative subset of R(+)M. For an ideal *I* of *R* and a submodule *N* of *M*, I(+)N is an ideal of R(+)M if and only if  $IM \subseteq N$ . Moreover, the radical of I(+)N is  $\sqrt{I(+)N} = \sqrt{I}(+)M$ . Note that if *S* is a multiplicative subset of *R*, then S(+)Mand S(+)0 are multiplicative subsets of R(+)M.

**Proposition 2.17.** Let S be a multiplicative subset of a ring R and M be an R-module. For an ideal P of R disjoint with S, the following statements are equivalent.

- 1. P(+)M is a generalized S(+)M-prime ideal of R(+)M.
- 2. *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*.
- 3. P(+)M is a generalized S(+)0-prime ideal of R(+)M.

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Let  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  such that  $\alpha\beta \in P$ . Then  $(\alpha, 0)(\beta, 0) \in P(+)M$ , which implies  $(s, m)(\alpha, 0) \in P(+)M$  or  $(s, m)(b, 0) \in P(+)M$  for some  $(s, m) \in S(+)M$ . This implies that  $s\alpha \in P$  or  $s\beta \in P$ . Thus *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Assume that  $(\alpha, m_1)(\beta, m_2) \in P(+)M$  for some  $(a, m_1), (b, m_2) \in R(+)M$ . Then  $ab \in P$ . By hypothesis, there exists an  $s \in S$  such that  $s\alpha \in P$  or  $s\beta \in P$ , and thus  $(s, 0)(\alpha, m_1) \in P(+)M$  or  $(s, 0)(\beta, m_2) \in P(+)M$ . Hence P(+)M is a generalized S(+)0-prime ideal of R(+)M.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Follows from Remark 2.4 as  $S(+)0 \subseteq S(+)M$ .

## **3** Minimal generalized *S*-prime ideals

Let *R* be a commutative ring and *S* a multiplicative set of *R*. Recall from [2] (or [7]) that *R* is called an *S*-Noetherian ring if each ideal *I* of *R* is *S*-finite, *i.e.*, there exist an element  $s \in S$  and a finitely generated ideal *J* of *R* such that  $sI \subseteq J \subseteq I$ . We start this section by giving the *S*-invariant (using the "generalized *S*-prime" concept) of the Cohen type theorem for *S*-Noetherian rings.

Theorem 3.1. Let *S* be a multiplicative subset of *R*. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- 1. *R* is *S*-Noetherian.
- 2. Every generalized S-prime ideal of R is S-finite.
- 3. Every prime ideal of *R* is *S*-finite.

*Proof.*  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  Obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Assume that every generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R* is *S*-finite. Let *P* be a prime ideal of *R*. Clearly if  $P \cap S \neq \emptyset$ , then *P* is *S*-principal which implies that *P* is *S*-finite. Now, if  $P \cap S = \emptyset$ , then *P* is an *S*-prime ideal of *R*; so by hypothesis, *P* is *S*-finite. (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Follows from [2]. Corollary 5].

Let *R* be a commutative ring and *S* a multiplicative subset of *R*. Following [2], we say that *S* is *anti-Archimedean* if  $\bigcap_{n\geq 1} s^n R \cap S \neq \emptyset$  for every  $s \in S$ . In [8], the authors generalized this notion by introducing the concept of weakly anti-Archimedean multiplicative set. According to [8], a multiplicative set *S* of a commutative ring *R* is called *weakly anti-Archimedean* if for each family  $(s_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  of elements of *S* we have

$$(\cap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} s_{\alpha} R) \cap S \neq \emptyset.$$

Note that every weakly anti-Archimedean multiplicative set is anti-Archimedean. The converse is not true as was observed in [4, Example 2.7.].

**Lemma 3.2.** Let R be a commutative ring, S a weakly anti-Archimedean multiplicative subset of R and  $(P_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  be a chain of generalized S-prime ideals of R. Then  $P = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} P_{\alpha}$  is a generalized S-prime ideal of R.

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  such that  $\alpha\beta \in P$ . We prove that there exists an  $s \in S$  such that either  $s\alpha \in P$  or  $s\beta \in P$ . Since  $\alpha\beta \in P$ , then for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ ,  $\alpha\beta \in P_{\lambda}$ ; so there exists an  $s_{\lambda} \in S$  such that  $s_{\lambda}\alpha \in P_{\lambda}$  or  $s_{\lambda}\beta \in P_{\lambda}$  since  $P_{\lambda}$  is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*. Now, as *S* is a weakly multiplicative set, then  $(\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} s_{\lambda}R) \cap S \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $s \in (\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} s_{\lambda}R) \cap S$ . Then we have, for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ ,  $\alpha\beta \in P_{\lambda}$ ; so  $s_{\lambda}\alpha \in P_{\lambda}$  or  $s_{\lambda}\beta \in P_{\lambda}$ . Since  $s \in (\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} s_{\lambda}R) \cap S$ , then we can write  $s = s_{\lambda}a_{\lambda}$  for some  $a_{\lambda} \in R$ . Thus

$$s\alpha = s_{\lambda}a_{\lambda}\alpha \in P_{\lambda} \text{ or } s\beta = s_{\lambda}a_{\lambda}\beta \in P_{\lambda}.$$

This shows that *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*.

Let Q be an ideal of R disjoint with S and P a generalized S-prime ideal of R such that  $Q \subseteq P$ . We say that P is minimal over Q if P is minimal in the set of the generalized S-prime ideals of R containing Q.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let *S* be a weakly anti-Archimedean multiplicative subset of a ring *R*. Then each ideal of *R* disjoint with *S* is contained in a minimal generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*.

*Proof.* Let *Q* be an ideal of *R* and let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the set of generalized *S*-prime ideals containing *Q*. First, we show that  $\mathcal{L} \neq \emptyset$ . It well-known that for each ideal *I* of *R*, there exists a prime ideal of *R* such that  $I \subseteq P$  and  $P \cap S = \emptyset$ . Now, since *Q* is an ideal of *R*, then there exists a prime ideal *P* of *R* such that  $Q \subseteq P$  and  $P \cap S = \emptyset$ . It is easy to prove that *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R* because every prime ideal disjoint with *S* is generalized *S*-prime. This shows that  $P \in \mathcal{L}$ , and thus  $\mathcal{L} \neq \emptyset$ . On the other hand, the set  $\mathcal{L}$  is ordered by " $\supseteq$ ". Moreover,  $\mathcal{L}$  is inductive. Indeed, let  $(P_{\lambda})_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  be a chain of elements of  $\mathcal{L}$ . Put  $P = \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} P_{\lambda}$ . By Lemma 3.2 *P* is a generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*. Since for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ ,  $Q \subseteq P_{\lambda}$ , we get  $Q \subseteq P$ . Thus *P* is an upper bound for the chain  $(P_{\lambda})_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ . Thus by Zorn's Lemma  $\mathcal{L}$  has a maximal element for " $\supseteq$ ". Hence *Q* is contained in a minimal generalized *S*-prime ideal of *R*.

We end this article by recover (using the previous Theorem) the following well-known result on minimal prime ideals.

**Corollary 3.4.** Let R be a ring. Then each proper ideal of R is contained in a minimal prime ideal of R.

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