

## The $S$ -pseudo radical, the $S$ -prime radical and new classes of ideals

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**Abstract.** This paper explores the  $S$ -pseudo radical (respectively, the  $S$ -prime radical) of an ideal of noncommutative rings (respectively, commutative rings), where  $S$  is an  $m$ -system (respectively, a multiplicatively closed subset) of  $R$ . We highlight the distinction between these two radical concepts in the commutative and noncommutative settings. Our study includes properties, examples, and connections between  $S$ -pseudo radicals (respectively, the  $S$ -prime radical), and related structures. We also introduce the notions of  $S$ -nilary and right  $S$ -primary (respectively,  $S_S$ -primary) ideals, study their properties, and characterize their behavior in various related ring constructions.

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### 1 Introduction

Consider a noncommutative ring  $R$ . The *pseudo radical* of an ideal  $I$  in  $R$  is symbolized as  $\sqrt{I}$ , and was defined in [10] as the sum of all ideals  $A$  in  $R$  such that  $A^n \subseteq I$  for some positive integer  $n$ ; i.e.,

$$\sqrt{I} = \sum \{A \triangleleft R : A^n \subseteq I \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

This definition generalizes the concept of the radical of an ideal as known in the commutative setting. Specifically, in a commutative ring, the radical of an ideal  $I$  coincides with the set

$$\sqrt{I} = \{r \in R : r^n \in I \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

which is the intersection of all prime ideals of  $R$  that contain  $I$ . However, in noncommutative rings, the two concepts diverge: the pseudo radical is in general strictly contained within the prime radical. Nevertheless, it is noted in Lemma 1.2 of [10] that they coincide when  $\sqrt{I}$  is finitely generated. Therefore throughout the paper, when we say "pseudo radical", we mean that the ring  $R$  is noncommutative. Referring to [10], many properties and corollaries of the pseudo radical have been shown. In particular see in Section 3 of [10] the results related to nilary and right primary ideals, which are generalizations of quasi-primary and primary ideals in commutative rings, respectively. It is well known that an ideal  $K$  of a commutative ring  $R$  is said to be primary (quasi-primary) if  $ab \in K$  implies  $a \in K$  ( $a \in \sqrt{K}$ ) or  $b \in \sqrt{K}$ , for  $a, b \in R$ .

Let  $S$  be a multiplicatively closed set of a commutative ring  $R$ ; i.e.,  $1 \in S$ ,  $0 \notin S$ , and  $s_1 s_2 \in S$  for all  $s_1, s_2 \in S$ . The concept of  $S$ -Noetherian rings was first introduced in [8] in commutative rings, then, many papers have generalized this new concept into noncommutative rings, notably in [24], we see an  $S$ -analogue of Cohen's Theorem (where  $S$  is a multiplicatively closed set) as a generalization of the prior work in [23].

The concept of  $S$ -prime ideals was introduced in commutative rings by Hamed and Malek in [15]. An ideal  $K \subseteq R$  that does not intersect  $S$  is called  $S$ -prime if there exists  $s \in S$  such that for all  $\alpha, \beta \in R$ ,  $\alpha\beta \in K$  implies  $s\alpha \in K$  or  $s\beta \in K$ . It was shown therein that  $R$  is  $S$ -Noetherian if and only if every  $S$ -prime ideal is  $S$ -finite. This framework has been explored in many directions—see, for example, [3, 4, 7, 11, 12, 18, 20, 21]—including studies of  $S$ -primary ideals. According to [18, 21], an ideal  $K$  disjoint from  $S$  is  $S$ -primary if there exists  $s \in S$  such that for all  $\alpha, \beta \in R$ ,  $\alpha\beta \in K$  implies  $s\alpha \in K$  or  $s\beta \in \sqrt{K}$ . With this, in refer to [22], the notion  $\sqrt[S]{I}$  of the  $S$ -prime radical of an ideal  $I$  disjoint from  $S$ , was introduced as an  $S$ -analogue of the prime radical of  $I$  as

$$\sqrt[S]{I} = \{r \in R : r^n s \in I, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists s \in S\}.$$

The notion of  $S$ -prime radical of an ideal  $I$  was used in [14], to give a correspondence between  $S$ -idempotents of  $R$  and clopen sets of  $S$ -Zariski topology, and to demonstrate some relations between pure ideals and  $S$ -pure ideals. Recently, several studies in noncommutative rings generalized the concept of  $S$ -Noetherian rings such as [2, 9, 17]. In addition, the concept of  $S$ -prime ideals was also generalized to its noncommutative analogue; e.g. see in [1], where  $S$  was an  $m$ -system, with the motivation that the concept of  $m$ -system is closely tied to the concept of prime ideals in noncommutative rings. In addition, a definition of the  $S$ -pseudo radical, was given in [5] as the following. Let  $S \subseteq R$  be an  $m$ -system of a ring  $R$ , and let  $I$  be in ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ . Then, the sum of ideals  $A$  with  $A^n \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and some  $s \in S$  is called the  $S$ -pseudo radical  $\sqrt[S]{I}$  of  $I$ ; i.e.,

$$\sqrt[S]{I} = \sum \{A \triangleleft R : A^n \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle) \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } s \in S\}.$$

**The objective.** Main results of the paper are grouped in two main parts: Section 2 and Section 3 consist of results in noncommutative rings, while Section 4 and Section 5 are devoted to commutative rings. In the current article, we give a more general definition of  $S$ -pseudo radical, and we give several examples and properties, specifically, in case that  $S$  is contained in the center  $C(R)$  of the ring  $R$ . In the third section, we introduce the concept of  $S$ -nilary (principally  $S$ -nilary) ideals and right  $S$ -primary ideals as generalizations of the nilary and right primary ideals, respectively, and we show how these ideals are closely tied to the  $S$ -pseudo radical. In particular, Theorem 3.19 states that if a ring  $R$  has ACC (the ascending chain condition) on the  $S$ -nilpotent ideals, where  $S$  is an  $m$ -system of  $R$  such that  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , and if  $K$  is right  $S$ -primary of  $R$ , then  $\sqrt[S]{K}$  is prime. In the fourth section, we study the structure of the  $S$ -prime radical of an ideal in commutative rings. We give several examples, properties, and show that the  $S$ -prime radical of an ideal  $K$  is the intersection of all prime ideals that contain  $K$  and disjoint from  $S$ , which naturally implies  $\sqrt{K} \subseteq \sqrt[S]{K}$ . We investigate when  $\sqrt[S]{K} = K$ , referring to such ideals as  $S$ -radical, and prove that the  $S$ -radicalization operation is idempotent. Finally, Section 5 introduces the concept of  $S_S$ -primary ideals, and provides several characterizations and examples. One key result is that for an ideal  $K$ , if  $K \cap S = \emptyset$ , then  $(K : s)$  is primary if and only if it is  $S_S$ -primary for some  $s \in S$ . In addition, we characterize the  $S_S$ -primary ideals of related rings to the ring  $R$  such as the  $S_S$ -primary ideal  $K(+M)$  of the trivial ring extension  $R(+M)$ , amalgamated duplication  $R \bowtie I$ , and amalgamated structures  $R \bowtie^{\varphi} J$  with respect to ring homomorphisms.

**Why use an  $m$ -system?** In commutative ring theory, given a prime ideal  $K$ , the complement  $R \setminus K$  forms a multiplicatively closed set. This underpins the definitions of  $S$ -prime and  $S$ -primary ideals. However, in the noncommutative setting,  $R \setminus K$  need not be multiplicatively closed, though it still forms an  $m$ -system. Thus, one cannot define  $S$ -primeness in the same way unless  $S$  is taken to be an  $m$ -system.

Recognizing this, the first author in [1] introduced the concept of right  $S$ -prime ideals for noncommutative rings. Here, an ideal  $K$  disjoint from an  $m$ -system  $S$  is called right  $S$ -prime if for all ideals

$a, b \triangleleft R$  with  $ab \subseteq K$ , it follows that  $a\langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  or  $b\langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  for some  $s \in S$ . Under this definition, any prime ideal  $K$  becomes  $(R \setminus K)$ -prime, aligning this noncommutative framework with its commutative counterpart when  $S$  is generalized to an  $m$ -system rather than a multiplicative set.

## 2 $S$ -pseudo radical of an ideal in noncommutative rings

All the rings in this section are noncommutative and with identity.  $S$  is assumed to be an  $m$ -system of a ring  $R$ , even if not explicitly mentioned.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ . Then, we call the ideal

$$\sqrt[I]{I} = \sum \{A_i \triangleleft R : A_i^{n_i} \subseteq (I : \langle s_i \rangle), \exists n_i \in \mathbb{N}, \exists s_i \in S, i \in \mathbb{A} \text{ for some index set } \mathbb{A}\}$$

the  $S$ -pseudo radical of  $I$ . Note that if  $a \in \sqrt[I]{I}$ , then  $a = a_{i_1} + \dots + a_{i_k}$  for some  $a_{i_l} \in A_{i_l}$ ,  $1 \leq l \leq k < \infty$ .

**Remark 2.2.** The following are some quick investigations.

- If  $S \subseteq U(R)$ , then the concepts of  $S$ -pseudo radical and pseudo radical of  $I$  coincide.
- Let  $J$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $J^n \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$  for some  $s \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,  $J \subseteq \sqrt[I]{I}$ . In particular, we have  $I \subseteq \sqrt[I]{I}$ , since  $I \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$ .
- Note that if  $I = R$ , then  $\sqrt[I]{I} = R$ . However, it is worthy to emphasize that if  $I \cap S = \phi$ , then  $\sqrt[I]{I} \neq R$ . Because, if  $\sqrt[I]{I} = R$ , then  $R\langle s \rangle \subseteq I$ , which implies  $s \in I$ , which is a contradiction. Also, it is clear that  $\sqrt[I]{I} \cap S = \phi$ , because if  $s_1 \in \sqrt[I]{I} \cap S$ , then,  $s_1 \in W$  and  $W^m \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$  for some ideal  $W$  of  $R$  and some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , hence,  $\langle s_1 \rangle^m \langle s \rangle \subseteq W^m \langle s \rangle \subseteq I$ . By the  $m$ -system property, there exists  $s' \in S$  such that  $s' \in \langle s_1 \rangle^m \langle s \rangle \subseteq I$ , that contradicts with  $I \cap S = \phi$ .

**Remark 2.3.** In this remark, we give a simpler equivalent definition of the  $S$ -pseudo radical of  $I$  in  $R$ . Let  $J_1, J_2$  be any ideals with  $J_i^{n_i} \subseteq (I : \langle s_i \rangle)$  for some  $n_i \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $s_i \in S$  where  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . Because  $S$  is an  $m$ -system, there exists  $s' \in S$  such that  $s' = s_1 r s_2$  for some  $r \in R$ . Now  $J_1^{n_1} \langle s_1 \rangle \subseteq I$ , and  $J_2^{n_2} \langle s_2 \rangle \subseteq I$  implying that  $J_1^{n_1} \langle s' \rangle \subseteq J_1^{n_1} R s_1 R^3 \subseteq I$  and  $J_2^{n_2} \langle s' \rangle \subseteq J_2^{n_2} R^3 s_2 R \subseteq I$ , respectively. Thus,  $J_i^{n_i} \subseteq (I : \langle s' \rangle)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Hence, the Definition 2.1 can be set as the following (Definition 2.28 of [5]):

$$\sqrt[I]{I} = \sum \{A_i \triangleleft R : A_i^{n_i} \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle), \exists n_i \in \mathbb{N}, \exists s \in S, i \in \mathbb{A} \text{ for some index set } \mathbb{A}\},$$

and we call  $s$  the maximal element with respect to  $\sqrt[I]{I}$ . The next proposition is a consequence of the renewed definition.

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $I$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$  such that  $I \cap S = \phi$ . Then

- (i)  $I \subseteq \sqrt{I} \subseteq \sqrt[I]{I}$ .
- (ii)  $\sqrt[I]{I} = \{r \in R : \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists s \in S, \exists W_r \triangleleft R \text{ such that } r \in W_r \text{ and } W_r^n \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)\}$ .

*Proof.* (i) The inclusion  $I \subseteq \sqrt{I}$  is by definition. Now assume that  $r \in \sqrt{I}$ , where  $r = r_{i_1} + \dots + r_{i_k} \in A_{i_1} + \dots + A_{i_k} = W$  for some  $A_{i_j}$ , such that  $A_{i_j}^{m_{i_j}} \subseteq I \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$  for some  $m_{i_j} \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ . Put  $m = \sum m_{i_j}$ .

It is straightforward to see that  $W^m \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$ . Thus,  $r \in W \subseteq \sqrt[I]{I}$ .

(ii) Let  $r$  be in the set right side of the equality. Then assuming  $W = W_r$ , similar arguments in the first part of the proof yield that  $r \in W_r \subseteq \sqrt[I]{I}$  with desired conditions. Conversely, let  $r \in W_r$  with  $W_r^m \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$ ,  $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ , for some ideal  $W_r$  of  $R$ . Then,  $r \in W_r \subseteq \sqrt[I]{I}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $A, B, I$  be ideals of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ . Then the following hold.

- (1) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\sqrt{A} \subseteq \sqrt{B}$ .
- (2) If  $A \subseteq \sqrt{I}$  and  $A$  is finitely generated, then  $A^m \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$ ,  $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\exists s \in S$ .

- (3) If  $\sqrt[n]{I}$  is finitely generated, then  $(\sqrt[n]{I})^m \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$ ,  $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\exists s \in S$ . Hence,  
 $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $A^m \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$  for any ideal  $A \subseteq \sqrt[n]{I}$ .
- (4)  $\sqrt[n]{A \cap B} = \sqrt[n]{A} \cap \sqrt[n]{B}$ .
- (5)  $\sqrt[n]{(I : \langle s \rangle)} = \sqrt[n]{I}$  for some  $s \in S$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $x \in \sqrt[n]{A}$ . Then, there exists an ideal  $W \triangleleft R$  such that  $x \in W$  and  $W^n \subseteq (A : \langle s \rangle)$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ . Thus,  $W^n \subseteq (B : \langle s \rangle)$  and  $x \in \sqrt[n]{B}$ .

(2) Suppose  $A \subseteq \sqrt[n]{I}$ . Because  $A$  is finitely generated,  $A \subseteq J_1 + \dots + J_k$  for some ideals  $J_1, \dots, J_k$ , where  $J_i^{m_i} \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$ ,  $\exists m_i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\exists s \in S$ . Put  $m = m_1 + \dots + m_k$ . Then,  $A^m \subseteq (J_1 + J_2 + \dots + J_k)^m \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$ .

(3) Clear by (2).

(4) By (1),  $\sqrt[n]{A \cap B} \subseteq \sqrt[n]{A} \cap \sqrt[n]{B}$ . Let  $x \in \sqrt[n]{A} \cap \sqrt[n]{B}$ . Then, there exist ideals  $U, W \triangleleft R$  such that  $x \in U \cap W$  and  $U^n \subseteq (A : \langle s_1 \rangle)$ ,  $W^m \subseteq (B : \langle s_2 \rangle)$ , for some  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s_1, s_2 \in S$ . Let  $s = s_1 r s_2 \in S$  for some  $r \in R$ . Then,

$$(U \cap W)^{n+m} \subseteq U^n \cap W^m \subseteq (A : \langle s_1 \rangle) \cap (B : \langle s_2 \rangle) \subseteq (A : \langle s \rangle) \cap (B : \langle s \rangle).$$

Thus,  $(U \cap W)^{n+m} \subseteq (A \cap B : \langle s \rangle)$ , and hence,  $x \in \sqrt[n]{A \cap B}$ .

(5) Since  $I \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$ , then by (1) we have that  $\sqrt[n]{I} \subseteq \sqrt[n]{(I : \langle s \rangle)}$ . Conversely, let  $x \in \sqrt[n]{(I : \langle s \rangle)}$ . Then,  $\exists W \triangleleft R$  such that  $x \in W$  and  $W^n \subseteq ((I : \langle s \rangle) : \langle s \rangle)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ . Thus,  $W^n \subseteq (I : \langle s_1 \rangle)$  for some  $s_1 \in S$ , and hence,  $x \in W \subseteq \sqrt[n]{I}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6.** Let  $A, B, I$  be ideals of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ . If  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , then the following statements hold.

- (1)  $\sqrt[n]{AB} = \sqrt[n]{A \cap B} = \sqrt[n]{A} \cap \sqrt[n]{B}$ .
- (2) If the ideal  $\sqrt[n]{I}$  is finitely generated, then  $\sqrt[n]{\sqrt[n]{I}} = \sqrt[n]{I}$ .
- (3)  $\sqrt[n]{I^n} = \sqrt[n]{I}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .
- (4) If  $A^n \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle) \subseteq A$ ,  $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\exists s \in S$ , then  $\sqrt[n]{A} = \sqrt[n]{I}$ .

*Proof.* (1) Since  $AB \subseteq A \cap B$ , then by (1) of Lemma 2.5,  $\sqrt[n]{AB} \subseteq \sqrt[n]{A \cap B}$ . Let  $x \in \sqrt[n]{A \cap B}$ . Then, there exists an ideal  $W$  such that  $x \in W$  and

$$W^n \subseteq (A \cap B : \langle s \rangle) = (A : \langle s \rangle) \cap (B : \langle s \rangle).$$

Hence,  $W^{2n} \subseteq (A : \langle s \rangle)(B : \langle s \rangle)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and some  $s \in S$ . Now for each  $y \in (A : \langle s \rangle)(B : \langle s \rangle)$ , there exist  $a \in (A : \langle s \rangle)$  and  $b \in (B : \langle s \rangle)$  such that  $y = ab$ ,  $a \langle s \rangle \subseteq A$  and  $b \langle s \rangle \subseteq B$ . Consequently,  $a \langle s \rangle b \langle s \rangle \subseteq AB$ . Since  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , then,  $ab \langle s \rangle \langle s \rangle \subseteq AB$ . Hence,  $ab \langle s_1 \rangle \subseteq ab \langle s \rangle \langle s \rangle \subseteq AB$  for  $s_1 = s r s$  and  $r \in R$ . Thus,  $y = ab \in (AB : \langle s_1 \rangle)$ , and hence,  $W^{2n} \subseteq (AB : \langle s_1 \rangle)$ . Thus,  $x \in W \subseteq \sqrt[n]{AB}$ , which implies that  $\sqrt[n]{A \cap B} \subseteq \sqrt[n]{AB}$ . The second equality follows from Lemma 2.5.

(2) Clearly  $\sqrt[n]{I} \subseteq \sqrt[n]{\sqrt[n]{I}}$ . Let  $x \in \sqrt[n]{\sqrt[n]{I}}$ . Then, there exists an ideal  $W$  such that  $x \in W$  and  $W^n \subseteq (\sqrt[n]{I} : \langle s \rangle)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , which yields that  $W^n \langle s \rangle \subseteq \sqrt[n]{I}$ . Since  $\sqrt[n]{I}$  is finitely generated, then by (3) of Lemma 2.5, there exists  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $(\sqrt[n]{I})^m \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$ . Consequently,  $(W^n \langle s \rangle)^m \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$ . Because  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , we get  $W^{nm} \langle s \rangle^m \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$ . Hence, there exists  $s' \in S$  with  $W^{nm} \subseteq (I : \langle s' \rangle)$ . Thus,  $x \in W \subseteq \sqrt[n]{I}$ , and hence  $\sqrt[n]{\sqrt[n]{I}} \subseteq \sqrt[n]{I}$ .

(3) Clear by (1).

(4) Suppose that  $A^n \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle) \subseteq A$ . Then, we have by (1) of Lemma 2.5 that  $\sqrt[n]{A^n} \subseteq \sqrt[n]{(I : \langle s \rangle)} \subseteq \sqrt[n]{A}$ . Hence, by (5) of Lemma 2.5, and by (3) of current lemma, we obtain  $\sqrt[n]{A} \subseteq \sqrt[n]{I} \subseteq \sqrt[n]{A}$ .  $\square$

We put next result that is Lemma 2.1 of [10], and its proof follows from Lemma 2.5 and Lemma 2.6, by taking  $S = \{1\}$ .

**Lemma 2.7.** [10] Let  $A, B, I$  be ideals of  $R$ . Then following statements hold.

- (1) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\sqrt{A} \subseteq \sqrt{B}$ .
- (2) If  $A \subseteq \sqrt{I}$  and  $A$  is finitely generated, then  $A^n \subseteq I$ .
- (3)  $\sqrt{AB} = \sqrt{A \cap B} = \sqrt{A} \cap \sqrt{B}$ .
- (4) If  $\sqrt{I}$  is finitely generated, then  $\sqrt{\sqrt{I}} = \sqrt{I}$ .

**Proper generalization.** In the following example we show that the definition of  $S$ -pseudo radical is a proper generalization of the pseudo radical of an ideal  $I$ .

**Example 2.8.** Let  $R = M_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , and  $S = \{s^{2^k} : k \geq 0\} = \{s, s^2, s^4, s^8, \dots\}$ , where  $s = 9(e_{11} + e_{22})$ . Then,  $S$  is an  $m$ -system of  $R$ . Consider the ideal  $I = M_2(\langle 12 \rangle)$ . Since  $\mathbb{Z}$  is Noetherian, then  $\sqrt{I} = M_2(J)$  is finitely generated, for some ideal  $J$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Hence, by Lemma 1.2 of [10],  $\sqrt{I} = \text{rad}(I) = M_2(\langle 6 \rangle)$ , and  $I \cap S = \emptyset$ . In addition,  $[M_2(\langle 2 \rangle)]^4 \langle s \rangle \subseteq I$ , and hence,  $M_2(\langle 2 \rangle) \subseteq \sqrt[4]{I} \neq R$ . But  $M_2(\langle 2 \rangle)$  is a maximal ideal which implies that  $M_2(\langle 2 \rangle) = \sqrt{I}$ .

**Definition 2.9.** An ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  disjoint from  $S$  is called  $S$ -radical if  $\sqrt[4]{I} = I$ .

In the next remark, we state some investigations.

**Remark 2.10.** (i) Every maximal (prime) ideal disjoint from  $S$  is an  $S$ -radical ideal. If  $P$  is a prime ideal and disjoint from  $S$ , then, for all  $x \in \sqrt[4]{P}$ , there exists an ideal  $W_x$  such that  $x \in W_x$  and  $W_x^n \langle s \rangle \subseteq P$ . Because  $\langle s \rangle \not\subseteq P$ , we have  $W_x \subseteq P$ . Hence,  $\sqrt[4]{P} = P$ .

(ii) If  $I$  is  $S$ -radical, then by Remark 2.2,  $I$  is radical, and the converse is not true in general. In the following example we show an ideal which is radical, but not  $S$ -radical.

**Example 2.11.** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be the same as in Example 2.8. Assume that  $I = M_2(\langle 6 \rangle)$ . As in Example 2.8, one may show that  $\sqrt{I} = I$ . However, since  $I \cap S = \emptyset$  and  $M_2(\langle 2 \rangle) \subseteq (I : \langle s \rangle)$ , then  $M_2(\langle 2 \rangle) = \sqrt{I}$ .

**Example 2.12.** Let  $R = M_2(\mathbb{Z}_6)$  and  $I = 0$ . Clearly,  $\sqrt{I} = I$ . Assume that  $S = \{s^{2^k} : k \geq 0\} = \{s, s^2, s^4, s^8, \dots\}$ , where  $s = 3(e_{11} + e_{22})$ . Then  $I \cap S = \emptyset$  and  $\sqrt[4]{I} = M_2(\langle 2 \rangle)$ . Since  $\sqrt[4]{I}$  is finitely generated and  $S \subseteq C(M_2(\mathbb{Z}_6))$ , then by item (2) of Lemma 2.6, we obtain  $\sqrt[\sqrt[4]{I}]{\sqrt[4]{I}} = \sqrt[4]{I}$ . Hence  $\sqrt[M_2(\langle 2 \rangle)]{M_2(\langle 2 \rangle)} = M_2(\langle 2 \rangle)$ .

We close this section by the theorem below.

**Theorem 2.13.** Let  $\varphi : R_1 \rightarrow R_2$  be a ring epimorphism. Consider an  $m$ -system  $S \subseteq R_1$ , and an ideal  $K$  of  $R_1$  disjoint from  $S$  which contains  $\ker(\varphi)$ . Then

$$\varphi(\sqrt[4]{K}) = \varphi^{(S)}\sqrt{\varphi(K)}.$$

*Proof.* Notice that if  $\varphi(S) \cap \varphi(K) \neq \emptyset$ , then given  $a \in \varphi(S) \cap \varphi(K)$ , there exist  $s_1 \in S$  and  $b \in K$  such that  $a = \varphi(s_1) = \varphi(b)$ . Hence,  $s_1 - b \in \ker(\varphi) \subseteq K$ , and thus  $s_1 \in K$ , contradiction. That is,  $\varphi(S) \cap \varphi(K) = \emptyset$ .

Now, given  $\beta \in \varphi(\sqrt[4]{K})$ , there exists  $\alpha \in \sqrt[4]{K}$  such that  $\beta = \varphi(\alpha)$ , and hence, there exists an ideal  $W$  of  $R_1$  such that  $\alpha \in W$  and  $W^n \langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ . Hence,  $\beta = \varphi(\alpha) \in \varphi(W)$  and  $\varphi(W)^n \langle \varphi(s) \rangle \subseteq \varphi(K)$ . Consequently,  $\beta \in \varphi^{(S)}\sqrt{\varphi(K)}$ , and thus,  $\varphi(\sqrt[4]{K}) \subseteq \varphi^{(S)}\sqrt{\varphi(K)}$ .

Conversely, for  $\beta \in \varphi^{(S)}\sqrt{\varphi(K)}$ , there exists an ideal  $U$  of  $R_2$  such that  $\beta \in U$  and  $U^n \langle \varphi(s) \rangle \subseteq \varphi(K)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\varphi(s) \in \varphi(S)$ . Notice that  $\ker(\varphi) \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(U) = W$  for some ideal  $W$  of  $R_1$ . Hence,  $\varphi(W) = U$  because  $\varphi$  is an epimorphism. Then, we have that  $U^n = [\varphi(W)]^n = \varphi(W^n) \subseteq \varphi(K)$ . Thus,

$$W^n \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(W^n)) \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(K)) = K \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle).$$

Hence,  $\beta \in \varphi(W) \subseteq \varphi(\sqrt[4]{K})$ , and consequently,  $\varphi^{(S)}\sqrt{\varphi(K)} \subseteq \varphi(\sqrt[4]{K})$ . □

### 3 Right $S$ -primary and $S$ -nilary ideals in noncommutative rings

In this section all the rings are noncommutative and with identity, unless explicitly mentioned otherwise.  $S$  is assumed to be an  $m$ -system of a ring  $R$ , even if not explicitly mentioned.

**Remark 3.1.** The concept of nilary (right primary) ideals were introduced in [13]. In this context, an ideal  $P$  of a ring  $R$  is called nilary (right primary), if whenever  $A$  and  $B$  are ideals of  $R$  with  $AB \subseteq P$ , then either  $A^m \subseteq P$  ( $A \subseteq P$ ) or  $B^n \subseteq P$  for some positive integers  $n, m$ . While the concept of principally right primary ideals was introduced in [16], by considering the ideals  $A$  and  $B$  in the previous definition of right primary ideals, as principal ideals. Later the concept of principally nilary ideals was introduced in [10], by considering the ideals  $A$  and  $B$ , in the previous definition of nilary ideals, as principal ideals.

In the following, we present the concepts of  $S$ -nilary ( $S$ -principally-nilary) and right  $S$ -primary (right  $S$ -principally-primary).

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $K$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$  such that  $K \cap S = \emptyset$ .

(i) The ideal  $K$  is said to be *right  $S$ -primary* (or *right  $S$ - $p$ -primary*) if for any pair of (principal) ideals  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}$  of  $R$  with  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} \subseteq K$ , it follows that either  $\mathfrak{a}\langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  or  $\mathfrak{b}^n \langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and an (fixed)  $s \in S$ .

(ii) The ideal  $K$  is called  *$S$ -nilary* (or  *$S$ - $p$ -nilary*) if for any pair of (principal) ideals  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}$  of  $R$  with  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} \subseteq K$ , we have either  $\mathfrak{a}^m \langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  or  $\mathfrak{b}^n \langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and an (fixed)  $s \in S$ .

**Remark 3.3.** (1) Every right  $S$ -prime (right  $S$ -primary) ideal is an  $S$ -nilary ideal.

(2) Every right primary ideal disjoint from  $S$ , is a right  $S$ -primary ideal.

(3) Every nilary ideal that is disjoint from  $S$ , is an  $S$ -nilary ideal. However, the converse does not always hold, as illustrated in the following example.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $R = M_2(\mathbb{Z}[x])$ , and  $K = M_2(\langle 9x \rangle)$ . It is shown in Example 2.12 of [1], that  $K$  is a right  $S$ -prime ideal which is not prime, where

$$S = \{s^{2^k} : k \geq 0\} = \{s, s^2, s^4, s^8, \dots\},$$

and  $s = 3(e_{11} + e_{22})$ . Hence,  $K$  is  $S$ -nilary. In addition, assuming that  $I = M_2(\langle 9 \rangle)$  and  $J = M_2(\langle x \rangle)$ , we obtain  $IJ = M_2(\langle 9 \rangle)M_2(\langle x \rangle) \subseteq K$ , and  $I^n, J^n \not\subseteq K$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence  $K$  is not nilary, i.e.,  $K$  is not right primary.

**Proposition 3.5.** Let  $K$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$  such that  $K \cap S = \emptyset$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

(1)  $K$  is an  $S$ - $p$ -nilary ideal.

(2) For any ideals  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}$  of  $R$  satisfying  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} \subseteq K$ , one of the inclusions  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \sqrt[S]{K}$  or  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \sqrt[S]{K}$  holds.

(3) If  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  are finitely generated ideals with  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} \subseteq K$ , then for some  $s \in S$ , either  $\mathfrak{a}^m \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$  or  $\mathfrak{b}^n \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$ , for some positive integers  $m, n$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Assume that  $K$  is an  $S$ - $p$ -nilary ideal, and let  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} \subseteq K$  for ideals  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subseteq R$ . If  $\mathfrak{a} \not\subseteq \sqrt[S]{K}$ , then take  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{a} \setminus \sqrt[S]{K}$ , so  $\langle \alpha \rangle \not\subseteq \sqrt[S]{K}$ . For any  $\beta \in \mathfrak{b}$ , we have  $\langle \alpha \rangle \langle \beta \rangle \subseteq K$ . By the definition of  $S$ - $p$ -nilary, either  $\langle \alpha \rangle^m \langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  or  $\langle \beta \rangle^n \langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $s \in S$ . The first case contradicts our assumption. Hence, each  $\langle \beta \rangle \subseteq \sqrt[S]{K}$ , and so  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \sqrt[S]{K}$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Assume  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}$  are finitely generated ideals such that  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} \subseteq K$ . Then by (2), either  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \sqrt[S]{K}$  or  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \sqrt[S]{K}$ . By Lemma 2.5 part (2), we obtain either  $\mathfrak{a}^m \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$  or  $\mathfrak{b}^n \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$  for some  $s \in S$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) This implication directly follows from the definition of  $S$ - $p$ -nilary ideals.  $\square$

One may set a proof for the following proposition similar to Proposition 3.5.

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $K$  be an ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  $K$  is an  $S$ - $p$ -primary ideal.
- (2) If  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}$  are ideals of  $R$  with  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} \subseteq K$ , then either  $\mathfrak{a}\langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  or  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$ .
- (3) If  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}$  are finitely generated ideals of  $R$  with  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b} \subseteq K$ , then either  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$  or  $\mathfrak{b}^m \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$  for some positive integers  $n, m$  and some  $s \in S$ .

**Remark 3.7.** In referring to [11], an ideal  $K$  of a commutative ring  $R$  disjoint from a multiplicatively closed subset  $S \subseteq R$  is called a quasi- $S$ -primary ideal, if there exists an element  $s \in S$  such that for all  $a, b \in R$  if  $ab \in K$ , then  $sa \in \sqrt{K}$  or  $sb \in \sqrt{K}$ . We give the next result in accordance with this definition. Recall that every multiplicatively closed subset is an  $m$ -system.

**Corollary 3.8.** *Let  $S$  be a multiplicatively closed subset of a commutative ring  $R$ , and let  $k$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $k \cap S = \emptyset$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $k$  is an  $S$ - $p$ -nilary ideal if and only if it is a quasi- $S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .
- (2)  $k$  is an  $S$ - $p$ -primary ideal if and only if it is an  $S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* (1) Suppose  $k$  is an  $S$ - $p$ -nilary ideal, and let  $a, b \in R$  such that  $ab \in k$ . Then  $\langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle \subseteq k$ , so by the definition, either  $\langle a \rangle^m \langle s \rangle \subseteq k$  or  $\langle b \rangle^n \langle s \rangle \subseteq k$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $s \in S$ . This implies either  $a^m s \in P$  or  $b^n s \in k$ , i.e.,  $(as)^m \in k$  or  $(bs)^n \in k$ , so  $as \in \sqrt{k}$  or  $bs \in \sqrt{k}$ . Thus,  $k$  is quasi- $S$ -primary.

Conversely, assume  $K$  is a quasi- $S$ -primary ideal, and suppose  $\langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle \subseteq K$  for some  $a, b \in R$ . Then  $ab \in K$ , and since  $K$  is quasi- $S$ -primary, we have either  $as \in \sqrt{K}$  or  $bs \in \sqrt{K}$  for some  $s \in S$ . Hence, there exist integers  $m, n \geq 1$  such that  $(as)^m \in K$  or  $(bs)^n \in K$ , i.e.,  $a^m s^m \in K$  or  $b^n s^n \in K$ . Let  $s'' = s^m s^n \in S$ , then either  $\langle a \rangle^m \langle s'' \rangle \subseteq K$  or  $\langle b \rangle^n \langle s'' \rangle \subseteq K$ , and hence  $K$  is  $S$ - $p$ -nilary.

(2) The argument follows the same pattern as in (1). □

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $S$  be an  $m$ -system of a ring  $R$  such that  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , and let  $P_1, \dots, P_n$  be  $S$ -nilary ideals of  $R$  such that*

$$(P_j^m : \langle s \rangle) \subseteq \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^n P_i : \langle s \rangle \right),$$

for a fixed  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\forall s \in S$ . Then,  $\prod_{i=1}^n P_i = P_1 \cdots P_n$  is an  $S$ -nilary ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $AB \subseteq P_1 \cdots P_n$  for some ideals  $A, B$  of  $R$ . Then  $AB \subseteq P_j$ , and hence, either  $A^{m_1} \langle s \rangle \subseteq P_j$  or  $B^{m_2} \langle s \rangle \subseteq P_j$  for some positive integers  $m_1, m_2$  and some  $s \in S$ . If  $A^{m_1} \langle s \rangle \subseteq P_j$ , then  $A^{m_1} \subseteq (P_j : \langle s \rangle)$ , and hence,  $A^{m_1 m} \subseteq (P_j : \langle s \rangle)^m$ . Since  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , it follows, by an argument similar to that in part (1) of Lemma 2.6, that the following holds:

$$(P_j : \langle s \rangle)^m \subseteq (P_j^m : \langle s' \rangle),$$

where  $s' = sr_1 sr_2 \cdots r_{m-1} s \in S$  for some  $r_1, \dots, r_{m-1} \in R$ . Hence, by the assumption,

$$A^{m_1 m} \subseteq (P_j : \langle s \rangle)^m \subseteq \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^n P_i : \langle s' \rangle \right) = (P_1 : \langle s' \rangle) \cap \cdots \cap (P_n : \langle s' \rangle),$$

and hence,

$$(A^{m_1 m})^n \subseteq (P_1 : \langle s' \rangle) \cdots (P_n : \langle s' \rangle).$$

Again, because  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , we obtain:

$$A^{m_1 m n} \subseteq (P_1 \cdots P_n : \langle s'' \rangle),$$

for some  $s'' = s' t_1 s' t_2 \cdots t_{n-1} s' \in S$ , and some  $t_1, \dots, t_{n-1} \in R$ . If  $B^{m_2} \langle s \rangle \subseteq P_j$ , then, similarly one may see that  $B^{m_2 m n} \subseteq (P_1 \cdots P_n : \langle s'' \rangle)$  for some  $s'' \in S$ . Thus,  $P_1 \cdots P_n$  is an  $S$ -nilary ideal of  $R$ . □

The proof of the following theorem is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.9.

**Theorem 3.10.** Suppose that  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , and let  $K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n$  be  $S$ - $p$ -nilary ideals of  $R$  such that:  $(K_j^m : \langle s \rangle) \subseteq (\cap_{i=1}^n K_i : \langle s \rangle)$ , for a fixed  $1 \leq j \leq n$ ,  $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\forall s \in S$ . Then,  $K_1 \cdots K_n$  is an  $S$ - $p$ -nilary ideal of  $R$ .

The proof of the next corollary follows from Theorem 3.9 (Theorem 3.10).

**Corollary 3.11.** Let  $S \subseteq C(R)$ . If  $K$  is  $S$ -nilary ( $S$ - $p$ -nilary) ideal of  $R$ , then so is  $K^n$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , and let  $K$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $K \cap S = \emptyset$ . Then,  $K$  is an  $S$ -nilary ideal if and only if  $(K : \langle s \rangle)$  is a nilary ideal of  $R$  for some  $s \in S$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $(K : \langle s \rangle)$  is a nilary ideal of  $R$ . Let  $ab \subseteq K$  for some ideals  $a, b$  of  $R$ . Then  $ab \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$ . Therefore,  $K$  is an  $S$ -nilary ideal of  $R$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $K$  is an  $S$ -nilary ideal of  $R$ , and let  $ab \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$  for some ideals  $a, b$  of  $R$ . Then  $ab\langle s \rangle \subseteq K$ . By assumption, either  $a^n\langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  or  $(b\langle s \rangle)^m\langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume  $a^n \not\subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$ . Since  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , it follows that  $b^m\langle s \rangle^{m+1} \subseteq K$ . Hence, either  $b^{mk}\langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  or  $\langle s \rangle^l \subseteq K$  for some  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ . The latter contradicts  $K \cap S = \emptyset$ , so we must have  $b^{mk}\langle s \rangle \subseteq K$ , and therefore  $b^{mk} \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$ .  $\square$

One may prove the following theorem similarly.

**Theorem 3.13.** Let  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , and  $K$  be an ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ . Then  $K$  is a right  $S$ -primary ideal if and only if  $(K : \langle s \rangle)$  is a right primary ideal of  $R$  for some  $s \in S$ .

**Proposition 3.14.** Let  $I, J, K$  be ideals of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ . Then the following hold.

- (1) If  $\sqrt[p]{K}$  is prime, then  $K$  is an  $S$ - $p$ -nilary ideal of  $R$ .
- (2) If  $\sqrt[p]{I}$  and  $\sqrt[p]{J}$  are prime, then  $\sqrt[p]{I \cap J}$  is prime if and only if  $\sqrt[p]{I} \subseteq \sqrt[p]{J}$  or  $\sqrt[p]{J} \subseteq \sqrt[p]{I}$ .
- (3) If  $\sqrt[p]{I}$  and  $\sqrt[p]{J}$  are prime, and  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , then  $\sqrt[p]{IJ}$  is prime if and only if  $\sqrt[p]{I} \subseteq \sqrt[p]{J}$  or  $\sqrt[p]{J} \subseteq \sqrt[p]{I}$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $\langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle \subseteq K$  for some  $a, b \in R$ . Then,  $\langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle \subseteq \sqrt[p]{K}$ . Hence, either  $\langle a \rangle \subseteq \sqrt[p]{K}$  or  $\langle b \rangle \subseteq \sqrt[p]{K}$ . Thus, by (2) of Lemma 2.5, either  $\langle a \rangle^n \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$  or  $\langle b \rangle^m \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$  for some  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(2) Suppose  $\sqrt[p]{I}$  and  $\sqrt[p]{J}$  are prime ideals. If  $\sqrt[p]{I \cap J}$  is prime, then

$$\sqrt[p]{I} \sqrt[p]{J} \subseteq \sqrt[p]{I \cap J} = \sqrt[p]{I \cap J},$$

by (4) of Lemma 2.5. Hence, either  $\sqrt[p]{I} \subseteq \sqrt[p]{I \cap J} \subseteq \sqrt[p]{J}$  or  $\sqrt[p]{J} \subseteq \sqrt[p]{I \cap J} \subseteq \sqrt[p]{I}$ . Conversely, without loss of generality, suppose  $\sqrt[p]{I} \subseteq \sqrt[p]{J}$ . Then,

$$\sqrt[p]{I \cap J} = \sqrt[p]{I} \cap \sqrt[p]{J} = \sqrt[p]{I}.$$

(3) The proof follows from (2) and from the item (1) of Lemma 2.6.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.15.** Let  $Q, P$  be ideals of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ . Then the following hold.

- (1) If  $Q$  is right  $S$ -prime,  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , and  $Q^n \subseteq P \subseteq Q$ , for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $P$  is  $S$ -nilary.
- (2) If  $Q$  is prime and  $Q^n \subseteq (P : \langle s \rangle) \subseteq Q$ , for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ , then  $P$  is  $S$ -nilary.

*Proof.* (1) Let  $ab \subseteq P$  for some ideals  $a, b$  of  $R$ . Then,  $ab \subseteq Q$ . Hence, either  $a\langle s \rangle \subseteq Q$  or  $b\langle s \rangle \subseteq Q$  for some  $s \in S$ . Therefore, either  $(a\langle s \rangle)^n \subseteq Q^n \subseteq P$  or  $(b\langle s \rangle)^n \subseteq Q^n \subseteq P$ . Since  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , then either  $a^n\langle s_1 \rangle \subseteq P$  or  $b^n\langle s_1 \rangle \subseteq P$ . Thus,  $P$  is  $S$ -nilary.

(2) Let  $ab \subseteq P$  for some ideals  $a, b$  of  $R$ . Then,  $ab \subseteq (P : \langle s \rangle) \subseteq Q$ . Hence, either  $a \subseteq Q$  or  $b \subseteq Q$ . Consequently, either  $a^n \subseteq Q^n \subseteq (P : \langle s \rangle)$  or  $b^n \subseteq Q^n \subseteq (P : \langle s \rangle)$ . Thus,  $P$  is  $S$ -nilary.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.16.** *Let  $K$  be an ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ , and  $\sqrt[n]{K}$  be finitely generated. Then the following statements hold.*

- (1) *If  $\sqrt[n]{K}$  is  $S$ -prime, and  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , then  $K$  is  $S$ -nilary.*
- (2) *If  $\sqrt[n]{K}$  is prime, then  $K$  is  $S$ -nilary.*
- (3) *If  $\sqrt[n]{K}$  is  $S$ -nilary ( $S$ - $p$ -nilary) and  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , then  $K$  is  $S$ -nilary.*

*Proof.* (1) Suppose  $\sqrt[n]{K}$  is  $S$ -prime, and  $S \subseteq C(R)$ . Since  $\sqrt[n]{K}$  is finitely generated, then, by (3) of Lemma 2.5, we get  $(\sqrt[n]{K})^m \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ . Let  $ab \subseteq K \subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$  for some ideals  $a, b$  of  $R$ . Hence, either  $a\langle s \rangle \subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$  or  $b\langle s \rangle \subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$  for some  $s \in S$ . Because  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , we obtain, either  $a^m\langle s_1 \rangle \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$  or  $b^m\langle s_1 \rangle \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$  for some  $s_1 \in S$ . Thus, either  $a^m\langle s_2 \rangle \subseteq K$  or  $b^m\langle s_2 \rangle \subseteq K$  for some  $s_2 \in S$ .

(2) Since  $\sqrt[n]{K}$  is finitely generated, then, by (3) of Lemma 2.5, we get  $(\sqrt[n]{K})^m \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle) \subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ . By (2) of Corollary 3.15, we get that  $K$  is  $S$ -nilary.

(3) The proof can be obtained similarly to (1).  $\square$

**Corollary 3.17.** *Let  $R$  be a ring in which for any two ideals  $A, B$ , and any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $A^m B^m \subseteq (AB)^n$ . Assume that  $S \subseteq C(R)$ , and let  $K$  be an ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ . If  $\sqrt[n]{K}$  is finitely generated, then  $\sqrt[n]{K}$  is  $S$ -prime if and only if  $K$  is  $S$ -nilary.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $K$  is  $S$ -nilary. Since  $\sqrt[n]{K}$  is finitely generated, then by (3) of Lemma 2.5, we get  $(\sqrt[n]{K})^n \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ . Let  $AB \subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$  for some ideals  $A, B$  of  $R$ . Then, there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$A^m B^m \subseteq (AB)^n \subseteq (\sqrt[n]{K})^n \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle).$$

But, by Theorem 3.12,  $(K : \langle s \rangle)$  is a nilary ideal. Hence, either  $A^m\langle s \rangle \subseteq K \subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$  or  $B^m\langle s \rangle \subseteq K \subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$  for some  $s \in S$ . The converse follows from (1) of Proposition 3.16.  $\square$

**Definition 3.18.** An ideal  $K$  of a ring  $R$ , is called  $S$ -nilpotent, if  $K^n\langle s \rangle = 0$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and some  $s \in S$ .

The next theorem examines the case when the  $R$  has the ascending chain condition (ACC) on the  $S$ -nilpotent ideals, where  $S$  is an  $m$ -system of  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.19.** Let  $R$  be a ring having ACC on the  $S$ -nilpotent ideals, and  $S \subseteq C(R)$ . If  $K$  is a right  $S$ -primary ideal, then  $\sqrt[n]{K}$  is a prime ideal.

*Proof.* Let  $A_j$  be one of the decomposed ideals of  $\sqrt[n]{K}$ . Then,  $A_j^n\langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ . Hence,

$$\left[ \frac{A_j^n + K}{K} \right] \left[ \frac{\langle s + K \rangle + K}{K} \right] \subseteq \frac{A_j^n\langle s \rangle + K}{K} \subseteq \frac{K}{K}.$$

Thus,  $A_j$  is  $\bar{S}$ -nilpotent in  $R/K$ . The assumption of the theorem implies that  $R/K$  has ACC on the  $\bar{S}$ -nilpotent ideals. Hence, the ascending sequence

$$A_{j_1} \subseteq A_{j_1} + A_{j_2} \subseteq \dots$$

has a largest element, after which the chain remains constant, for each decomposed ideal  $A_{j_i}$  of  $\sqrt[n]{K}$ . Hence,  $\sqrt[n]{K}$  is a finite sum of ideals, which implies by Remark 2.2, that  $\sqrt[n]{K} = W$ , where  $W^n \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus,  $(\sqrt[n]{K})^n \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$ .

Now let  $ab \subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$  for some ideals  $a, b$  of  $R$ . Then,  $(ab)^n \subseteq (\sqrt[n]{K})^n \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$ . Assume that  $n$  is the minimal positive integer that satisfies the inclusion. Assume that  $a \not\subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$ . Then,  $a^m \langle s \rangle \not\subseteq K$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ . If  $n = 1$ , then  $ab \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$ . Hence, by Theorem 3.13,  $(K : \langle s \rangle)$  is a right primary ideal, and thus,  $b^k \langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $n \geq 2$ , then

$$[(ab)^{n-1}a]b \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle).$$

Consequently, either  $[(ab)^{n-1}a] \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$  or  $b^{n_2} \langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  for some  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $(ab)^{n-1}a \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$ , then either  $(ab)^{n-1} \subseteq (K : \langle s \rangle)$ , which contradicts the minimality of  $n$ , or  $a^l \langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  for some  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , which is a contradiction. Thus,  $b \subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.20.** Let  $R$  be a ring has ACC on the  $S$ -nilpotent ideals. If  $K_1, \dots, K_n$  are  $S$ -nilary ideals of  $R$  with the same  $S$ -radical, then  $K = \bigcap_{i=1}^n K_i$  is an  $S$ -nilary ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* As in the proof of Theorem 3.19, one may see that  $(\sqrt[n_i]{K_i})^{n_i} \subseteq (K_i : \langle s_i \rangle)$  for some  $n_i \in \mathbb{N}$  and some  $s_i \in S$  depending on  $K_i$ . For  $n = 1$  the proof is trivial. Let  $n = 2$ , and  $AB \subseteq K = K_1 \cap K_2$  for some ideals  $A, B$  of  $R$ . Assume that  $A^m \langle s \rangle \not\subseteq K$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $A^m \langle s \rangle \not\subseteq K_1$ . Since  $AB \subseteq K \subseteq K_1$ , then  $B^{k_1} \langle s \rangle \subseteq K_1$ , and hence,  $B \subseteq \sqrt[k_1]{K_1} = \sqrt[k_1]{K_2}$ . Thus by (3) of Lemma 2.5,  $B^{k_2} \langle s \rangle \subseteq K_2$ . Hence,  $B^{\max\{k_1, k_2\}} \langle s \rangle \subseteq K$ . Consequently,  $K$  is an  $S$ -nilary ideal of  $R$ . By induction one can complete the proof easily.  $\square$

In what follows, we consider a ring epimorphism of noncommutative rings and its action on corresponding ideals.

**Theorem 3.21.** Let  $\varphi : R_1 \rightarrow R_2$  be a ring epimorphism,  $S \subseteq R_1$  be an  $m$ -system, and  $K$  be an ideal of  $R_1$  such that  $\ker(\varphi) \subseteq K$ . Then,  $K$  is an  $S$ -nilary ideal of  $R_1$  associated with  $s \in S$  if and only if  $\varphi(K)$  is an  $\varphi(S)$ -nilary ideal of  $R_2$  associated with  $\varphi(s)$ .

*Proof.* Initially, one may easily check that  $K \cap S = \emptyset$  if and only if  $\varphi(K) \cap \varphi(S) = \emptyset$ . Suppose that  $K$  is an  $S$ -nilary ideal, and that  $B_1 B_2 \subseteq \varphi(K)$  for some ideals  $B_1, B_2$  of  $R_2$ . Then,  $\exists A_1, A_2 \triangleleft R_1$  such that  $A_1 = \varphi^{-1}(B_1)$  and  $A_2 = \varphi^{-1}(B_2)$ . Since  $\varphi$  is an epimorphism, then  $\varphi(A_1) = B_1$  and  $\varphi(A_2) = B_2$ , which implies that  $\varphi(A_1 A_2) = B_1 B_2 \subseteq \varphi(K)$ . Thus,  $A_1 A_2 \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(A_1 A_2)) \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(K)) = K$ . Hence, either  $A_1^n \langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  or  $A_2^m \langle s \rangle \subseteq K$ , for some  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and hence, either  $B_1^n \langle \varphi(s) \rangle \subseteq K$  or  $B_2^m \langle \varphi(s) \rangle \subseteq K$ . Finally, it is easy to check that  $\varphi(S)$  is an  $m$ -system of  $R_2$ , and  $\varphi(S) \cap \varphi(K) = \emptyset$ . Thus,  $\varphi(S)$  is disjoint from  $\varphi(K)$ , and hence  $\varphi(K)$  is an  $\varphi(S)$ -nilary ideal of  $R_2$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\varphi(K)$  is an  $\varphi(S)$ -nilary ideal of  $R_2$ , and that  $A_1, A_2$  are ideals of  $R_1$  with  $A_1 A_2 \subseteq K$ . Then  $\varphi(A_1) \varphi(A_2) \subseteq \varphi(K)$ . Thus, for some  $\varphi(s) \in \varphi(S)$  and  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , either  $\varphi(A_1)^n \langle \varphi(s) \rangle \subseteq \varphi(K)$  or  $\varphi(A_2)^m \langle \varphi(s) \rangle \subseteq \varphi(K)$ . Hence, either

$$A_1^n \langle s \rangle \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(A_1^n \langle \varphi(s) \rangle)) \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(K)) = K$$

or  $A_2^m \langle s \rangle \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(A_2^m \langle \varphi(s) \rangle)) \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(K)) = K$ . Consequently,  $K$  is an  $S$ -nilary ideal of  $R_1$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.22.** Let  $\varphi : R_1 \rightarrow R_2$  be a ring epimorphism,  $S \subseteq R_1$  be an  $m$ -system, and  $B$  be an ideal of  $R_2$  such that  $\varphi^{-1}(B)$  is an  $S$ -nilary ideal of  $R_1$ . Then,  $B$  is an  $\varphi(S)$ -nilary ideal of  $R_2$ .

*Proof.* Since the inverse image of any ideal of  $R_2$  is an ideal of  $R_1$  that contains  $\ker(\varphi)$ , the proof follows from Theorem 3.21.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.23.** Let  $I, K$  be ideals of  $R$  such that  $I \subseteq K$  and  $K \cap S = \emptyset$ . Then the following hold.

- (1) If  $K$  is an  $S$ -nilary ideal of  $R$ , then  $\frac{K}{I}$  is an  $\bar{S}$ -nilary ideal of  $\frac{R}{I}$ .
- (2) If  $\frac{K}{I}$  is an  $\bar{S}$ -nilary ideal of  $\frac{R}{I}$ , and  $I$  is an  $S$ -nilary ideal of  $R$ , then  $K$  is an  $S$ -nilary ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\varphi: R \rightarrow \frac{R}{I}$  is the natural epimorphism.

(1) We have  $\ker \varphi = I \subseteq K$ . Since  $K$  is an  $S$ -nilary ideal of  $R$ , then by Theorem 3.21,  $\varphi(K) = \frac{K}{I}$  is an  $\varphi(S)$ -nilary ideal of  $\frac{R}{I}$ .

(2) Suppose that  $AB \subseteq K$  for some ideals  $A, B$  of  $R$ . If  $AB \subseteq I$ , then  $A^n \langle s \rangle \subseteq I \subseteq K$  or  $B^m \langle s \rangle \subseteq I \subseteq K$ , for some  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ . If  $AB \not\subseteq I$ , then  $\frac{A+I}{I} \cdot \frac{B+I}{I} \subseteq \frac{K}{I}$ . Thus, either  $\left(\frac{A+I}{I}\right)^n \langle \bar{s} \rangle \subseteq \frac{K}{I}$  or  $\left(\frac{B+I}{I}\right)^m \langle \bar{s} \rangle \subseteq \frac{K}{I}$ , for some  $\bar{s} = s + I \in \bar{S}$  and  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence,  $A^n \langle s \rangle \subseteq K$  or  $B^m \langle s \rangle \subseteq K$ .  $\square$

## 4 $S$ -prime radical of an ideal in commutative rings

All rings considered in this section are assumed to be commutative with identity. Moreover,  $S$  denotes a multiplicatively closed subset, even if not stated explicitly.

### 4.1 The $S$ -prime radical of an ideal

The following definition is Definition 1 of [22].

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $I$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$  such that  $I \cap S = \emptyset$ . Then,

$$\sqrt[S]{I} = \{r \in R : r^n s \in I \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and some } s \in S\}.$$

**Remark 4.2.** In what follows, we give some investigations.

- It is easy to check that our definition of the  $S$ -pseudo radical (Definition 2.1) of an ideal in non-commutative rings is equivalent to the definition of the  $S$ -prime radical of an ideal (Definition 1 of [22]) in the case where the ring  $R$  is commutative, when considering  $S$  as a multiplicatively closed subset of  $R$ . Notice that every multiplicatively closed set is an  $m$ -system, and the converse is not true even in the commutative case.

- One may easily prove that  $\sqrt[S]{I}$  is an ideal of  $R$  containing  $I$ , and that

$$\sqrt[S]{I} = \{r \in R : \exists J \triangleleft R \text{ such that } r \in J \text{ and } J^n \subseteq I \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } s \in S\}.$$

- For each  $x \in \sqrt[S]{I}$ , there exists  $n_x \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $x^{n_x} \in I$ , and hence,  $x^{n_x} s \in I s \subseteq I$  for all  $s \in S$ . Therefore,  $x \in \sqrt[S]{I}$  that yields  $I \subseteq \sqrt[S]{I} \subseteq \sqrt[S]{I}$ .

- If  $S \subseteq U(R)$ , then the concepts of the radical and the  $S$ -radical of an ideal coincide.

- If  $I = R$ , then  $\sqrt[S]{I} = R$ . However, it is worthy to emphasize that if  $I \cap S = \emptyset$ , then  $\sqrt[S]{I} \neq R$ . Because, if  $\sqrt[S]{I} = R$ , then  $1 \in \sqrt[S]{I}$ , which implies  $s \in I$  for some  $s \in S$ , that is a contradiction. Also, we assume that  $\sqrt[S]{I} \cap S = \emptyset$ , because if  $s_1 \in \sqrt[S]{I} \cap S$ , then,  $s_1^n s \in I \cap S$ , which contradicts with  $I \cap S = \emptyset$ .

**Proper generalization.** In the following example we show that the definition of  $S$ -radical is a proper generalization of the prime radical of an ideal  $I$ .

**Example 4.3.** Initially, it is known that if  $(n) = p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_k^{n_k} \mathbb{Z}$  for the primes  $p_i$  and positive integers  $n_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , then  $\sqrt{(n)} = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_k \mathbb{Z}$ . Now let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $I = (12)$ . Hence,  $\sqrt{I} = \sqrt{(12)} = (6)$ .

• Let  $S_1 = \{9^k : k \geq 0\} = \{1, 9, 81, \dots\}$ . Clearly  $S_1$  is multiplicatively closed. Then,  $(12) \cap S_1 = \emptyset$ , and  $12^2 = 2^4 \cdot 9 \in (12)$ . Hence,  $2 \in \sqrt[5]{(12)}$ . Thus,  $(2) \subseteq \sqrt[5]{(12)} \neq R$ , but since the ideal  $(2)$  is a maximal ideal, then  $\sqrt[5]{(12)} = (2)$ .

• Let  $S_2 = \{4^k : k \geq 0\} = \{1, 4, 16, \dots\}$ . Then  $(12) \cap S_2 = \emptyset$  and  $12 = 3^1 \cdot 4 \in (12)$ , and hence  $3 \in \sqrt[5]{(12)}$ . Thus,  $\sqrt[5]{(12)} = (3)$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** For an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  with  $I \cap S = \emptyset$ :

$$\sqrt[5]{I} = \bigcap_{I \subseteq P_i} P_i = \bigcap_{I \subseteq (Q_i : s_i)} (Q_i : s_i),$$

where, for each  $i$ ,  $P_i$  is a prime ideal containing  $I$  and disjoint from  $S$ , and  $Q_i$  is an  $S$ -prime ideal with  $I \subseteq (Q_i : s_i)$ ,  $s_i \in S$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in \sqrt[5]{I}$ , then there exist  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$  such that  $x^n s \in I$ . Let  $P$  be a prime ideal containing  $I$  and disjoint from  $S$ . Then the inclusion implies  $x^n s \in P$ , and hence  $x \in P$  due to the fact that  $s \notin P$ .

Assuming that  $P_i$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{A}$ , are all prime ideals containing  $I$  and disjoint from  $S$  for some index set  $\mathbb{A}$ , we conclude that  $\sqrt[5]{I} \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{A}} P_i$ .

Conversely, let  $x \notin \sqrt[5]{I}$ , with  $x^n s \notin I$  for all  $s \in S$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let us define

$$\mathfrak{A} = \{J : J \text{ is an ideal of } R, I \subseteq J, \text{ and } x^n s \notin J\}.$$

We have that  $I \in \mathfrak{A}$  by definition. Now Zorn's lemma yields that  $\mathfrak{A}$  has a maximal element, denoted by  $P$ . Clearly,  $P + (a)$  and  $P + (b)$  are not in  $\mathfrak{A}$  for  $a, b \notin P$ . Hence, there exist  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s_1, s_2 \in S$  such that  $x^{n_1} s_1 \in P + (a)$  and  $x^{n_2} s_2 \in P + (b)$ . Consequently,

$$x^{n_1+n_2} s_1 s_2 \in (P + (a))(P + (b)) \subseteq P + (ab),$$

since  $s_1 s_2 \in S$ . Then  $P + (ab) \notin \mathfrak{A}$ , and hence  $ab \notin P$ . Therefore,  $P$  is prime.

Clearly,  $S \cap P = \emptyset$  and  $x \notin P$ , which yields that  $\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{A}} P_i \subseteq \sqrt[5]{I}$ . Thus,  $\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{A}} P_i = \sqrt[5]{I}$ .

Finally, we have

$$\sqrt[5]{I} = \bigcap_{I \subseteq (Q_i : s_i)} (Q_i : s_i)$$

by Proposition 5 of [22], which completes the proof.  $\square$

Referring to [19], Definition 2.1. states that an ideal  $P$  of a commutative ring  $R$ , disjoint from  $S$ , is called an  $S$ -semiprime ideal of  $R$ , if there exists an  $s \in S$  such that for all  $a \in R$  with  $a^2 \in P$ , we have  $sa \in P$ .

**Corollary 4.5.** Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $I \cap S = \emptyset$ . Then,  $\sqrt[5]{I}$  is an  $S$ -semiprime ideal which contains  $I$ .

*Proof.* Let  $a^2 \in \sqrt[5]{I} = \bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{A}} P_i$ , where  $P_i$  is a prime ideal which contains  $I$  and is disjoint from  $S$ . Hence,  $a \in \sqrt[5]{I}$ , and therefore,  $\sqrt[5]{I}$  is a semiprime ideal disjoint from  $S$  by Remark 4.2. Consequently,  $\sqrt[5]{I}$  is an  $S$ -semiprime ideal.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.6.** Let  $A, B$ , and  $I$  be ideals of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ . Then the following hold.

- (i) If  $A \subseteq B$  then  $\sqrt[5]{A} \subseteq \sqrt[5]{B}$ .
- (ii)  $\sqrt[5]{\sqrt[5]{I}} = \sqrt[5]{I}$ ; i.e., the  $S$ -radicalization is idempotent.
- (iii)  $\sqrt[5]{AB} = \sqrt[5]{A \cap B} = \sqrt[5]{A} \cap \sqrt[5]{B}$ .
- (iv)  $\sqrt[5]{I^n} = \sqrt[5]{I}$ . In particular, if  $I$  is prime, then,  $\sqrt[5]{I^n} = I$ .

*Proof.* (i) The proof is routine.

(ii) Clearly,  $\sqrt[S]{I} \subseteq \sqrt[S]{\sqrt[S]{I}}$ , since  $I \subseteq \sqrt[S]{I}$ , by (i). Conversely, let  $x \in \sqrt[S]{\sqrt[S]{I}}$ . Then,  $x^n s \in \sqrt[S]{I}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ . This yields that  $(x^n s)^m s_1 \in I$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s_1 \in S$ . Thus,  $x^{nm} s^m s_1 \in I$ . Since  $s^m s_1 \in S$ ,  $x \in \sqrt[S]{I}$ , and hence,  $\sqrt[S]{\sqrt[S]{I}} = \sqrt[S]{I}$ .

(iii) By (i),  $\sqrt[S]{AB} \subseteq \sqrt[S]{A \cap B}$ , since  $AB \subseteq A \cap B$  for ideals  $A$  and  $B$ . Conversely, let  $x \in \sqrt[S]{A \cap B}$ . Then,  $x^n s \in A \cap B$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ , and hence,  $x^{2n} s^2 \in AB$ . This implies that  $x \in \sqrt[S]{AB}$ , since  $s^2 \in S$ . The second equality can be proved similarly.

(iv) Straightforward by (iii). □

**Corollary 4.7.** *Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $I \cap S = \emptyset$ . Then the following hold.*

(1) *If  $I$  is an  $S$ -prime ( $S$ -primary) ideal, then  $\sqrt[S]{I}$  is  $S$ -prime.*

(2)  *$\sqrt[S]{I} = \sqrt[S]{(I : s)}$  for some  $s \in S$ .*

*Proof.* (1) We set the proof for the  $S$ -primary case, and the proof of  $S$ -prime case is similar. Assume that  $I$  is an  $S$ -primary ideal, and that  $ab \in \sqrt[S]{I}$  for some  $a, b \in R$ . Then,  $(ab)^n s \in I$ , for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ . Hence,  $a^n (b^n s) \in I$ , and thus, either  $a^n s \in I$  which implies  $a \in \sqrt[S]{I}$ , or  $b^n s^2 \in \sqrt[S]{I} \subseteq \sqrt[S]{I}$  which implies  $b \in \sqrt[S]{I}$ . As a consequence,  $\sqrt[S]{I}$  is prime and hence an  $S$ -prime ideal.

(2) It is easy to check that  $\sqrt[S]{(I : s)} \subseteq \sqrt[S]{I}$ . Now since  $I \subseteq (I : s)$ , then we have  $\sqrt[S]{I} \subseteq \sqrt[S]{(I : s)}$  by (i) of Lemma 4.6. Thus  $\sqrt[S]{I} = \sqrt[S]{(I : s)}$ . □

**Remark 4.8.** For some ring epimorphism  $f: R \rightarrow f(R)$ ,  $f(S)$  is a multiplicatively closed subset of  $f(R)$ . In addition, the set

$$\bar{S} = \{\bar{s} = s + I : s \in S\}$$

is a multiplicatively closed subset of  $R/I$  for any ideal  $I$  of  $R$ . Besides, if  $A$  is a commutative ring with identity, and  $S_1$  is a multiplicatively closed subset of  $A$ , then, it is easy to check that  $S \times S_1$  is a multiplicatively closed subset of the decomposable ring  $R \times A$ . Moreover, for a unitary  $R$ -module  $M$ , the idealization of  $M$  in  $R$  is the commutative ring  $R(+M) = \{(r, m) : r \in R, m \in M\}$ , with the usual addition and the multiplication defined as

$$(r_1, m_1)(r_2, m_2) = (r_1 r_2, r_1 m_2 + r_2 m_1)$$

for all  $(r_1, m_1), (r_2, m_2) \in R(+M)$ . Therefore, if  $S$  is a multiplicatively closed subset of  $R$ , then  $S_M = S(+M)$  is a multiplicatively closed subset of  $R(+M)$ .

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $\varphi : R_1 \rightarrow R_2$  be a ring epimorphism. Let  $S \subseteq R_1$  be a multiplicatively closed set, and let  $K$  be an ideal of  $R_1$  that is disjoint from  $S$  and contains  $\ker(\varphi)$ . Then,

$$\varphi(\sqrt[S]{K}) = \varphi^{(S)}(\sqrt{\varphi(K)}).$$

*Proof.* We first verify that  $\varphi(S) \cap \varphi(K) = \emptyset$ . Suppose there exists  $a \in \varphi(S) \cap \varphi(K)$ , then  $a = \varphi(s_1) = \varphi(k_1)$  for some  $s_1 \in S, k_1 \in K$ . This implies  $s_1 - k_1 \in \ker(\varphi) \subseteq K$ , hence  $s_1 \in K$ , contradicting  $S \cap K = \emptyset$ . Thus,  $\varphi(S) \cap \varphi(K) = \emptyset$ .

Let  $y \in \varphi(\sqrt[S]{K})$ . Then there exists  $x \in \sqrt[S]{K}$  such that  $y = \varphi(x)$ , and by definition,  $x^n s \in K$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ . Applying  $\varphi$ , we obtain  $y^n \varphi(s) = \varphi(x^n s) \in \varphi(K)$ , which implies  $y \in \varphi^{(S)}(\sqrt{\varphi(K)})$ . Therefore,  $\varphi(\sqrt[S]{K}) \subseteq \varphi^{(S)}(\sqrt{\varphi(K)})$ .

Conversely, let  $y \in \varphi^{(S)}(\sqrt{\varphi(K)})$ . Then  $y^n \varphi(s) \in \varphi(K)$  for some  $s \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $x \in R_1$  satisfy  $\varphi(x) = y$ . Then

$$\varphi(x^n s) = y^n \varphi(s) \in \varphi(K),$$

which implies  $x^n s \in \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(K)) = K$ , since  $\ker(\varphi) \subseteq K$ . Therefore,  $x \in \sqrt[n]{K}$ , so  $y = \varphi(x) \in \varphi(\sqrt[n]{K})$ . Hence, equality holds.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.10.** Let  $\varphi : R_1 \rightarrow R_2$  be a ring epimorphism,  $S \subseteq R_1$  a multiplicatively closed subset, and  $K \subseteq R_2$  an ideal with  $K \cap \varphi(S) = \emptyset$ . Then,

$$\varphi^{-1}(\sqrt[n]{\varphi(K)}) = \sqrt[n]{\varphi^{-1}(K)}.$$

*Proof.* First, we check that  $\varphi^{-1}(K) \cap S = \emptyset$ . If there exists  $s \in \varphi^{-1}(K) \cap S$ , then  $\varphi(s) \in K \cap \varphi(S)$ , contradicting the assumption that  $K \cap \varphi(S) = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $\varphi^{-1}(K) \cap S = \emptyset$ .

Let  $x \in \varphi^{-1}(\sqrt[n]{\varphi(K)})$ . Then  $\varphi(x) \in \sqrt[n]{\varphi(K)}$ , so there exist  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$  such that

$$\varphi(x)^n \varphi(s) = \varphi(x^n s) \in K,$$

which implies  $x^n s \in \varphi^{-1}(K)$ , so  $x \in \sqrt[n]{\varphi^{-1}(K)}$ .

Conversely, suppose  $x \in \sqrt[n]{\varphi^{-1}(K)}$ . Then  $x^n s \in \varphi^{-1}(K)$  for some  $s \in S$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , which implies

$$\varphi(x)^n \varphi(s) = \varphi(x^n s) \in \varphi(\varphi^{-1}(K)) \subseteq K.$$

Thus,  $\varphi(x) \in \sqrt[n]{\varphi(K)}$ , and so  $x \in \varphi^{-1}(\sqrt[n]{\varphi(K)})$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

The following is Definition 2.8 of [14].

**Definition 4.11.** In a ring  $R$ :

- (1) An element  $r$  of  $R$  is called  $S$ -nilpotent if  $r^n s = 0$ , for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ .
- (2) The set of all  $S$ -nilpotent elements of  $R$  forms an ideal. It is called the  $S$ -Nilradical of  $R$ , and denoted by  $N_S(R)$ .

It is clear that the Nilradical  $N(R)$  of  $R$  is contained in the  $S$ -Nilradical  $N_S(R)$  of  $R$ .

**Corollary 4.12.** Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ . Then the following hold.

- (1)  $N(R/\sqrt[n]{I}) = N_S(R/\sqrt[n]{I}) = \bar{0}$ .
- (2)  $\sqrt[n]{I}/I = N_S(R/I)$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $x + \sqrt[n]{I} \in R/\sqrt[n]{I}$  be an  $\bar{S}$ -nilpotent element. Then, there exist  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\bar{s} \in \bar{S}$  such that  $x^n s + \sqrt[n]{I} = (x + \sqrt[n]{I})^n (s + \sqrt[n]{I}) \in \sqrt[n]{I}$ . Thus,  $x \in \sqrt[n]{\sqrt[n]{I}} = \sqrt[n]{I}$  and that  $N_S(R/\sqrt[n]{I}) = \bar{0}$ . Similarly we can show  $N(R/\sqrt[n]{I}) = \bar{0}$ .

(2) The proof is routine.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.13.** Let  $K$  be an ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S_1$ . Then the following hold.

- (1) If  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  such that  $I \subseteq K$ , then,  $\sqrt[n]{K}/I = \sqrt[n]{K/I}$ .
- (2) If  $A$  is a commutative ring with identity, and  $S_2$  is a multiplicatively closed subset of  $A$ , then,  $\sqrt[n]{K} \times A = \sqrt[n]{K} \times A$ , where  $S = S_1 \times S_2$ .
- (3) If  $M$  is a unitary  $R$ -module, then  $\sqrt[n]{K(+)}M = \sqrt[n]{K}(+)M$ ,  $S_M = S_1(+)$ .

*Proof.* We set the proof of (iii) only, since the proof of other options are straightforward and similar. An element  $(a, m) \in \sqrt[n]{K}(+)M$ , if and only if,

$$(a, m)^n (s, m_1) \in K(+)$$

for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $(s, m_1) \in S_M$ , if and only if,  $a^n s \in K$ , if and only if,  $a \in \sqrt[n]{K}$ , if and only if,  $(a, m) \in \sqrt[n]{K}(+)M$ .  $\square$

## 4.2 $S$ -radical ideals

**Definition 4.14.** An ideal  $K$  of a ring  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ , is called an  $S$ -radical ideal if  $\sqrt[S]{K} = K$ .

Note that if  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , with  $S_1 \subseteq S_2$ , are multiplicatively closed subsets of  $R$ , then every  $S_1$ -radical ideal is an  $S_2$ -radical ideal. In addition, every maximal (prime) ideal disjoint from  $S$  is an  $S$ -radical ideal, by Remark 2.2.

**Example 4.15.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $S = \{3^k : k \geq 0\} = \{1, 3, 9, \dots\}$ . Then clearly  $(2) \cap S = \emptyset$ . Given  $x \in \sqrt[S]{(2)}$ , we have  $x^n s \in (2)$  for some  $s \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence,  $x$  is even, and so  $\sqrt[S]{(2)} \subseteq (2) \subseteq \sqrt[S]{(2)}$ . Thus,  $(2)$  is an  $S$ -radical ideal.

**Corollary 4.16.** Let  $K$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $K \cap S = \emptyset$ . If  $K$  is a prime ideal, then,  $\sqrt[S]{K} = K = \sqrt{K}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in \sqrt[S]{K}$ . Then there exist  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$  such that  $x^n s \in K$ , and  $s \notin K$ . Hence,  $x \in K$ . By Remark 4.2, we obtain that  $\sqrt[S]{K} = K = \sqrt{K}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.17.** Let  $S$  be a multiplicatively closed subset of a commutative ring  $R$ , and  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $I \cap S = \emptyset$ . Then the following hold.

- (i) If  $I$  is  $S$ -radical, then  $I$  is radical.
- (ii) If  $I$  is  $S$ -radical, then  $(I : s) = I$  for some  $s \in S$ .

*Proof.* (i) Suppose  $\sqrt[S]{I} = I$ . Then, by Remark 4.2,  $I = \sqrt{I}$ .

(ii) We have  $I \subseteq (I : s) \subseteq \sqrt[S]{I} = I$ .  $\square$

The converse of (i) of Corollary 4.17 is not true in general; i.e., a radical ideal is not necessarily an  $S$ -radical, as we show in the following example.

**Example 4.18.** It is a well-known fact that the ideal  $(n)$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$  coincides with its radical if and only if  $n$  is a product of distinct primes to the first power. Now let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $I = (6)$ . Then,  $\sqrt{(6)} = (6)$ . Assuming that  $S = \{9^k : k \geq 0\} = \{1, 9, 81, \dots\}$ , we have that  $(6) \cap S = \emptyset$  and  $2^1 \cdot 9 \in (6)$ . Hence,  $2 \in \sqrt[S]{(6)}$  and that  $(2) \subseteq \sqrt[S]{(6)} \neq \mathbb{Z}$ . Consequently,  $(2) = \sqrt[S]{(6)}$  because  $(2)$  is maximal.

**Example 4.19.** Let  $R = 6\mathbb{Z}$ , and  $I = 0$ . It is well-known that the ideal  $(0)$  of  $n\mathbb{Z}$  is radical if and only if  $n$  is a product of distinct primes to the first power. Hence,  $\sqrt{(0)} = (0)$ . Now let  $S = \{1, 3\}$ . Then,  $(0) \cap S = \emptyset$ ,  $\sqrt[S]{(0)} = (2)$ .

In the following, we give another example of an  $S$ -radical ideal that is not radical.

**Example 4.20.** Consider the ring  $R = 6\mathbb{Z}$  and the multiplicatively closed set  $S = \{1, 3\}$ . As shown in Example 4.19, we have  $\sqrt[S]{(0)} = (2)$ . Then, by part (ii) of Lemma 4.6, it follows that

$$\sqrt[S]{\sqrt[S]{(0)}} = \sqrt[S]{(2)}.$$

Since  $\sqrt[S]{(2)} = (2)$ , we conclude that the ideal  $(2)$  is  $S$ -radical.

**Proposition 4.21.** Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $I \cap S = \emptyset$ . Then, the following statements are equivalent.

- (1)  $\sqrt[S]{I} = (I : s)$  for some  $s \in S$ .
- (2)  $(I : s)$  is an intersection of prime ideals.
- (3)  $(I : s)$  is a semiprime ideal.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Clear by Theorem 4.4.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Clear by Corollary 4.5.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Obviously,  $(I : s) \subseteq \sqrt[I]{I}$ . Given  $x \in \sqrt[I]{I}$ , there exist  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$  such that  $x^n s \in I$ . Then,  $x^n \in (I : s)$ . Since  $(I : s)$  is semiprime, we get  $x \in (I : s)$  and hence,  $\sqrt[I]{I} \subseteq (I : s)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.22.** *Let  $I$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $\sqrt{I} = I$ .
- (2)  $I$  is an intersection of prime ideals.
- (3)  $I$  is a semiprime ideal.

*Proof.* The proof follows from Proposition 4.21, by taking  $S = \{1\}$ .  $\square$

## 5 $S_S$ -Primary ideals in commutative rings

All rings considered in this section are assumed to be commutative with identity. Moreover,  $S$  denotes a multiplicatively closed subset, even if not stated explicitly. In the following, we introduce the notion of  $S_S$ -primary ideals.

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $K$  be an ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ . We call  $K$  an  $S_S$ -primary ideal if for all  $a, b \in R$  with  $ab \in K$  either  $a \in K$  or  $b \in \sqrt[K]{K}$ .

Due to of the symmetry between  $a$  and  $b$ , we conclude that if  $K$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal with  $a, b \notin K$ , then  $a, b \in \sqrt[K]{K}$ .

**Remark 5.2.** In a ring  $R$ :

- (1) Every primary ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal, because  $\sqrt{K} \subseteq \sqrt[K]{K}$  for any ideal  $K$  disjoint from  $S$ , from Remark 4.2.
- (2) In the following lines we show that every  $S_S$ -primary ideal is  $S$ -primary: Let  $K$  be an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . We have to show that  $K$  is an  $S$ -primary ideal. Let  $ab \in K$  for some  $a, b \in R$ , then either  $a \in K$  which implies  $as \in K$ , or  $b \in \sqrt[K]{K}$  which implies  $b^n s \in K$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ . Therefore,  $(bs)^n \in K$ , and thus  $bs \in \sqrt{K}$ .

That is, the concept of  $S$ -primary ideals is generalization of  $S_S$ -primary ideals. However, the converse is not true in general as we show further in Example 5.5 and Example 5.6.

(3) *A new definition of  $S$ -primary ideals.* It is easy to check that  $b \in \sqrt[K]{K}$  is equivalent to  $bs \in \sqrt{K}$  for some  $s \in S$ . Hence, we give an equivalent definition of  $S$ -primary ideal using the  $S$ -prime radical as follows:

"An ideal  $K$  of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$  is called  $S$ -primary ideal if for all  $a, b \in R$  with  $ab \in K$ , either  $as \in K$  or  $b \in \sqrt[K]{K}$  for some  $s \in S$ . Throughout this section we will use this definition when referring to  $S$ -primary ideals."

(4) Let  $K$  be an ideal disjoint from  $S$ . Then we have the following.

$$S_S\text{-primary} \implies S\text{-primary} \implies \text{quasi-}S\text{-primary}.$$

(5) Every prime ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ , is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal.

(6) If  $S \subseteq U(R)$ , then the notions of primary,  $S$ -primary, and  $S_S$ -primary ideals coincide.

**Corollary 5.3.** *Let  $K$  be an ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ . Then following hold.*

- (1) *If  $K$  is  $S$ -radical, then  $K$  is primary if and only if  $K$  is  $S_S$ -primary.*
- (2)  *$K$  is  $S_S$ -primary and  $S$ -radical if and only if  $K$  is prime.*

*Proof.* Straightforward. □

**Corollary 5.4.** *Let  $K$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ . If  $K$  is  $S_S$ -primary, then  $\sqrt[S]{K}$  is prime.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $K$  is  $S_S$ -primary, and that  $ab \in \sqrt[S]{K}$  for some  $a, b \in R$ . Then, there exists  $s \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a^n b^n s = (ab)^n s \in K$ . Hence, either  $a^n s \in K$  or  $b^n \in \sqrt[S]{K}$ . If  $a^n s \in K$ , then,  $a \in \sqrt[S]{K}$ . If  $b^n \in \sqrt[S]{K}$ , then,  $b^{nk} s \in K$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , hence, either  $b^{nk} \in K$  which implies  $b \in \sqrt{K} \subseteq \sqrt[S]{K}$  or  $s \in \sqrt[S]{K}$ , contradiction. Thus  $\sqrt[S]{K}$  is prime. □

**Proper generalization.** We showed in (2) of Remark 5.2 that every  $S_S$ -primary ideal is an  $S$ -primary ideal. The next two examples show that the converse is not true in general.

**Example 5.5.** In the ring  $R = \mathbb{Z}_6$ , the ideal  $K = (0)$  is not primary since  $2 \cdot 3 \in K$ , but  $2, 3 \notin K = \sqrt{K}$ . In addition,  $K$  is not  $S_S$ -primary, when  $S = \{1, 3\}$ . Because  $2 \cdot 3 \in K$ ;  $2, 3 \notin K$ , and  $3 \notin \sqrt[S]{K} = (2)$  by Example 4.19. However,  $K$  is  $S$ -primary, since  $ab \in K$  for  $a, b \in R$  implies that  $3a \in K$  or  $3b \in K$  or  $a, b \in \sqrt[S]{K}$ .

**Example 5.6.** Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}_{24}$ , and define  $S = \{1, 3, 9\}$ , a multiplicatively closed subset of  $R$ . Consider the ideal  $K = \{0, 12\}$ . The ideal  $K$  is neither primary nor quasi-primary, as we observe that  $3 \cdot 4 \in K$ , yet  $3 \notin K$ ,  $4 \notin K$ , and also  $3, 4 \notin \sqrt{K} = (6)$ . Moreover,  $K$  fails to be  $S_S$ -primary since both  $3, 4 \notin K$ , and  $3 \notin \sqrt[S]{K} = (2)$ . Nevertheless,  $K$  qualifies as an  $S$ -primary ideal with respect to the element  $s = 3$ . That is, for any  $a, b \in R$  satisfying  $ab \in K$ , one of the following must hold:  $3a \in K$ ,  $3b \in K$ , or  $a, b \in \sqrt[S]{K}$ .

**Proposition 5.7.** *Let  $K$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then the following statements hold.*

- (1) *For a given  $s \in S$ , the ideal  $K$  is  $S$ -primary if and only if the colon ideal  $(K : s)$  is  $S_S$ -primary.*
- (2) *If  $K$  is  $S_S$ -primary for some  $s \in S$ , then  $(K : s)$  is an  $S$ -primary ideal.*

*Proof.* (1) Assume  $K$  is an  $S$ -primary ideal and let  $ab \in (K : s)$  for some  $a, b \in R$ . Then  $abs \in K$ . By the assumption, either  $as^2 \in K$  or  $b \in \sqrt[S]{K}$ . If  $b \notin \sqrt[S]{K}$ , then  $as^2 \in K$ , and again by the definition of  $S$ -primary, either  $s^2 \in \sqrt[S]{K}$  (which leads to a contradiction) or  $a \in (K : s)$ . Therefore,  $(K : s)$  must be  $S_S$ -primary.

Conversely, suppose  $(K : s)$  is  $S_S$ -primary, and let  $ab \in K$  for some  $a, b \in R$ . Then  $ab \in (K : s)$  as  $s \in S$ , so by assumption, either  $a \in (K : s)$  or  $b \in \sqrt[S]{(K : s)} = \sqrt[S]{K}$ , using part (2) of Corollary 4.7. This shows that  $K$  is  $S$ -primary.

(2) Now suppose  $K$  is  $S_S$ -primary, and take any  $a, b \in R$  with  $ab \in (K : s)$ . Then  $asb \in K$ . Since  $K$  is  $S_S$ -primary, it follows that either  $as \in K$  or  $b \in \sqrt[S]{K}$ . This implies either  $a \in (K : s)$  or there exists  $s_1 \in S$  such that  $bs_1 \in \sqrt{K} \subseteq \sqrt{(K : s)}$ . Set  $s_2 = ss_1 \in S$ . Then either  $as_2 \in (K : s)$  or  $bs_2 \in \sqrt{(K : s)}$ , proving that  $(K : s)$  is  $S$ -primary. □

Let  $K$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$ . Proposition 2.3 of [18] and Proposition 2.4 of [21] state that  $(K : s)$  is a primary ideal, if and only if,  $K$  is  $S$ -primary. Hence, by Proposition 5.7, we conclude that  $(K : s)$  is primary if and only if  $(K : s)$  is  $S_S$ -primary.

**Proposition 5.8.** *Let  $K$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$ . Then  $K$  is  $S_S$ -primary if and only if, for all ideals  $I, J$  of  $R$  with  $IJ \subseteq K$ , either  $I \subseteq K$  or  $J \subseteq \sqrt[S]{K}$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $K$  is  $S_S$ -primary, and let  $IJ \subseteq K$  for some ideals  $I, J$  of  $R$ . If  $I \not\subseteq K$  and  $J \not\subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$ , then there exist  $a \in I$  and  $b \in J$  such that  $a \notin K$  and  $b \notin \sqrt[n]{K}$ , which contradicts with  $ab \in IJ \subseteq K$ . Conversely, let  $ab \in K$  for some  $a, b \in R$ . Then,  $(a)(b) \subseteq K$ . Thus, either  $a \in (a) \subseteq K$  or  $b \in (b) \subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$ , which implies that  $K$  is  $S_S$ -primary.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.9.** *Let  $K$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ . Then following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  $K$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal.
- (2) Let  $\prod_{i=1}^n I_i = I_1 \cdots I_n \subseteq K$  for some ideals  $I_1, \dots, I_n$  of  $R$ . Then, there exist  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that either  $I_i \subseteq K$  or  $I_j \subseteq \sqrt[n]{P}$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Suppose that for some ideals  $I_1, \dots, I_n$  of  $R$ , we have  $I_1 \cdots I_n \subseteq K$ . Then either  $I_n \subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$  or  $(I_1 \cdots I_{n-1}) \subseteq K$ . If  $(I_1 \cdots I_{n-1}) \subseteq K$ , then either  $I_{n-1} \subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$  or  $(I_1 \cdots I_{n-2}) \subseteq K$ . If  $I_1 \cdots I_{n-2} \subseteq K$ , then by repeating the process, we obtain  $I_1 I_2 \subseteq K$ , hence, either  $I_2 \subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$ , or  $I_1 \subseteq K$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Immediate by Proposition 5.8.  $\square$

**Proposition 5.10.** *Let  $K$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$  such that  $K \cap S = \emptyset$ . Then the following hold.*

- (1) The ideal  $K$  is  $S_S$ -primary if and only if every zero divisor in the quotient ring  $R/K$  is  $\bar{S}$ -nilpotent.
- (2) If the  $S$ -radical  $\sqrt[n]{K}$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ , then  $K$  is  $S$ -primary.
- (3) Let  $M$  be a maximal ideal disjoint from  $S$ , and suppose  $M^n s \subseteq K \subseteq M$  for some  $s \in S$  and positive integer  $n$ . Then  $K$  is  $S$ -primary.

*Proof.* (1) Assume that  $K$  is  $S_S$ -primary, and let  $a + K \in R/K$  be a zero divisor. Then there exists some  $b \in R \setminus K$  such that  $ab \in K$ , i.e.,  $(a + K)(b + K) = K$ . Since  $b \notin K$ , the  $S_S$ -primary property implies that  $a \in \sqrt[n]{K}$ , so there exist  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$  such that  $a^n s \in K$ . This means  $(a + K)^n (s + K) = K$ , where  $s + K \neq K$  because  $s \notin K$ . Therefore,  $a + K$  is  $\bar{S}$ -nilpotent.

Conversely, suppose every zero divisor in  $R/K$  is  $\bar{S}$ -nilpotent. Let  $a, b \in R$  satisfy  $ab \in K$ . If  $a \notin K$ , then  $a + K$  is a zero divisor in  $R/K$ , and hence  $b + K$  must be  $\bar{S}$ -nilpotent. Thus,  $b^n s \in K$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ , which implies  $b \in \sqrt[n]{K}$ . Hence,  $K$  is  $S_S$ -primary.

(2) Let  $a, b \in R$  with  $ab \in K$ , and suppose  $b \notin \sqrt[n]{K}$ . Since  $\sqrt[n]{K}$  is maximal, the ideal  $\sqrt[n]{K} + (b) = R$ . Thus, there exist  $x \in \sqrt[n]{K}$  and  $r \in R$  such that  $x + br = 1$ . Then for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s \in S$ , we have  $x^n s \in K$ . Using the binomial expansion,  $(x + br)^n = 1$ , so multiplying both sides by  $as$ , we get  $as = x^n sa + abr_1 s \in K$ , for some  $r_1 \in R$ . Therefore,  $K$  is  $S$ -primary.

(3) Since  $K \subseteq M$ , it follows from part (i) of Lemma 4.6 that  $\sqrt[n]{K} \subseteq \sqrt[n]{M} = M$ . For any  $x \in M$ , the assumption  $M^n s \subseteq K$  implies  $x^n s \in K$ , so  $x \in \sqrt[n]{K}$ , and thus  $M \subseteq \sqrt[n]{K}$ . Therefore,  $\sqrt[n]{K} = M$ , and by part (2), we conclude that  $K$  is  $S$ -primary.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.11.** *Let  $K$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$ . Then following hold.*

- (1)  $K$  is a primary ideal if and only if every zero divisor in  $R/K$  is nilpotent.
- (2) If  $\sqrt{K}$  is a maximal ideal, then  $K$  is primary.
- (3) If  $M$  is a maximal ideal such that  $M^n \subseteq K \subseteq M$ , then  $K$  is primary.

*Proof.* The proof follows from Proposition 5.10, by taking  $S = \{1\}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 5.12.** *Let  $K$  be an ideal of a von Neumann regular ring  $R$ , and disjoint from  $S$ . If  $K$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal, then  $K$  is an  $S$ -prime ideal.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $K$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal, and that  $ab \in K$  for some  $a, b \in R$ . Since  $R$  is von Neumann regular, then  $rR = r^2R = r^nR$  for all  $n \geq 3$  and  $r \in R$ . Let  $x \in \sqrt[3]{K}$ . Then,  $x^m s \in K$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Consequently,

$$x \in Rx = Rx^m \subseteq R(K : s) = (K : s).$$

Hence,  $\sqrt[3]{K} \subseteq (K : s)$ , which implies that  $\sqrt[3]{K} = (K : s)$ . If  $b \in \sqrt[3]{K}$ , then  $bs \in K$ . If  $b \notin \sqrt[3]{K}$ , then  $a \in K$ , and hence,  $as \in K$ , because  $K$  is  $S_S$ -primary. Thus,  $K$  is  $S$ -prime.  $\square$

In refer to [6], Definition 2.1 states that an ascending sequence of ideals  $I_1 \subseteq I_2 \subseteq I_3 \subseteq \dots$  is said to be  $S$ -stationary if there exist  $s \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $sI_j \subseteq I_n$  for all  $j \geq n$ .

**Theorem 5.13.** Let  $K$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$  such that  $K \cap S = \emptyset$ . Then the implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) and (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) hold, where:

- (1) The ideal  $(K : s)$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal for some  $s \in S$ .
- (2) The ascending chain of ideals

$$(K : \alpha s) \subseteq (K : \alpha^2 s) \subseteq (K : \alpha^3 s) \subseteq \dots$$

stabilizes for some  $\alpha \in R$  and  $s \in S$ .

- (3) The chain

$$(K : \alpha) \subseteq (K : \alpha^2) \subseteq (K : \alpha^3) \subseteq \dots$$

is  $S$ -stationary for some  $\alpha \in R$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Suppose  $(K : s)$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal for some  $s \in S$ , and let  $\alpha \in R$ . If  $\alpha \in \sqrt[3]{(K : s)}$ , then by part (2) of Corollary 4.7, we have  $\alpha \in \sqrt[3]{K}$ . Therefore, there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\alpha^n s \in K$ , which implies that  $(K : \alpha^m s) = R$  for all  $m \geq n$ .

If  $\alpha \notin \sqrt[3]{(K : s)}$ , then  $\alpha \notin \sqrt[3]{K}$ , and so  $\alpha^n s \notin K$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $x \in (K : \alpha^n s)$ . Then  $x\alpha^n s \in K$ , hence  $x\alpha^n \in (K : s)$ . Since  $(K : s)$  is primary and  $\alpha^n \notin \sqrt[3]{(K : s)}$ , it follows that  $x \in (K : s)$ .

Conversely, if  $x \in (K : s)$ , then  $\alpha^n xs \in K$ , so  $x \in (K : \alpha^n s)$ . Thus,  $(K : \alpha^n s) = (K : s)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and the chain stabilizes.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): This follows from Proposition 2.8 in [21].  $\square$

**Proposition 5.14.** Let  $K$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$  such that  $K \cap S = \emptyset$ , and define  $\bar{S} = \{s + K \mid s \in S\}$ . If  $Z(R/K) \cap \bar{S} = \emptyset$ , then  $K$  is  $S_S$ -primary if and only if  $K$  is  $S$ -primary.

*Proof.* The forward direction is immediate, since any  $S_S$ -primary ideal is, by definition, also  $S$ -primary. Conversely, suppose that  $K$  is  $S$ -primary. Then clearly  $K \subseteq (K : s)$  for any  $s \in S$ . Now let  $\alpha \in (K : s)$ , so that  $s\alpha \in K$ . This implies that in the quotient ring  $R/K$ , we have:

$$(s + K)(\alpha + K) = 0.$$

Since  $s + K \in \bar{S}$  and by assumption  $\bar{S} \cap Z(R/K) = \emptyset$ , it follows that  $s + K$  is not a zero-divisor in  $R/K$ . Thus, the product above being zero implies  $\alpha + K = 0$ , i.e.,  $\alpha \in K$ . Therefore,  $(K : s) \subseteq K$ , and so  $K = (K : s)$  for all  $s \in S$ . By part (1) of Proposition 5.7, we conclude that  $K$  is  $S_S$ -primary.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.15.** Let  $\varphi : R_1 \rightarrow R_2$  be a ring epimorphism,  $S \subseteq R_1$  a multiplicatively closed set, and  $K$  an ideal of  $R_1$  disjoint from  $S$  such that  $\ker(\varphi) \subseteq K$ . If  $K$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R_1$  associated with  $s \in S$ , then  $\varphi(K)$  is an  $\varphi(S)_{\varphi(S)}$ -primary ideal of  $R_2$  associated with  $\varphi(s)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $K$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R_1$ , and that  $y_1 y_2 \in \varphi(K)$  for some  $y_1, y_2 \in R_2$ . Then there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in R_1$  such that  $\varphi(x_1) = y_1$  and  $\varphi(x_2) = y_2$ . Hence,  $x_1 x_2 \in \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(x_1 x_2)) \subseteq \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(K)) = K$ , and thus either  $x_1 \in K$  or  $x_2 \in \sqrt[3]{K}$ . Consequently, either  $\varphi(x_1) \in \varphi(K)$  or  $\varphi(x_2) \in \varphi(\sqrt[3]{K}) = \varphi^{(S)}\sqrt[3]{\varphi(K)}$  by Theorem 4.9. Since  $\varphi(S) \cap \varphi(K) = \emptyset$  by Theorem 4.9, it follows that  $\varphi(K)$  is an  $\varphi(S)_{\varphi(S)}$ -primary ideal of  $R_2$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.16.** Let  $\varphi : R_1 \rightarrow R_2$  be a ring epimorphism,  $S \subseteq R_1$  a multiplicatively closed set, and let  $K$  be an ideal of  $R_2$  disjoint from  $\varphi(S)$  such that  $\ker(\varphi) \subseteq K$ . If  $K$  is an  $\varphi(S)_{\varphi(S)}$ -primary ideal of  $R_2$  associated with  $\varphi(s)$  for some  $s \in S$ , then the preimage  $\varphi^{-1}(K)$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R_1$  associated with  $s$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $K$  is an  $\varphi(S)_{\varphi(S)}$ -primary ideal of  $R_2$ , and consider elements  $x_1, x_2 \in R_1$  such that  $x_1 x_2 \in \varphi^{-1}(K)$ . Then, applying the homomorphism, we have:

$$\varphi(x_1)\varphi(x_2) = \varphi(x_1 x_2) \in \varphi(\varphi^{-1}(K)) \subseteq K.$$

Since  $K$  is  $\varphi(S)_{\varphi(S)}$ -primary, either  $\varphi(x_1) \in K$  or  $\varphi(x_2) \in \sqrt[\varphi(S)]{K}$ . In the first case,  $x_1 \in \varphi^{-1}(K)$ ; in the second case, Theorem 4.9 implies that:

$$\varphi(x_2) \in \sqrt[\varphi(S)]{K} = \varphi(\sqrt[S]{\varphi^{-1}(K)}),$$

so  $x_2 \in \sqrt[S]{\varphi^{-1}(K)}$ . By Theorem 4.10,  $\varphi^{-1}(K) \cap S = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $\varphi^{-1}(K)$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R_1$  associated with  $s$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.17.** Let  $I, K$  be ideals of a ring  $R$  such that  $I \subseteq K$ . Then  $K$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $K/I$  is a  $\bar{S}_{\bar{S}}$ -primary ideal of  $R/I$ .

*Proof.* Suppose first that  $K$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal. Then clearly  $K \cap S = \emptyset$ , which implies  $K/I \cap \bar{S} = \emptyset$ . Now let  $(\alpha + I)(\beta + I) \in K/I$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in R$ . Then  $\alpha\beta \in K$ , so either  $\alpha \in K$  or  $\beta \in \sqrt[S]{K}$ . It follows that either  $\alpha + I \in K/I$  or  $\beta + I \in \sqrt[\bar{S}]{K/I} = \sqrt[\bar{S}]{K/I}$  by Corollary 4.12. Hence,  $K/I$  is a  $\bar{S}_{\bar{S}}$ -primary ideal of  $R/I$ .

Conversely, assume that  $K/I$  is a  $\bar{S}_{\bar{S}}$ -primary ideal of  $R/I$ . Then  $K/I \cap \bar{S} = \emptyset$ , which implies  $K \cap S = \emptyset$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  such that  $\alpha\beta \in K$ . Then  $(\alpha + I)(\beta + I) \in K/I$ , so by the  $\bar{S}_{\bar{S}}$ -primarity of  $K/I$ , we have either  $\alpha + I \in K/I$  or  $\beta + I \in \sqrt[\bar{S}]{K/I} = \sqrt[S]{K/I}$  by part (1) of Corollary 4.13. Thus, either  $\alpha \in K$  or  $\beta \in \sqrt[S]{K}$ . Therefore,  $K$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.18.** Let  $R = R_1 \times R_2$  for some commutative rings  $R_1, R_2$  with identities, and let  $S = S_1 \times S_2$  for some multiplicatively closed subsets  $S_1 \subseteq R_1$  and  $S_2 \subseteq R_2$ . If  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are ideals of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , respectively, then the following hold.

- (1)  $P_1$  is an  $S_{1S_1}$ -primary ideal of  $R_1$  if and only if  $P_1 \times R_2$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .
- (2)  $P_2$  is an  $S_2S_2$ -primary ideal of  $R_2$  if and only if  $R_1 \times P_2$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* (1) Suppose  $P_1$  is an  $S_{1S_1}$ -primary ideal of  $R_1$ . Then,  $P_1 \cap S_1 = \emptyset$ , which implies  $(P_1 \times R_2) \cap S = \emptyset$ . Now let  $(a_1, b_1)(a_2, b_2) \in (P_1 \times R_2)$ , for some  $a_1, a_2 \in R_1$  and  $b_1, b_2 \in R_2$ . Then,  $a_1 a_2 \in P_1$ , and hence, either  $a_1 \in P_1$  or  $a_2 \in \sqrt[S_1]{P_1}$ . Consequently,  $(a_1, b_1) \in P_1 \times R_2$  or  $(a_2, b_2) \in \sqrt[S_1]{P_1} \times R_2 = \sqrt[S_1]{P_1} \times R_2$ , by Corollary 4.13. Thus,  $P_1 \times R_2$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .

Conversely, suppose  $P_1 \times R_2$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . Then,  $(P_1 \times R_2) \cap S = \emptyset$ , which implies  $P_1 \cap S_1 = \emptyset$ . Let  $a_1 a_2 \in P_1$  for some  $a_1, a_2 \in R_1$ . Then,  $(a_1, b_1)(a_2, b_2) \in P_1 \times R_2$  for any  $b_1, b_2 \in R_2$ . Thus, either  $(a_1, b_1) \in P_1 \times R_2$  or  $(a_2, b_2) \in \sqrt[S_1]{P_1} \times R_2 = \sqrt[S_1]{P_1} \times R_2$ . Consequently, either  $a_1 \in P_1$  or  $a_2 \in \sqrt[S_1]{P_1}$ . Hence,  $P_1$  is an  $S_{1S_1}$ -primary ideal of  $R_1$ .

(2) Similar to the proof of (1).  $\square$

**Theorem 5.19.** Let  $R = R_1 \times R_2$  for some commutative rings  $R_1, R_2$ , and let  $S = S_1 \times S_2$  for some multiplicatively closed subsets  $S_1 \subseteq R_1$  and  $S_2 \subseteq R_2$ . If  $P = P_1 \times P_2$  is an ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ , for some ideals  $P_1 \triangleleft R_1$  and  $P_2 \triangleleft R_2$ , then following are equivalent.

- (1)  $P$  is  $S_S$ -primary of  $R$ .  
 (2) Either [ $P_1$  is an  $(S_1)_{S_1}$ -primary ideal of  $R_1$  and  $P_2 \cap S_2 \neq \phi$ ] or [ $P_2$  is an  $(S_2)_{S_2}$ -primary ideal and  $P_1 \cap S_1 \neq \phi$ ].

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Assume  $P$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . Since  $(a, 0) \cdot (0, b) \in P$  for all  $a \in R_1$  and all  $b \in R_2$ , then either  $(a, 0) \in P$  or  $(0, b) \in \sqrt[S]{P}$ . Hence, either  $a \in P_1$  or  $(0, b^n) \cdot (s, s') \in P$  for some  $(s, s') \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Taking  $a = 1_{R_1}$  and  $b = 1_{R_2}$ , we obtain that either  $R_1 = P_1$  or  $s' \in P_2$ , contradiction in both cases. Thus, either  $P_1 \cap S_1 \neq \phi$  or  $P_2 \cap S_2 \neq \phi$ .

Without any loss of generality, we may assume that  $P_2 \cap S_2 \neq \phi$ . Then we have to show that  $P_1$  is an  $(S_1)_{S_1}$ -primary ideal of  $R_1$ . Let  $a_1 a_2 \in P_1$  for some  $a_1, a_2 \in R_1$ . Then,  $(a_1, 0) \cdot (a_2, 0) \in P_1 \times P_2$ , and hence, either  $(a_1, 0) \in P_1 \times P_2$  or  $(a_2, 0) \in \sqrt[S]{P_1 \times P_2}$ . Consequently, either  $a_1 \in P_1$  or  $(a_2^n, 0) \cdot (s, s') \in P$  for some  $(s, s') \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus, either  $a_1 \in P_1$  or  $a_2 \in \sqrt[S]{P_1}$ . Since  $P$  is disjoint from  $S$  and  $P_2 \cap S_2 \neq \phi$ , we obtain  $P_1 \cap S_1 = \phi$ . Thus,  $P_1$  is an  $(S_1)_{S_1}$ -primary ideal of  $R_1$ .

If  $P_1 \cap S_1 \neq \phi$ , then as in the preceding case,  $P_2$  is an  $(S_2)_{S_2}$ -primary ideal of  $R_2$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Without loss of generality, suppose that  $P_1$  is an  $(S_1)_{S_1}$ -primary ideal of  $R_1$  and  $P_2 \cap S_2 \neq \phi$ . Let  $(a_1, b_1) \cdot (a_2, b_2) \in P$  for some  $a_1, a_2 \in R_1$  and some  $b_1, b_2 \in R_2$ . Then,  $(a_1 a_2, b_1 b_2) \in P_1 \times P_2$ , and hence,  $a_1 a_2 \in P_1$ . Consequently, either  $a_1 \in P_1$  or  $a_2 \in \sqrt[S]{P_1}$ . Hence, either  $a_1 \in P_1$  or  $a_2^n s_1 \in P_1$  for some  $s_1 \in S_1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now for  $s_2 \in P_2 \cap S_2$ , we obtain

$$\text{either } (a_1, b_1) \in P_1 \times P_2 \text{ or } (a_2^n s_1, b_2^n s_2) \in P_1 \times P_2.$$

Hence,

$$\text{either } (a_1, b_1) \in P_1 \times P_2 \text{ or } (a_2, b_2)^n \cdot (s_1, s_2) \in P_1 \times P_2.$$

Finally,

$$\text{either } (a_1, b_1) \in P_1 \times P_2 \text{ or } (a_2, b_2) \in \sqrt[S]{P_1 \times P_2}.$$

Thus,  $P$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .

If  $P_2$  is an  $(S_2)_{S_2}$ -primary and  $P_1 \cap S_1 \neq \phi$ , then as in the preceding case,  $P$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.20.** Let  $P$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ , and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then,  $P(+M)$  is an  $(S_M)_{S_M}$ -primary ideal of  $R(+M)$  if and only if  $P$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $P$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . Notice that  $S_M \cap (P(+M)) = \phi$ . Let  $(a_1, m_1)(a_2, m_2) \in P(+M)$  for some  $a_1, a_2 \in R$  and  $m_1, m_2 \in M$ . Then,  $a_1 a_2 \in P$ , and hence, either  $a_1 \in P$  or  $a_2 \in \sqrt[S]{P}$ . If  $a_2 \in \sqrt[S]{P}$ , then by (3) of Corollary 4.13,  $(a_2, m_2) \in \sqrt[S]{P(+M)} = \sqrt[S]{P(+M)}$ . If  $a_1 \in P$ , then  $(a_1, m_1)(1, m) \in P(+M)$ , where  $(1, m) \in S_M$  for any  $m \in M$ . Thus,  $P(+M)$  is an  $(S_M)_{S_M}$ -primary ideal of  $R(+M)$ .

Conversely, suppose  $P(+M)$  is an  $(S_M)_{S_M}$ -primary ideal of  $R(+M)$ . Let  $ab \in P$ , for some  $a, b \in R$ . Then,  $(a, m_1)(b, m_2) \in P(+M)$  for some  $m_1, m_2 \in M$ , and hence, either  $(a, m_1) \in P(+M)$ , or  $(b, m_2) \in \sqrt[S]{P(+M)} = \sqrt[S]{P(+M)}$ . Consequently, either  $a_1 \in P$  or  $b \in \sqrt[S]{P}$ . Thus,  $P$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

## 5.1 Amalgamation of $S_S$ -primary ideals

Let  $R$  and  $A$  be commutative rings and let  $\varphi : R \rightarrow A$  be a ring homomorphism. Suppose  $P$  is an ideal of  $A$ . The structure called the \*amalgamation\* of  $R$  with  $A$  along  $P$ , relative to the map  $\varphi$ , is denoted by  $R \bowtie^\varphi P$ , and it is defined as the following subring of the direct product  $R \times A$ :

$$R \bowtie^\varphi P = \{(r, \varphi(r) + p) \mid r \in R, p \in P\}.$$

This construction extends the notion of \*amalgamated duplication\* of a ring along one of its ideals. To recall, if  $P$  is an ideal of a ring  $R$ , then the amalgamated duplication of  $R$  along  $P$ , denoted by  $R \bowtie P$ , is the subring of  $R \times R$  given by

$$R \bowtie P = \{(r, r + p) \mid r \in R, p \in P\}.$$

Furthermore, if  $K$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then the set

$$K \bowtie^\varphi P = \{(k, \varphi(k) + p) \mid k \in K, p \in P\}$$

forms an ideal of the ring  $R \bowtie^\varphi P$ . In addition, when  $S \subseteq R$  is a multiplicatively closed set, the subset

$$S^\bowtie = \{(s, \varphi(s)) \mid s \in S\}$$

constitutes a multiplicatively closed subset of  $R \bowtie^\varphi P$ .

**Proposition 5.21.** *Let  $R$  and  $A$  be commutative rings,  $\varphi : R \rightarrow A$  a ring homomorphism,  $P$  an ideal of the ring  $A$ , and  $R \bowtie^\varphi P$  the amalgamation of  $R$  with  $A$  along  $P$  with respect to  $\varphi$ . If  $K$  is an ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ , then*

$$S^\bowtie \sqrt{K \bowtie^\varphi P} = \sqrt{K} \bowtie^\varphi P.$$

*Proof.* Initially, since  $S \cap K = \emptyset$ , then  $S^\bowtie \cap (K \bowtie^\varphi P) = \emptyset$ . Now let  $(x, \varphi(x) + p) \in S^\bowtie \sqrt{K \bowtie^\varphi P}$ , for some  $x \in R$  and  $p \in P$ . Then, there exists  $(s, \varphi(s)) \in S^\bowtie$  such that

$$(x, \varphi(x) + p)^n (s, \varphi(s)) \in K \bowtie^\varphi P$$

for some  $s \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence,  $x^n s \in K$ , which implies  $x \in \sqrt{K}$ . Thus,  $(x, \varphi(x) + p) \in \sqrt{K} \bowtie^\varphi P$ .

Conversely, let  $(x, \varphi(x) + p) \in \sqrt{K} \bowtie^\varphi P$ , for some  $x \in R$  and  $p \in P$ . Then  $x \in \sqrt{K}$ , and hence, there exist  $s \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x^n s \in K$ . Additionally, define

$$p_1 = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} \varphi(s) \varphi(x)^k p^{n-k} \in P.$$

Then,

$$(\varphi(x) + p)^n \varphi(s) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \varphi(s) \varphi(x)^k p^{n-k} = \varphi(x^n s) + p_1 \in \varphi(K) + P.$$

Consequently,  $(x, \varphi(x) + p)^n (s, \varphi(s)) = (x^n s, \varphi(x^n s) + p_1) \in K \bowtie^\varphi P$ , and hence  $(x, \varphi(x) + p) \in S^\bowtie \sqrt{K \bowtie^\varphi P}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 5.22.** *Let  $R$  be a ring,  $P$  an ideal of  $R$ , and  $R \bowtie P$  the amalgamated duplication of  $R$  along  $P$ . If  $K$  is an ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ , then*

$$S^\bowtie \sqrt{K \bowtie P} = \sqrt{K} \bowtie P.$$

*Proof.* The proof follows from Proposition 5.21.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.23.** *Let  $\varphi : R \rightarrow A$  be a ring homomorphism,  $P$  an ideal of the ring  $A$ , and  $R \bowtie^\varphi P$  the amalgamation of  $R$  with  $A$  along  $P$  with respect to  $\varphi$ . If  $K$  is an ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ , then  $K \bowtie^\varphi P$  is an  $S^\bowtie$ -primary ideal of  $R \bowtie^\varphi P$  if and only if  $K$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $S \cap K = \emptyset$ , then  $S^\times \cap (K \bowtie^\varphi P) = \emptyset$ . Suppose that  $K \bowtie^\varphi P$  is an  $S_{S^\times}^\times$ -primary ideal of  $R \bowtie^\varphi P$ , and that  $ab \in K$  for some  $a, b \in R$ . Then,  $(a, \varphi(a))(b, \varphi(b)) \in K \bowtie^\varphi P$ , and hence, by assumption, either  $(a, \varphi(a)) \in K \bowtie^\varphi P$  or  $(b, \varphi(b)) \in \sqrt[S^\times]{K \bowtie^\varphi P}$ . If  $(a, \varphi(a)) \in K \bowtie^\varphi P$ , then  $a \in K$ . If  $(b, \varphi(b)) \in \sqrt[S^\times]{K \bowtie^\varphi P}$ , then by Proposition 5.21, we have  $b \in \sqrt{K}$ . Thus,  $K$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $K$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ , and that

$$(a, \varphi(a) + p_1)(b, \varphi(b) + p_2) \in K \bowtie^\varphi P$$

for some  $a, b \in R$  and  $p_1, p_2 \in P$ . Then  $ab \in K$ , and hence, by assumption, either  $a \in K$  or  $b \in \sqrt{K}$ . If  $a \in K$ , then  $(a, \varphi(a) + p_1) \in K \bowtie^\varphi P$ . If  $b \in \sqrt{K}$ , then  $(b, \varphi(b) + p_2) \in \sqrt{K} \bowtie^\varphi P = \sqrt[S^\times]{K \bowtie^\varphi P}$  by Proposition 5.21. Thus,  $K \bowtie^\varphi P$  is an  $S_{S^\times}^\times$ -primary ideal of  $R \bowtie^\varphi P$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 5.24.** *Let  $R$  be a ring,  $P$  an ideal of  $R$ , and  $R \bowtie P$  the amalgamated duplication of  $R$  along  $P$ . If  $K$  is an ideal of  $R$  disjoint from  $S$ , then  $K \bowtie P$  is an  $S_{S^\times}^\times$ -primary ideal of  $R \bowtie P$  if and only if  $K$  is an  $S_S$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* The proof follows from Theorem 5.23 and Corollary 5.22.  $\square$

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