

ON S -ENDO-NOETHERIAN RINGS

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ABSTRACT. A commutative ring A is said to be an S -endo-Noetherian ring, where S is a multiplicative subset of A , if the chain of annihilators $\text{ann}_A(a_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_A(a_2) \subseteq \cdots$ is S -stationary; (i.e, there exist $s \in S$ and a positive integer n such that $s \cdot (\text{ann}_A(a_k)) \subseteq \text{ann}_A(a_n)$ for each $k \geq n$) for each sequence $(a_k)_{k \geq 1}$ of elements of A . We study several properties of an S -endo-Noetherian ring. Among other results, the transfer of this property to the amalgamated duplication of A along an ideal I ($A \bowtie I$) is investigated, as well as the necessary and sufficient conditions for $R[[X]]$ (resp., $R[X]$) to be an S -endo-Noetherian ring.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper, all rings are assumed to be commutative with identity and all modules are nonzero unitary. Our purpose is to generalize the study of endo-Noetherian rings to the class of S -endo-Noetherian rings. The notion of an endo-Noetherian rings was introduced by B. Gouaid, A. Hamed and A. Benhissi [12].

Let A be a ring and M be an A -module. We say that M is an endo-Noetherian module if it satisfies the ascending chain condition for the kernels of the endomorphism; i.e, each increasing sequence of the form $\ker(f_1) \subseteq \ker(f_2) \subseteq \dots$ is stationary, where $(f_k)_{k \geq 1}$ is a sequence of endomorphisms of M . A ring A is said to be endo-Noetherian if it is endo-Noetherian as a A -module; i.e, each chain of annihilators $\text{ann}(a_1) \subseteq \text{ann}(a_2) \subseteq \cdots$ is stationary. The class of S -endo-Noetherian rings includes the class of S -Noetherian rings [12].

Let A be a ring and E be an A -module. The following ring construction, called the trivial ring extension of A by E (also called the idealization of E), was introduced by Nagata [19, page 2]. It is the ring $A(+)E$ whose underlying abelian group is $A \times E$ with multiplication given by $(a, e)(b, f) = (ab, af + be)$. Trivial ring extensions have been studied extensively; and

considerable work has been concerned with these extensions. Mainly, trivial ring extensions have been useful for solving many open problems and conjectures in both commutative and non-commutative ring theory.

Let A be a ring and I an ideal of A . The following ring construction, called the amalgamated duplication of A along I , was introduced by D'Anna in [8]. It is the subring $A \bowtie I$ of $A \times A$ given by

$$A \bowtie I := \{(a, a + i) \mid a \in A \text{ and } i \in I\}$$

This extension has been studied, in the general case and from the different point of view of pullbacks, by D'Anna and Fontana [10]. Also see the survey article [11] for more details on general constructions. If $I^2 = 0$, then $A \bowtie I$ coincides with Nagata's idealization ($A \ltimes E$). One main difference of this construction, with respect to the idealization, is that the ring $A \bowtie I$ can be reduced (and it is always reduced if A is an integral domain). Our paper consists of three sections.

In section 2, we study several properties of S -endo-Noetherian rings. Among other thing, we show that, if a ring A satisfies the property $S - (*)$, then it satisfies the $S - accr$ condition (we say that A satisfies the $S - accr$ condition if the ascending chain of colon ideals of the form $(I : a) \subseteq (I : a^2) \subseteq (I : a^3) \subseteq \dots$ is S -stationary for each $a \in A$ and every ideal I of A), where the $S - (*)$ property means: every increasing sequence of the form $(I : a_1) \subseteq (I : a_2) \subseteq \dots$ is S -stationary, where I is an ideal of A and $(a_k)_{k \geq 1}$ a sequence of elements of A . We also show that A satisfies the property $S - (*)$ if and only if A/I is an \overline{S} -endo-Noetherian ring for each ideal I of A . Then we provide an answer to the question of when the amalgamated duplication, of A along an ideal I , $A \bowtie I$ is an $S \times S$ -endo-Noetherian ring. It is well known that a regular element of A is by definition a not a zero-divisor. Also, we say that an ideal I is a regular ideal if it contains a regular element of A . We prove that if I is a regular ideal of A , then A is an S -endo-Noetherian ring if and only if $A \bowtie I$ is an $S \times S$ -endo-Noetherian ring.

In section 3, we find a necessary and sufficient conditions for a formal power series ring $R[[X]]$ and a polynomial ring $R[X]$ to be an S -endo-Noetherian ring.

2. GENERAL PROPERTIES

Recall from [20] that a ring A is said to be *endo-Noetherian* if the increasing sequence $ann_A(a_1) \subseteq ann_A(a_2) \subseteq \dots$ is stationary for any sequence $(a_k)_k$ of elements of A . Let S be a multiplicative subset of A . According to [13], an increasing sequence $(I_k)_k$ of ideals of A is called S -stationary if there exist a positive integer n and $s \in S$ such that for each $k \geq n$, $sI_k \subseteq I_n$. We start this section by introducing the following definition in order to generalize several well-known results about endo-Noetherian rings.

Definition 2.1. Let A be a commutative ring and S a multiplicative subset of A . We say that A is an S -endo-Noetherian ring if the chain of annihilators $ann_A(a_1) \subseteq ann_A(a_2) \subseteq \dots$ is S -stationary for each sequence $(a_k)_k$ of elements of A .

In the following examples we illustrate the link between endo-Noetherian rings, S -Noetherian rings and S -endo-Noetherian rings. As usual, A denotes a commutative ring and S be a multiplicative subset of A ,

Example 2.2. If A is endo-Noetherian, then A is an S -endo-Noetherian ring.

Example 2.3. If S consists of units of A , then A is an S -endo-Noetherian ring if and only if A is an endo-Noetherian ring.

Example 2.4. If A is an S -Noetherian ring, then A is an S -endo-Noetherian ring. Indeed, by [13, Remark 2.3], every increasing sequence of ideals of A is S -stationary. But the converse is false. Let K be a field and E be a K -vector space of infinite dimension. Set $K(+)E$ to be the trivial extension of K by E . According to [18, Theorem 3.8], the ring $K(+)E$ is not $\{1\}(+)E$ -Noetherian. Now, we will show that $K(+)E$ is a $\{1\}(+)E$ -endo-Noetherian ring.

Let $(a, e) \in K(+)E \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$. Let $(b, f) \in ann_{K(+)E}(a, e)$. Then $(a, e)(b, f) = (ab, af + be) = (0, 0)$. Now if $a \neq 0$, then $b = 0$ and $f = 0$. If $a = 0$, then $e \neq 0$ and $be = 0$, so $b = 0$ and $f \in E$ is arbitrary. Hence

$$ann_{K(+)E}(a, e) = \begin{cases} (0, 0) & \text{if } a \neq 0 \\ 0(+)E & \text{if } a = 0 \end{cases} .$$

On the other hand, for every $g \in E$, we have

$$(1, g)ann_{K(+)E}(a, e) = \begin{cases} (0, 0) & \text{if } a \neq 0 \\ 0(+)E & \text{if } a = 0 \end{cases} .$$

Now, let $(a_k, e_k)_{k \geq 1}$ be a sequence of elements of $K(+)E$ such that

$$ann_{K(+)E}(a_1, e_1) \subseteq ann_{K(+)E}(a_2, e_2) \subseteq \dots .$$

If $a_k = 0$ for each a positive integer $k \geq 1$, then $ann_{K(+)E}(a_k, e_k) = 0(+)E$ and for each $s \in \{1\}(+)E$, $s.ann_{K(+)E}(a_k, e_k) = ann_{K(+)E}(a_n, e_n)$ for each positive integer n . Let p be the first positive integer such that $a_p \neq 0$. Then for each positive integer $n \geq p$, we have $(1, g)ann_{K(+)E}(a_p, e_p) = 0(+)E = ann_{K(+)E}(a_p, e_p)$. Therefore the ring $K(+)E$ is a $\{1\}(+)E$ -endo-Noetherian ring.

In the light of Example 2.2, the following proposition shows that, for a useful kind of condition, one can characterize when we have the converse.

Proposition 2.5. *Let A be a ring and S be a multiplicative subset of A such that $S \subseteq A \setminus Z(A)$. Then A is S -endo-Noetherian if and only if A is endo-Noetherian.*

Proof.

The “only if” half is trivial. Conversely, let $(a_k)_{k \geq 1}$ be a sequence of elements of A such that $\text{ann}(a_1) \subseteq \text{ann}(a_2) \subseteq \cdots$. Then, there exist $s \in S$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such for each integer $k \geq n$, $s \cdot \text{ann}(a_k) \subseteq \text{ann}(a_n)$. Let $x \in \text{ann}(a_k)$. Then $sxa_n = 0$. As s is regular, we conclude that $xa_n = 0$. Hence $\text{ann}(a_k) \subseteq \text{ann}(a_n)$ for each positive integer $k \geq n$. Thus A is an endo-Noetherian ring. \square

Proposition 2.6. *Let $A \subseteq B$ be an extension of commutative rings and $S \subseteq A$ be a multiplicative set. If B is an S -endo-Noetherian ring, then so is A .*

Proof.

Let $\text{ann}(a_1) \subseteq \text{ann}(a_2) \subseteq \cdots$ be an increasing sequence of annihilators of A , where $(a_k)_{k \geq 1}$ is a sequence of elements of A . Since B is S -endo-Noetherian, the sequence $(\text{ann}_B(a_k))_k$ is S -stationary. So there exist $s \in S$ and a positive integer n such that for each $k \geq n$, $s(\text{ann}_B(a_k)) \subseteq \text{ann}_B(a_n)$. This implies that for each $k \geq n$, $s(\text{ann}_B(a_k) \cap A) \subseteq \text{ann}_B(a_n) \cap A$. Thus for each $k \geq n$, $s(\text{ann}_A(a_k)) \subseteq \text{ann}_A(a_n)$. Hence A is an S -endo-Noetherian ring. \square

Let A be a ring and $S \subseteq A$ be a multiplicative set. We say that A satisfies the property $S - (*)$, if every increasing sequence of the form $(I : a_1) \subseteq (I : a_2) \subseteq \cdots$ is S -stationary, where I is an ideal of A and $(a_k)_k$ is a sequence of elements of A . It is clear that if A satisfies the property $S - (*)$, then A is S -endo-Noetherian. Note that if A satisfies the property $S - (*)$, then A satisfies the S -*accr* condition (i.e, A is said to satisfy the S -*accr* condition if the ascending chain of residuals of the form $(I : a) \subseteq (I : a^2) \subseteq \cdots$ is S -stationary for each $a \in A$ and every ideal I of A (cf. [13])).

Let A be a ring, S a multiplicative subset of A and I be an ideal of A . Set $\overline{S} := \{\overline{s}; s \in S\}$. It is clear that \overline{S} is a multiplicative subset of A/I .

The following theorem characterizes the rings which satisfies the property $S - (*)$ in terms of S -endo-Noetherian rings.

Theorem 2.7. *Let A be a ring and $S \subseteq A$ a multiplicative set. The following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1) A/I is an \overline{S} -endo-Noetherian ring for each ideal I of A such that $I \cap S = \emptyset$.
- (2) A satisfies the property $S - (*)$.

Proof.

(1) \Rightarrow (2) Let I be an ideal of A such that $I \cap S = \emptyset$ and $(a_k)_k$ a sequence of elements of A with $(I : a_1) \subseteq (I : a_2) \subseteq \cdots$. We will show that $\text{ann}_{A/I}(\overline{a_k}) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A/I}(\overline{a_{k+1}})$. Let $\overline{x} \in \text{ann}_{A/I}(\overline{a_k})$. Then $xa_k \in I$, so $x \in (I : a_k) \subseteq (I : a_{k+1})$, which implies $xa_{k+1} \in I$. Therefore, $\overline{x} \in \text{ann}_{A/I}(a_{k+1})$. Now, since A/I is \overline{S} -endo-Noetherian, there exist $s \in S$ and a positive integer n such that for each $k \geq n$, $\overline{s}(\text{ann}_{A/I}(\overline{a_k})) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A/I}(\overline{a_n})$.

Let $x \in (I : a_k)$. Then $xa_k \in I$, which implies that $\overline{sx a_n} = \overline{0}$ in A/I . Hence $sxa_n \in I$, so $sx \in (I : a_n)$. Thus $s(I : a_k) \subseteq (I : a_n)$ for each $k \geq n$. Then A satisfies the property $S - (*)$.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Let $(a_k)_{k \geq 1}$ be a sequence of elements of A such that $\text{ann}_{A/I}(\overline{a_1}) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A/I}(\overline{a_2}) \subseteq \dots$. We show that $(I : a_1) \subseteq (I : a_2) \subseteq \dots$. Let $x \in (I : a_k)$. Then $\overline{x} \in \text{ann}_{A/I}(\overline{a_k}) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A/I}(\overline{a_{k+1}})$. Thus $x \in (I : a_{k+1})$. Now since A satisfies the property $S - (*)$, there exist an $s \in S$ and a positive integer n such that for each $k \geq n$, $s(I : a_k) \subseteq (I : a_n)$. Let $\overline{x} \in \text{ann}_{A/I}(\overline{a_k})$. Then $xa_k \in I$, which implies $sx \in (I : a_n)$. This implies $\overline{sx a_n} = \overline{0}$ in A/I . Then $\overline{sx} \in \text{ann}_{A/I}(a_n)$, and hence $\overline{s}(\text{ann}_{A/I}(a_k)) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A/I}(\overline{a_n})$ for each integer $k \geq n$. Thus, A/I is an \overline{S} -endo-Noetherian ring. \square

The previous theorem allows us to construct an example of a non S -Noetherian ring that satisfies the condition $S - (*)$.

Example 2.8. Let K be a field and E a K -vector space of infinite dimension. Consider $A := K(+)E$ to be the trivial ring extension of K by E . By [18, Theorem 3.8], the ring $A := K(+)E$ is not $\{1\}(+)E$ -Noetherian. We will show that every ideal of $K(+)E$ is the form $0(+)F$, where F is a sub-space of E .

Indeed, let I be a proper ideal of $K(+)E$. Suppose that I contains an element (a, e) with $a \neq 0$. Then $(a, e) \cdot (\frac{1}{a}, -\frac{1}{a^2}e) = (1, 0) \in I$, hence $I = K(+)E$ since $(1, 0)$ is the unity of $K(+)E$. Thus each proper ideal I is contained in $0(+)E$. Using [1, Corollary 3.4], the proper ideal contained in $0(+)E$ is of the form $0(+)F$, where F is a sub-space of E . By [1, Theorem 3.1], we have $(K(+)E) / (0(+)F) \simeq K(+)(E/F)$.

Corollary 2.9. [13, Theorem 2.9] *The following assertions are equivalent for a ring A .*

- (1) A/I is an endo-Noetherian ring for each ideal I of A .
- (2) A satisfies the property $(*)$.

Proof. Follows from Theorem 2.7 with $S = \{1\}$. \square

Proposition 2.10. *Let A, B be two rings and let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be a ring homomorphism. Let S be a multiplicative subset of A . If R satisfies $S - (*)$, then $f(A)$ satisfies $f(S) - (*)$. In particular, $f(A)$ is an $f(S)$ -endo-Noetherian ring.*

Proof.

Let I be an ideal of $f(R)$, and $a_1, a_2, \dots \in R$ such that $(I :_{f(R)} f(a_1)) \subseteq (I :_{f(R)} f(a_2)) \subseteq \dots$. We will show that $(f^{-1}(I) :_R a_1) \subseteq (f^{-1}(I) :_R a_2) \subseteq \dots$. Let $x \in (f^{-1}(I) :_R a_i)$. Then $f(x) \in (I :_{f(R)} f(a_i))$. Therefore $f(x) \in (I :_{f(R)} f(a_{i+1}))$, and hence $x \in (f^{-1}(I) :_R a_{i+1})$.

Now, since R satisfies $S - (*)$, there exist an $s \in S$ and a positive integer n such that $s(f^{-1}(I) :_R a_k) \subseteq (f^{-1}(I) :_R a_n)$ for each $k \geq n$. We show that for each $k \geq n$, $f(s) \cdot (I :_{f(A)} a_k) \subseteq (I :_A a_n)$. Let $x \in A$ such that $f(x) \in$

$(I :_{f(A)} a_k)$, then $x \in (f^{-1}(I) :_A a_k)$ which implies $sx \in (f^{-1}(I) :_A a_n)$. Hence $f(s)f(x)f(a_n) \in I$. Therefore $f(s) \cdot (I :_{f(A)} a_k) \subseteq (I :_A a_n)$.

The "in particular" is clear. \square

Theorem 2.11. *Let A and B be two rings and let S_1 and S_2 be a multiplicative subset of A and B , respectively: set $S := S_1 \times S_2$. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) $A \times B$ is an S -endo-Noetherian ring.
- (2) A is an S_1 -endo-Noetherian ring and B is an S_2 -endo-Noetherian ring.

Proof.

(1) \Rightarrow (2) Let $(a_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ be a sequence of elements of A such that $\text{ann}_A(a_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_A(a_2) \subseteq \dots$. It is easy to see that $\text{ann}_{A \times B}((a_1, 0)) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A \times B}((a_2, 0)) \subseteq \dots$. Since $A \times B$ is an S -endo-Noetherian ring, there exist $(s, t) \in S = S_1 \times S_2$ and a positive integer n such that $(s, t) \cdot \text{ann}((a_k, 0)) \subseteq \text{ann}((a_n, 0))$ for each $k \geq n$. Let $x \in \text{ann}(a_k)$ where $k \geq n$. Then $(s, t)(x, 0)(a_n, 0) = (0, 0)$, so $sxt \in \text{ann}(a_n)$. Hence $s \cdot \text{ann}(a_k) \subseteq \text{ann}(a_n)$ for each $k \geq n$. Thus A is an S_1 -endo-Noetherian ring. By the same argument we conclude that B is an S_2 -endo-Noetherian ring.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Let $(a_k, b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ be a sequence of elements of $A \times B$ such that $\text{ann}_{A \times B}(a_1, b_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A \times B}(a_2, b_2) \subseteq \dots$. It is easy to see that $\text{ann}_A(a_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_A(a_2) \subseteq \dots$ and $\text{ann}_B(b_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_B(b_2) \subseteq \dots$. Since A is an S_1 -endo-Noetherian ring and B is an S_2 -endo-Noetherian ring, there exist $s_1 \in S_1, s_2 \in S_2$ and a positive integer n such that $s_1 \cdot \text{ann}_A(a_k) \subseteq \text{ann}_A(a_n)$ and $s_2 \cdot \text{ann}_B(b_k) \subseteq \text{ann}_B(b_n)$. It is clear that $(s_1, s_2) \cdot \text{ann}_{A \times B}(a_k, b_k) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A \times B}(a_n, b_n)$ for each $k \geq n$. Hence $A \times B$ is an $S_1 \times S_2$ -endo-Noetherian ring. \square

Corollary 2.12. *Let $(A_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ be a finite family of rings and $A = \prod_{i=1}^n A_i$. For each $1 \leq i \leq n$ let S_i be a multiplicative subset of A_i . Set $S := \prod_{i=1}^n S_i$. Then, the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) A is an S -endo-Noetherian ring.
- (2) A_i is an S_i -endo-Noetherian ring for each $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Proof.

Follows from Theorem 2.11. \square

The following theorem characterizes when the duplication $A \bowtie I$ is an $S \times S$ -endo-Noetherian ring.

Theorem 2.13. *Let A be a ring and S a multiplicative subset of A and I be a regular ideal of A . The following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1) The ring A is S -endo-Noetherian.
- (2) The duplication $A \bowtie I$ is an $S \times S$ -endo-Noetherian ring.

Before proving Theorem 2.13, we first establish the following lemma.

Lemma 2.14. *Let A be a ring and I be a regular ideal of A . Let $(a, a + i), (b, b + j)$ two elements of $A \bowtie I$ such that $\text{ann}_{A \bowtie I}(a, a + i) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A \bowtie I}(b, b + j)$. Then $\text{ann}_{A \times A}(a, a + i) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A \times A}(b, b + j)$.*

Proof. Let $(x, y) \in A \times A$ such that $(x, y) \in \text{ann}_{A \times A}(a, a + i)$. Then $(x, y)(a, a + i) = (0, 0)$. Let k be a regular element of I . Then

$$(k, k)(x, y)(a, a + i) = (kx, kx + k(y - x))(a, a + i) = (0, 0).$$

Since $(kx, kx + k(y - x)) \in A \bowtie I$, we conclude by hypothesis that $(k, k)(x, y)(b, b + j) = (0, 0)$. Now, since (k, k) is a regular element of $A \times A$, we get $(x, y)(b, b + j) = (0, 0)$. Hence $\text{ann}_{A \times A}(a, a + i) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A \times A}(b, b + j)$. \square

Proof of Theorem 2.13:

(1) \Rightarrow (2) Let $(a_k, a_k + i_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ be a sequence of elements of $A \bowtie I$ satisfying $\text{ann}_{A \bowtie I}(a_1, a_1 + i_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A \bowtie I}(a_2, a_2 + i_2) \subseteq \dots$. By Lemma 2.14 we have $\text{ann}_{A \times A}(a_1, a_1 + i_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A \times A}(a_2, a_2 + i_2) \subseteq \dots$. Using Theorem 2.11 there exist $(s, s) \in S \times S$ and a positive integer n such that for each $k \geq n$, $(s, s) \cdot \text{ann}_{A \times A}(a_k, a_k + i_k) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A \times A}(a_n, a_n + i_n)$, and then $(s, s) \cdot (A \bowtie I \cap \text{ann}_{A \times A}(a_k, a_k + i_k)) \subseteq A \bowtie I \cap \text{ann}_{A \times A}(a_n, a_n + i_n)$. So $(s, s) \cdot (\text{ann}_{A \bowtie I}(a_k, a_k + i_k)) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A \bowtie I}(a_n, a_n + i_n)$. Hence $A \bowtie I$ is an $S \times S$ -endo-Noetherian ring.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) This implication is true even if I is not a regular ideal. Let $(a_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ be a sequence of elements of A satisfying $\text{ann}_A(a_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_A(a_2) \subseteq \dots$. It is clear that $\text{ann}_{A \bowtie I}(a_1, a_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A \bowtie I}(a_2, a_2) \subseteq \dots$. Since $A \bowtie I$ is an $S \times S$ -endo-Noetherian ring, there exist $s \in S$ and a positive integer n such that for each $k \geq n$, $(s, s) \cdot (\text{ann}_{A \bowtie I}(a_k, a_k)) \subseteq \text{ann}_{A \bowtie I}(a_n, a_n)$. Now, let $x \in \text{ann}_A(a_k)$. Then we have $(x, x) \in \text{ann}_{A \bowtie I}(a_k, a_k)$, which implies $(s, s)(x, x)(a_n, a_n) = (0, 0)$. Hence $sx \in \text{ann}_A(a_n)$. Finally A is an S -endo-Noetherian ring. \square

Corollary 2.15. [12, Theorem 2.13] *Let A be a ring and I be a regular ideal of A . The following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1) *The ring A is an endo-Noetherian.*
- (2) *The product ring $A \times A$ is endo-Noetherian ring.*
- (3) *The duplication $A \bowtie I$ is an endo-Noetherian ring.*

Proof.

(1) \iff (2) Follows from Theorem 2.11 with $S = \{1\}$.

(1) \iff (3) Follows from Theorem 2.13 with $S = \{1\}$. \square

3. POLYNOMIALS AND FORMAL POWER SERIES OVER A S -ENDO-NOETHERIAN RING

Recall from [16] that a commutative ring is called an Armendariz ring if whenever the polynomials $f = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i X^i$ and $g = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i X^i \in R[X]$ with $f \cdot g = 0$, then $a_i b_j = 0$ for every i and j .

Remark 3.1. Let R be an Armendariz ring. Let $f = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i X^i$ and set $K = \{a_i | 0 \leq i \leq n\}$. The fact that R is an Armendariz ring gives that $\text{ann}_R(K)[X] = \text{ann}_{R[X]}(f)$. In particular, if K is a finite subset of R and $f \in R[X]$ a polynomial whose set of coefficients is K , then $\text{ann}_R(K)[X] = \text{ann}_{R[X]}(f)$.

Remark 3.2. If $I = (a_0, \dots, a_n)$ is a finitely generated ideal of a ring R , then $\text{ann}_R(I) = \text{ann}_R(K)$, where $K = \{a_i | 0 \leq i \leq n\}$.

Theorem 3.3. *Let R be an Armendariz ring and S be a multiplicative subset of R . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) $R[X]$ is an S -endo-Noetherian ring.
- (2) R satisfies the S -acc on annihilators of finite subsets.
- (3) R satisfies the S -acc on annihilators of finitely generated ideals of R .

Proof.

(1) \Rightarrow (2) Let $(K_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ be a sequence of non-empty finite subsets of R such that $\text{ann}_R(K_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_R(K_2) \subseteq \dots$. Clearly we have $\text{ann}_R(K_1)[X] \subseteq \text{ann}_R(K_2)[X] \subseteq \dots$. We consider $f_i(X) \in R[X]$, a polynomial whose set of coefficients of f_i is K_i for each $i \in \mathbb{N}^*$. By Remark 3.1, we have $\text{ann}_{R[X]}(f_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_{R[X]}(f_2) \subseteq \dots$. Now, since $R[X]$ is an S -endo-Noetherian ring, there exist $s \in S$ and a positive integer n such that $s(\text{ann}_{R[X]}(f_k)) \subseteq \text{ann}_{R[X]}(f_n)$ for every positive integer $k \geq n$, which implies $s(\text{ann}(K_k)[X]) \subseteq \text{ann}(K_n)[X]$. Hence, we conclude that there exist $s \in S$ and a positive integer n such that $s(\text{ann}(K_k)) \subseteq \text{ann}(K_n)$ for every $k \geq n$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Follows from (2) and Remark 3.2.

(3) \Rightarrow (1) Let $(f_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ be a sequence of elements of $R[X]$ satisfying $\text{ann}_{R[X]}(f_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_{R[X]}(f_2) \subseteq \dots$. For each $i \in \mathbb{N}^*$, let K_i be the set of the coefficients of f_i . Since R is an Armendariz ring, we conclude by Remark 3.1, that $(\text{ann}_{R[X]}(K_1))[X] \subseteq (\text{ann}_{R[X]}(K_2))[X] \subseteq \dots$. Then $\text{ann}_R(K_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_R(K_2) \subseteq \dots$. Now, for each $i \in \mathbb{N}^*$, let I_i be the ideal generated by K_i . According to Remark 3.2, we have $\text{ann}_R(I_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_R(I_2) \subseteq \dots$. Since (3) holds, there exist $s \in S$ and a positive integer n such that $s(\text{ann}_R(I_k)) \subseteq \text{ann}_R(I_n)$, and so $s(\text{ann}_R(K_k)) \subseteq \text{ann}_R(K_n)$ for every positive integer $k \geq n$. Now, the result follows from Remark 3.1. This completes the proof. \square

Lemma 3.4. *Let R be a power series Armendariz ring, $f(X) \in R[[X]]$, and L the set of the coefficients of $f(X)$. Then, $(\text{ann}_R(L))[[X]] = \text{ann}_{R[[X]]}(f)$.*

Proof.

Let $g(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} b_i X^i \in R[[X]]$. Then $g(X) \in (\text{ann}_R(L))[[X]]$, if and only if for every $i \in \mathbb{N}$, $b_i \in \text{ann}_R(L)$ if and only if for every $i \in \mathbb{N}$, $ab_i = 0$ for an arbitrary element a in L , that is $g(X)f(X) = 0$, which is equivalent to saying that $g(X) \in \text{ann}_{R[[X]]}(f)$. This completes the proof of the lemma. \square

Theorem 3.5. *Let R be an Armendariz ring and S be a multiplicative subset of R . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) $R[[X]]$ is an S -endo-Noetherian ring.
- (2) The ring R satisfies S – acc for the annihilators of the countably sets.
- (3) The ring R satisfies S – acc for the annihilators of the countably generated ideals.

Proof.

(1) \Rightarrow (2) Let $(L_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ be a sequence of countably subsets of A such that $\text{ann}_R(L_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_R(L_2) \subseteq \dots$. Then $\text{ann}_R(L_1)[[X]] \subseteq \text{ann}_R(L_2)[[X]] \subseteq \dots$. For each $i \in \mathbb{N}^*$, we consider $f_i(X) \in R[[X]]$ whose set of coefficients is equal to L_i . By Lemma 3.4, we have $\text{ann}_{R[[X]]}(f_1(X)) \subseteq \text{ann}_{R[[X]]}(f_2(X)) \subseteq \dots$. Now, since $R[[X]]$ is an S -endo-Noetherian ring, there exist $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and $s \in S$ such that $s \cdot \text{ann}_{R[[X]]}(f_k(X)) \subseteq \text{ann}_{R[[X]]}(f_n(X))$ for each $k \geq n$. This implies that $s \cdot \text{ann}_R(L_k)[[X]] \subseteq \text{ann}_R(L_n)[[X]]$, therefore $s \cdot \text{ann}_R(L_k) \subseteq \text{ann}_R(L_n)$ for each $n \geq n$, as desired.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Assume that (2) holds and let $(f_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ be a sequence of elements of $R[[X]]$ satisfying $\text{ann}_{R[[X]]}(f_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_{R[[X]]}(f_2) \subseteq \dots$. For each $i \in \mathbb{N}^*$, we denote by L_i the set of the coefficients of f_i . By Lemma 3.4 we have $\text{ann}_R(L_1)[[X]] \subseteq \text{ann}_R(L_2)[[X]] \subseteq \dots$, which implies that $\text{ann}_R(L_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_R(L_2) \subseteq \dots$. By assumption there exist $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and $s \in S$ such that $s \cdot \text{ann}_R(L_k) \subseteq \text{ann}_R(L_n)$. Now the result follows from Lemma 3.4.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Follows from the fact that if I is a countably generated ideal of R whose countable set formed by the elements that generates I is S , then $\text{ann}_R(I) = \text{ann}_R(S)$. □

Corollary 3.6. *Let R be an Armendariz ring and $S \subseteq R$ be a multiplicative set. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) $R[[X]]$ is an S -endo-Noetherian ring.
- (2) For each sequence $(f_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ of elements of $R[[X]]$, $f_k = \sum_{j \geq 0} a_{k,j} X^j$ satisfying $\text{ann}_{R[[X]]}(f_1) \subseteq \text{ann}_{R[[X]]}(f_2) \subseteq \dots$, then there exist $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and $s \in S$ such that for each $k \geq n$, we have $s \cdot \bigcap_{j \geq 0} \text{ann}_R(a_{k,j}) \subseteq \bigcap_{j \geq 0} \text{ann}_R(a_{n,j})$.

Proof.

Let $f = \sum_{i \geq 0} a_i X^i$ and let L be the set of coefficients of f . It is enough to note that $\text{ann}_R(K) = \bigcap_{i \geq 0} \text{ann}_R(a_i)$. Now, the result follows immediately from (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) of Theorem 3.5. □

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