

## RINGS IN WHICH EVERY NONZERO $S$ -WEAKLY PRIME IDEAL IS $S$ -PRIME

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we introduce and study a new class of rings with multiplicative subset  $S$  which we'll call  $S$ - $WP$ -rings. A ring  $R$  with a multiplicative subset  $S$  is said to be  $S$ - $WP$ -ring if every nonzero  $S$ -weakly prime ideal is  $S$ -prime. We next study the possible transfer of the properties of being  $S$ - $WP$ -ring in the homomorphic image, in the localization, in the trivial ring extensions and the amalgamated algebra along an ideal introduced and studied by the authors of [5, 6, 7, 8]. Our results allow us to construct new original class of  $S$ - $WP$ -rings subject to various ring theoretical properties.

### 1. Introduction

Our aim is to introduce and study the class of rings in which every nonzero  $S$ -weakly prime ideal is  $S$ -prime. Throughout this paper, all rings considered are assumed to be commutative with non-zero identity and all modules are nonzero unital. In [10], A. El Khalfi, N. Mahdou and Y. Zahir introduced the concept of  $WP$ -rings. A ring  $A$  is called  $WP$ -ring if every nonzero weakly prime ideal is prime. Recently, the concept of  $S$ -property has an important place in commutative algebra and they draw attention by several authors. The  $S$ -weakly prime ideals introduced by the authors of [1, 18] is a generalization of the work of A. Hamed and A. Malek in [12]. Following [18] a proper ideal  $P$  is said to be  $S$ -weakly prime (where  $S \subseteq A$  multiplicative set, and  $P \cap S = \emptyset$ ) if there exists  $s \in S$  such that the following condition holds for every  $a, b \in A$ :  $0 \neq ab \in P$  implies that either  $sa \in P$  or  $sb \in P$ . We denote  $\sqrt{0}$  is the set for all nilpotent elements of  $A$ ;  $\text{Ann}(I)$  or  $(0 : I)$  denote the annihilator of an ideal  $I$ ;  $\text{Reg}(A)$  denotes the set of all regular elements of  $A$ . If  $A$  is an integral domain, we denote its quotients field by  $qf(A)$ .

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Clearly, every  $S$ -prime ideal is  $S$ -weakly prime, but the converse is not true in general. For example, the zero ideal is a weakly prime (by definition) and so, it is  $S$ -weakly prime however is not  $S$ -prime if we assume that the ring considered is not an integral domain. There is no investigation on the following natural question: when every nonzero  $S$ -weakly prime ideal is  $S$ -prime?. For this, it is could be interest to study a class of rings satisfying the above question. We focus our attention to this study instead of class of rings in which every  $S$ -weakly prime ideal is  $S$ -prime. Let  $R$  be a ring and  $E$  an  $R$ -module. Then  $R \times E$ , the trivial ring extension of  $R$  by  $E$ , is the ring whose additive structure is that of the external direct sum  $R \oplus E$  and whose multiplication is defined by  $(a, e)(b, f) := (ab, af + be)$  for all  $a, b \in R$  and all  $e, f \in E$ . (This construction is also known by other terminology and other notation, such as the idealization  $R(+E)$  (see [14, 11, 4, 16]).

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two rings, let  $J$  be an ideal of  $B$  and let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a ring homomorphism. In this setting, we can consider the following sub-ring of  $A \times B$ :

$$A \bowtie^f J = \{(a, f(a) + j) \mid a \in A, j \in J\},$$

called the amalgamation of  $A$  with  $B$  along  $J$  with respect to  $f$  (introduced and studied by D'Anna et al. [6, 8]). This construction is a generalization of the amalgamated duplication of a ring along an ideal (introduced and studied by D'Anna and Fontana [7] and denoted by  $A \bowtie I$ ).

This paper consists of three sections including introduction. In section 2, we investigate the transfer of  $S$ - $WP$ -ring property to localization and homomorphic image. We next give the necessary conditions of different from nilpotent ideal to be a  $S$ -weakly prime which is not  $S$ -prime, this result allows us to give a characterization of  $S$ - $WP$ -rings. In section 3, we study the possible transfer of the properties of being  $S$ - $WP$ -ring in the amalgamated algebra along an ideal introduced and the trivial ring extensions.

## 2. Basic results

In this section, we introduce the  $S$ - $WP$ -rings and we next give some properties of the notion. Our first definition in this section is given as follows.

**Definition 2.1.** *A ring  $A$  with multiplicative subset  $S$  is called  $S$ - $WP$ -ring if every nonzero  $S$ -weakly prime ideal is  $S$ -prime.*

**Remarks 2.2.** (1) If  $S \subseteq U(A)$ ,  $A$  is an  $S$ - $W$ - $P$ -ring if and only if it is  $WP$ -ring.

(2) If  $A$  is an integral domain, then  $A$  is an  $S$ - $WP$ -ring for every multiplicative subset  $S$  of  $R$ .

It is clear that if  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$  are multiplicative subsets of the rings  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$  respectively, then  $\prod_{i=1}^n S_i$  is a multiplicative subset of the ring  $R = \prod_{i=1}^n R_i$ . Next, we study the stability of the  $S$ - $WP$ -ring under direct product.

**Proposition 2.3.** Let  $n \geq 2$  be an integer and  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$  be multiplicative subsets of the rings  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$  respectively. Set  $R = \prod_{i=1}^n R_i$  and  $S = \prod_{i=1}^n S_i$ . Then  $R$  is always an  $S$ - $WP$ -ring.

*Proof.* It is enough to prove that this proposition is true for  $n = 2$ , the general case is established by induction on  $n$ . If  $P$  is a non-zero  $(S_1 \times S_2)$ -weakly prime ideal of the ring  $R_1 \times R_2$ , then  $P$  is  $(S_1 \times S_2)$ -prime by [18, Theorem 2.4]. Therefore,  $R_1 \times R_2$  is an  $S$ - $WP$ -ring.  $\square$

Next, let  $A$  be a ring,  $S$  be a multiplicative subset of  $A$  and  $I$  be an ideal of  $A$ . Assume that  $I \cap S = \emptyset$ . Notice that  $\overline{S} = \{s + I \mid s \in S\}$  is a multiplicative subset of  $A/I$ . It is easy to verify that if  $(P/I) \cap \overline{S} = \emptyset$ , then  $P \cap S = \emptyset$ .

The following proposition establishes the transfer of the  $S$ - $WP$ -ring property to homomorphic image.

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $A$  be a ring with multiplicative subset  $S$  and  $I$  be an  $S$ -weakly prime ideal of  $A$ . If  $A$  is an  $S$ - $WP$ -ring, then  $A/I$  is an  $\overline{S}$ - $WP$ -ring.

*Proof.* Assume that  $A$  is an  $S$ - $WP$ -ring, of  $A$  and let  $J$  be a nonzero  $\overline{S}$ -weakly prime ideal of  $A/I$ . Then if  $P/I \cap \overline{S} = \emptyset$ ,  $J = P/I$  where  $P$  is a nonzero  $S$ -weakly prime ideal of  $A$  by [18, Proposition 2.6]. As  $A$  is an  $S$ - $WP$ -ring, we get  $P$  is  $S$ -prime and so  $P/I$  is an  $\overline{S}$ -prime ideal of  $A/I$  by [12, Proposition 3]. Therefore,  $A/I$  is an  $\overline{S}$ - $WP$ -ring. Now, if  $(P/I) \cap \overline{S} \neq \emptyset$ , then the desired result is obvious.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $A$  be a ring such that  $S \subseteq U(R)$  and  $I$  is weakly prime. If  $A$  is a  $WP$ -ring, then  $A/I$  is a  $WP$ -ring.

*Proof.* Obvious by Proposition 2.4.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.6.** Let  $A$  be a ring and  $S$  be a multiplicative subset of  $R$  consist of regular elements. If  $S^{-1}A$  is a  $WP$ -ring, then every nonzero  $S$ -weakly prime ideal disjoint of  $S$  is  $S$ -prime. The converse is true if

the condition holds: for any ideal  $S^{-1}P$  of  $S^{-1}A$ , there exists  $s \in S$  such that  $S^{-1}P \cap A = (P : s)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $P$  be a nonzero  $S$ -weakly prime ideal of  $A$  such that  $I \cap S = \emptyset$ . Then  $S^{-1}P$  is weakly prime ideal of  $S^{-1}A$  and  $S^{-1}P \cap A = (P : s)$  for some  $s \in S$  by [1, Proposition 2.14]. Since  $S^{-1}A$  is  $WP$ -ring, we get  $S^{-1}P$  is prime. Now, we claim that  $P$  is an  $S$ -prime ideal of  $A$ . Let  $a, b \in A$  such that  $ab \in P$ . Since  $\frac{a}{1} \in S^{-1}P$ , we get  $\frac{a}{1} \in S^{-1}P$  or  $\frac{b}{1} \in S^{-1}P$ . But if  $\frac{a}{1} \in S^{-1}P$ , then  $\frac{a}{1} = \frac{x}{s}$  for some  $x \in P$  and for some  $s \in S$ , thus  $tas = tx \in P$  for some  $t \in S$ . Now, we get  $sa \in P$  for some  $s \in S$ . Therefore,  $P$  is an  $S$ -prime ideal of  $A$ .

Now assume that for any ideal  $S^{-1}P$  of  $S^{-1}A$ , there exists  $s \in S$  such that  $S^{-1}P \cap A = (P : s)$ . Then  $S^{-1}P \cap A = (P : s)$ . Let  $S^{-1}P$  be a weakly prime ideal of  $S^{-1}A$  and let  $S^{-1}P \cap A = (P : s)$  for some  $s \in S$ . Following the [1, Proposition 2.14], we get  $P$  is an  $S$ -weakly prime ideal of  $A$  ( $P \cap S = \emptyset$ ). By hypothesis, we get  $P$  is  $S$ -prime. Hence  $S^{-1}P$  is a prime ideal of  $S^{-1}A$  by [12, Remark 1], we are done.  $\square$

The next Propositions 2.7 and 2.8 establish when the Nilradical of a ring is  $S$ -prime.

**Proposition 2.7.** *If  $P$  is an  $S$ -weakly prime ideal of  $A$ , then either  $sP \subseteq \sqrt{0}$  for some  $s \in S$  or there exists  $s \in S$  such that for every  $x \in \sqrt{0}$ , we get  $s^n x \in P$  for some  $n$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $P$  is an  $S$ -weakly prime ideal of  $A$ . If  $P$  is not  $S$ -prime, then  $s^2 P^2 = 0$  for some  $s \in S$  by [18, Theoreme 2.3]. Let  $x \in sP$ , so  $x = sx'$  for some  $x' \in P$ . But we have  $sx'sx' = (sx')^2 = 0$  and so  $sx' \in \sqrt{0}$ . Thus  $sP \subseteq \sqrt{0}$  for some  $s \in S$ . Now, if  $P$  is  $S$ -prime, then there exists  $s \in S$  such that for every  $x \in \sqrt{0}$ , we get  $s^n x \in P$  for some  $n$ , as desired.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.8.** *Let  $A$  be a ring. If  $\sqrt{0}$  is  $S$ -weakly prime such that  $\text{Ann}(\sqrt{0}) \subseteq \sqrt{0}$ , then  $\sqrt{0}$  is  $S$ -prime.*

*Proof.* Let  $a, b \in A$  such that  $ab \in \sqrt{0}$ . If  $ab \neq 0$ , then there exists  $s \in S$  such that  $sa \in \sqrt{0}$  or  $sb \in \sqrt{0}$ . Since  $\sqrt{0}$  is an  $S$ -weakly prime ideal. Then we may assume that  $ab = 0$ . If  $a\sqrt{0} \neq 0$ , then there exists  $r \in \sqrt{0}$  such that  $ar \neq 0$  and so  $0 \neq (b+r)a \in \sqrt{0}$ . There exists also  $s \in S$  such that  $s(b+r) \in \sqrt{0}$  or  $sb \in \sqrt{0}$ . Now assume that  $a\sqrt{0} = 0$ . Likewise  $b\sqrt{0} = 0$  and so  $a \in \text{Ann}(\sqrt{0})$  implies that  $a \in \sqrt{0}$ . Hence  $sa \in \text{Ann}(\sqrt{0})$  for some  $s \in S$ , as desired.  $\square$

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\mathfrak{q}$  be a proper ideal. Let  $S$  be a multiplicative subset of  $R$ . For an element  $s \in S$ , we set  $s\text{-tor}(R/\mathfrak{q}) := \{r \in R \mid sr \in \mathfrak{q}\}$ .

Recall from [18] that if  $R$  is a ring and  $S$  be a multiplicative subset of  $R$ . A proper ideal  $\mathfrak{q}$  is said to be  $S$ -(weakly)-prime if there exists  $s \in S$  such that for every  $a, b \in R$ , we have:  $ab (\neq 0) \in \mathfrak{q}$  implies that  $sa \in \mathfrak{q}$  or  $sb \in \mathfrak{q}$ . In this case, we denote by  $(\mathfrak{q}, s)$  this ideal.

The following theorem characterizes the  $S$ -WP-rings.

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $S$  be a multiplicative subset. The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is an  $S$ -WP-rings,
- (2) Every  $S$ -weakly prime ideal  $(\mathfrak{q}, s)$ , the following condition holds: For every  $a \in Z(R)$ , either  $a \in s\text{-tor}(R/\mathfrak{q})$  or  $(0 : a) \subset s\text{-tor}(R/\mathfrak{q})$ ,
- (3) Every  $S$ -weakly prime ideal  $(\mathfrak{q}, s)$ , the following condition holds: For every  $a \in Z(R)$ , either  $sa \in \mathfrak{q}$  or  $s(0 : a) \subset \mathfrak{q}$ .

The proof of Theorem 2.9 follows immediately from the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.10.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $S$  its multiplicative subset. The following are equivalent for a proper ideal  $\mathfrak{q}$  of  $R$ :*

- (1)  $(\mathfrak{q}, s)$  is  $S$ -weakly-prime ideal such that the following condition holds: For every  $a \in Z(R)$ , either  $a \in s\text{-tor}(R/\mathfrak{q})$  or  $(0 : a) \subset s\text{-tor}(R/\mathfrak{q})$ .
- (2)  $(\mathfrak{q}, s)$  is  $S$ -prime ideal.

*Proof.* The Lemma is obvious if we assume that  $R$  is a domain. It is established when  $Z(R) \neq 0$ .

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $a, b \in R$  such that  $ab = 0$ . Our aim is to claim that either  $sa \in \mathfrak{q}$  or  $sb \in \mathfrak{q}$ .

**Case 1:** If at least one of  $a$  or  $b$  is zero, then the result is trivial.

**Case 2:** Assume that both  $a$  and  $b$  are non-zero elements of  $R$ . Then  $a \in Z(R) \setminus \{0\}$ . By hypothesis, either  $a \in s\text{-tor}(R/\mathfrak{q})$  or  $(0 : a) \subset s\text{-tor}(R/\mathfrak{q})$ , that is,  $sa \in \mathfrak{q}$  or  $sb \in \mathfrak{q}$  since  $b \in (0 : a)$ . Therefore,  $\mathfrak{q}$  is  $S$ -prime ideal.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) It is enough to check the following condition "for every  $a \in Z(R) \setminus \{0\}$ , either  $a \in s\text{-tor}(R/\mathfrak{q})$  or  $(0 : a) \subset s\text{-tor}(R/\mathfrak{q})$ ", since every  $S$ -prime ideal is  $S$ -weakly prime. Let  $a \in Z(R) \setminus \{0\}$ . So, if  $a \in s\text{-tor}(R/\mathfrak{q})$ , then as desired. If  $a \notin s\text{-tror}(R/\mathfrak{q})$ , then we claim that  $(0 : a) \subset s\text{-tor}(R/\mathfrak{q})$ . Let  $b \in (0 : a)$ , then  $ab = 0$  and so either  $sa \in \mathfrak{q}$  or  $sb \in \mathfrak{q}$  since  $\mathfrak{q}$  is assumed  $S$ -prime. But  $a \notin s\text{-tor}(R/\mathfrak{q})$ , then necessarily  $sb \in \mathfrak{q}$ , i.e.,  $b \in s\text{-tor}(R/\mathfrak{q})$ . Therefore,  $(0 : a) \subset s\text{-tor}(R/\mathfrak{q})$ . This proof is completed. □

**Proof of Theorem 2.9**

This follows immediately from Lemma 2.10  $\square$ .

Next, we will give a condition for which the  $S$ -weakly prime ideals and weakly-prime are the same. For this purpose, we recall the following Definition 2.11.

**Definition 2.11.** [17, Definition 1.6.10] *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $S$  be a multiplicative subset. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be  $S$ -torsion free if every  $s \in S$  and every  $x \in M$  such that  $sx = 0$ , we get  $x = 0$ .*

The following Theorem 2.12 links the  $S$ -weakly prime ideals with weakly prime.

**Theorem 2.12.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $S$  be a multiplicative subset and  $s \in S$ . If  $\mathfrak{q}$  is a proper ideal of  $R$  such that  $R/\mathfrak{q}$  is an  $S$ -torsion-free  $R$ -module, the the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $(\mathfrak{q}, s)$  is  $S$ -weakly-prime,
- (2)  $\mathfrak{q}$  is weakly-prime.

*Proof.* (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) This is obvious.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $a, b \in R$  such that  $ab \neq 0$  and  $ab \in \mathfrak{q}$ . Our aim is to show that either  $a \in \mathfrak{q}$  or  $b \in \mathfrak{q}$ . Denoted by  $\bar{x} := x + \mathfrak{q}$  in  $R/\mathfrak{q}$  for every  $x \in R$ , since  $\mathfrak{q}$  is  $S$ -weakly prime, then either  $sa \in \mathfrak{q}$  or  $sb \in \mathfrak{q}$ , i.e.,  $s\bar{a} = \bar{0}$  or  $s\bar{b} = \bar{0}$ . But  $R/\mathfrak{q}$  is an  $S$ -torsion-free  $R$ -module, implies that either  $\bar{a} = \bar{0}$  or  $\bar{b} = \bar{0}$ , i.e.,  $a \in \mathfrak{q}$  or  $b \in \mathfrak{q}$ , as desired  $\mathfrak{q}$  is weakly-prime.  $\square$

Next, we study the possible transfer of the properties of being  $S$ -WP-ring in the trivial ring extensions. It is known from [3] that if  $S$  is a multiplicative subset of  $A$ , then  $S \times E$  is a multiplicative subset of  $A \times E$ . We starts this part by characterization of the ideal of the form  $I \times F$  be  $S$ -weakly prime ideal.

**Theorem 2.13.** *Let  $A$  be a ring,  $I$  be an ideal of  $A$ ,  $F$  a submodule of  $E$  and  $S$  a multiplicative subset of  $A$  such that  $S \subseteq \text{Reg}(A)$  and  $S \cap \text{Ann}(F) = \emptyset$ . Then  $I \times F$  is  $(S \times 0)$ -weakly prime if and only if the following condition holds:*

- (1)  $I$  is  $S$ -weakly prime ideal of  $A$  and  $s^2I^2 = 0$  when  $SE \not\subseteq F$  for every  $s \in S$ ;
- (2) If  $b \in A$  and  $s'f \notin F$ , then  $bf = 0$  or  $bf \notin F$ ;
- (3) If  $ab \neq 0$  and  $s'a \in I, s'b \notin I$ , then  $be \notin F$  for each  $se \notin F$ ;
- (4) If  $ab = 0$ , then
  - (i)  $af + be = 0$  or  $af + be \notin F$  for each  $s'e, s'f \notin F$ ;
  - (ii) If  $s'a \notin I$  and  $s'b \notin I$ , then  $a \in \text{Ann}(F)$  and  $b \in \text{Ann}(F)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $I \times F$  is an  $(S \times 0)$ -weakly prime ideal of  $A \times E$ . Let  $a, b \in A$  such that  $0 \neq ab \in I$ , then  $(0, 0) \neq (a, 0)(b, 0) \in I \times F$  implies that there exists  $(s, 0) \in S \times 0$  such that  $(s, 0)(a, 0) \in I \times F$  or  $(s, 0)(b, 0) \in I \times F$ . So  $sa \in I$  or  $sb \in I$  and hence  $I$  is an  $S$ -weakly prime ideal of  $A$ . Assume that  $SE \not\subseteq F$  for some  $s \in S$ , whence  $((s, 0)I \times F)^2 = 0$  by [18, Theorem 2.3] and so  $S^2I^2 = 0$ . Consequently (1) holds. Now, let  $b \in A$  and  $s'f \notin F$  and assume that  $bf \neq 0$  and  $bf \in F$ , then  $(0, 0) \neq (b, f)(0, f) \in I \times F$  implies there exists  $(s', 0)(b, f) \in I \times F$  or  $(s', 0)(0, f) \in I \times F$ . But neither  $(s', 0)(b, f) \in I \times F$  nor  $(s', 0)(0, f) \in I \times F$  a contradiction, so (2) holds. Let  $s'a \in I$  and  $s'b \notin I$  such that  $ab \neq 0$  and assume that  $be \in F$  for each  $s'e \notin F$ , then  $(0, 0) \neq (a, e)(b, 0) = (ab, be) \in I \times F$  and so  $(s', 0)(b, 0) \in I \times F$  or  $(s', 0)(a, e) \in I \times F$ , but neither  $(s', 0)(b, 0) \in I \times F$  nor  $(s', 0)(a, e) \in I \times F$ , a desired contradiction, so (3) holds. Assume that  $ab = 0$ , we pick  $s'e, s'f \notin F$  such that  $af + be \neq 0$  and  $af + be \in F$ , then  $(0, 0) \neq (a, e)(b, f) = (ab, af + be) \in I \times F$  but neither  $(s', 0)(a, e) \in I \times F$  nor  $(s', 0)(b, f) \in I \times F$  a contradiction. Finally, let  $s'a \notin I$  and  $s'b \notin I$ . Assume that there exists  $e \in F$  such that  $ae \neq 0$ , then  $(0, 0) \neq (a, 0)(b, e) = (ab, ae) \in I \times F$  and but neither  $(s', 0)(a, 0) \in I \times F$  nor  $(s', 0)(b, e) \in I \times F$  a contradiction. By similarly way, we get  $b \in \text{Ann}(F)$ .

Conversely, let  $(0, 0) \neq (a, e)(b, f) \in I \times F$  so  $ab \in I$ , two case are then possible.

**Case 1:** If  $ab \neq 0$  there exists  $s' \in S$  such that  $s'a \in I$  or  $s'b \in I$ . Assume that  $s'a \in I$ . If  $s'e \in F$ , then  $(s', 0)(a, e) = (s'a, s'e) \in I \times F$  as desired. Assume that  $s'e \notin F$ , if  $sE \subset F$  for some  $s \in S$ ,  $s'', s', e \in F$ , put  $s = s''s'$ , so  $sa = s''s'a \in I$  since  $s'a \in I$  and  $se = s's' \in F$ , then we get  $(s, 0)(a, e) \in I \times F$ . Assume that  $sE \not\subseteq F$  for every  $s \in S$  then  $s'^2I^2 = 0$  for some  $s' \in S$ , we put that  $b' = s'b$ . If  $s'b \in I$ , then  $s'^2ab \in s'^2I^2 = 0$  and so  $ab' = 0$ . Hence  $s'ab = 0$ . It follows that  $ab = 0$  since  $s$  is a regular element, a contradiction with the fact that  $s'b' \notin I$ . So suppose that  $s'e \notin F$ . By (3), we have  $b'e \notin F$  and so  $s'be \notin F$ , we get also  $s'a \in I$ , then  $s'af \in F$ , ( $IE \subseteq F$ ) and we have  $s'af + s'be \in F$ , a desired contradiction.

**Case 2:** If  $ab = 0$ . Suppose that  $s'e$  and  $s'f \notin F$ . By (4) we have  $af + be = 0$  or  $af + be \notin F$  a contradiction. Then  $s'e \in F$  or  $s'f \in F$ . On the other hand, assume that neither  $s'a \in I$  nor  $s'b \in I$ . If  $s'e \in F$  and  $s'f \in F$ , then by (4)  $s'(af + be) = 0$  and so  $af + be = 0$  since  $S \cap \text{Ann}(E) = \emptyset$ , again a contradiction. Hence without loss of generality, we may assume that  $s'e \in F$  and  $s'f \notin F$ . By (4) and (2), we get  $s'be = 0$  and  $s'af = 0$  or  $s'af \notin F$ , a contradiction. Then

$s'a \in I$  or  $s'b \in I$ . Assume that  $s'a \in I$  and  $s'e \notin F$ , then  $s'f \in F$ . But if  $s'a \in I$ , then  $(s', 0)(b, f) \in I \times F$ . Now if  $s'b \notin I$ , then by (4) we have  $af = 0$ . Since  $s'e \notin F$  by (2), either  $s'be = 0$  or  $s'be \notin F$ , a contradiction. Hence  $s'e \in F$ . Therefore,  $(s', 0)(e, f) \in I \times F$ , as desired.  $\square$

A submodule  $F$  of  $E$  satisfies (\*) if at least one of the three conditions (2-3-4) of Theorem 2.13 is not hold for every  $S$ -weakly prime ideal  $I$  of  $A$ , (where  $S$  is a multiplicative subset of  $A$ ); (i.e.,  $I \times F$  is not  $S \times E$ -weakly prime). Also, we say that a trivial extension satisfies (\*\*), if every ideal of  $A \times E$  is homogeneous; that is, the ideals of  $A \times E$  has the form  $I \times F$ , where  $I$  is an ideal of  $A$  and  $F$  is submodule of  $E$ . Set,  $T = \{I \text{ is a nonzero } S\text{-weakly prime. For every } s \in S, sa \notin I, sb \notin I \text{ and } ab = 0 \text{ implies } a \in \text{Ann}(E) \text{ and } b \in \text{Ann}(E)\}$ . The following theorem studies the possible transfer of the S-WP-ring property between a ring  $A$  and a trivial ring extension  $A \times E$ .

**Theorem 2.14.** *Let  $A$  be a ring,  $E$  be a nonzero  $A$ -module and  $F$  a submodule of  $B$ . Let  $S \subset \text{Reg}(A)$  be a multiplicative subset of  $A$  such that  $S \cap \text{Ann}(F) = \emptyset$ . Then:*

(1) *If  $A \times E$  is a  $(A \times E)$ -WP-ring, then  $F$  satisfies both (\*) and  $sE \not\subset F$  for every  $s \in S$ , and every ideal in  $T$  is  $S$ -prime.*

(2) *Assume that  $A \times E$  satisfies (\*\*) and  $A$  is a  $S$ -WP-ring. Then  $A \times E$  is a  $(A \times E)$ -WP-ring if and only if the following condition holds:  $F \subseteq E$  satisfying (\*).*

To prove Theorem 2.14, we need the following two Lemmas.

**Lemma 2.15.** *Let  $A$  be a ring,  $I$  be an ideal of  $A$  and  $E$  be an  $A$ -module. Then  $I \times E$  is  $(S \times E)$ -prime if and only if  $I$  is  $S$ -prime.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $I \times E$  is  $(S \times E)$ -prime. Let  $a, b \in A$  such that  $ab \in I$ . Hence  $(a, 0)(b, 0) = (ab, 0) \in I \times E$  and so, there exists  $(s, e) \in S \times E$  such that  $(s, e)(a, 0) \in I \times E$  or  $(s, e)(b, 0) \in I \times E$ , then either  $sa \in I$  or  $sb \in I$  and hence  $I$  is  $S$ -prime.

Conversely, let  $(a, e), (b, f) \in A \times E$  such that  $(a, e)(b, f) = (ab, af + be) \in I \times E$ . Thus  $ab \in I$  and so either  $sa \in I$  or  $sb \in I$  for some  $s \in S$ . Consequently,  $(s, 0)(b, e) \in I \times E$  or  $(s, 0)(b, f) \in I \times E$ , as desired.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.16.** *Let  $A$  be a ring,  $I$  be an ideal of  $A$ ,  $E$  be an  $A$ -module and  $F$  a submodule of  $E$ . Then  $I \times F$  is an  $(S \times E)$ -prime if and only if  $I$  is  $S$ -prime and  $sE \subset F$  for some  $s \in S$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $I \times F$  is an  $(S \times E)$ -prime. Let  $a, b \in A$  such that  $ab \in I$ . Hence  $(a, 0)(b, 0) \in I \times F$  and there exists  $(s, e) \in S \times E$



such that  $(s, e)(a, 0) \in I \times F$  or  $(s, e)(b, 0) \in I \times F$ . Then either  $sa \in I$  or  $sb \in I$  and so  $I$  is  $S$ -prime. Now we claim that  $sE \subset F$  for some  $s \in S$ . Let  $e' \in E$ , then  $(0, e')(0, e') = (0, 0) \in I \times F$  and there exists  $(s, e) \in S \times E$  such that  $(s, e)(0, e') \in I \times F$ . Consequently  $(0, se) \in I \times F$  and then  $se \in F$ . Hence  $sE \subset F$  for some  $s \in S$ .

Conversely. Let  $(a, e), (b, f) \in A \times F$  such that  $(a, e)(b, f) \in I \times F$ , in particular we get  $ab \in I$ . But There exists  $s \in S$  such that either  $sa \in I$  or  $sb \in I$ . So  $se, sf \in F$  since  $sE \subset F$  for some  $s \in S$ . Thus either  $(s, 0)(a, e) \in I \times F$  or  $(s, 0)(b, f) \in I \times F$ , as desired.  $\square$

### Proof of Theorem 2.14

(1) Assume that there exists a submodule  $F$  which satisfies the condition ( $sE \not\subset F$  for every  $s \in S$ ) but does not satisfy the  $(*)$ -condition. Then  $I \times F$  is a  $(S \times E)$ -weakly prime ideal for some  $S$ -weakly prime  $I$  of  $A$ . By hypothesis,  $I \times F$  is  $(S \times F)$ -prime, a desired contradiction by Lemma 2.16 above. Now, let  $I$  in  $T$ . By [18, Theorem 3.1],  $I \times E$  is  $(S \times E)$ -weakly prime and hence  $(S \times E)$ -prime. Then  $I$  is  $S$ -prime by Lemma 2.15 above, as desired.

(2) Assume that  $A \times E$  is a  $(S \times E)$ -WP-ring. By (1),  $F$  which satisfies both the conditions ( $sE \not\subset F$  for every  $s \in S$ ) and  $(*)$ . Let  $H$  be a nonzero  $(S \times E)$ -weakly prime ideal of  $A \times E$ . Since  $F$  satisfies the two conditions above, we get  $H = I \times E$ . But  $I \times E$  is  $(S \times E)$ -weakly prime by Theorem 2.13 above, then  $I$  must to be  $S$ -weakly prime and so  $I$  is  $S$ -prime since  $A$  is assumed to be  $S$ -WP-ring. Following Lemma 2.15, we get  $I \times E$  is  $(S \times E)$ -prime, as desired.

**Example 2.17.** Let  $A$  be an integral domain with quotient field  $K$  and  $E$  be a  $K$ -vector space; such that  $\dim_K(E) > 1$ . Then,  $A \times E$  is not an  $(S \times E)$ -WP-ring.

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be a  $K$ -vector subspace of  $E$ . By [10, Corollary 3.2],  $0 \times F$  is weakly prime, then it is  $(S \times E)$ -weakly prime. Hence,  $E$  does not satisfy  $(*)$ . Following Theorem 2.14,  $A \times E$  is not  $(S \times E)$ -WP-ring.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.18.** Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $E$  be an  $A$ -module such that  $\mathfrak{m}E = 0$ . If  $E$  is a simple  $A$ -module, then  $A \times E$  is a  $(S \times E)$ -WP-ring.

*Proof.* Assume that there is a nonzero  $(S \times E)$ -weakly prime ideal  $H$  which is not  $(S \times E)$ -prime. By [1, Proposition 2.4],  $H \subsetneq \text{Nil}(A \times E) = 0 \times E$ . Then  $H = 0 \times F$ , where  $F \subsetneq E$ , a desired contradiction and this completes the proof.  $\square$

Using the above result, we can construct new and no trivial examples of  $S$ -WP-rings.

**Example 2.19.** *Let  $A$  be a local domain with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Then,  $A \times (A/\mathfrak{m})$  is an  $(S \times (A/\mathfrak{m}))$ -WP-ring.*

The following Proposition 2.11 study the  $S$ -weakly prime ideal in the trivial rings extension under some conditions.

**Proposition 2.20.** *Let  $D$  be an integral domain and  $Q$  is a divisible  $D$ -module and  $S$  be a multiplicative subset of  $D$ . Let  $N$  be a  $D$ -submodule of  $Q$  and  $I$  be an ideal of  $D$ . Then:*

- (1)  $I \times Q$  is  $(S \times Q)$ -weakly prime if and only if  $I$  is  $S$ -weakly prime.
- (2) If there exists  $s \in S$  such that  $sQ \subset N$ , then  $0 \times N$  is  $(S \times Q)$ -weakly prime.
- (3) If  $Q/N$  is  $S$ -torsion free  $D$ -module, then the following are equivalent:
  - (a)  $0 \times N$  is an  $(S \times Q)$ -weakly prime,
  - (b)  $0 \times N$  is weakly prime.

Before establishing Proposition 2.20, we need the following Lemma 2.21

**Lemma 2.21.** *Let  $A$  be a ring,  $S$  be a multiplicative subset of  $A$  and  $M$  be an  $A$ -module. Then for every  $A$ -module  $X$ ,  $X$  is an  $S$ -torsion free  $A$ -module if and only if  $X$  is an  $(S \times M)$ -torsion free  $(A \times M)$ -module.*

*Proof.* If  $X$  is an  $S$ -torsion free  $A$ -module. We claim that  $X$  is an  $(S \times M)$ -torsion free  $(A \times M)$ -module. Let  $(s, e) \in S \times M$  and  $x \in X$  such that  $(s, e)x = 0$ , then  $sx = 0$  and so  $x = 0$ , as desired.

Conversely, if  $X$  is an  $(S \times M)$ -torsion free  $(A \times M)$ -module, then for every  $s \in S$  and  $x \in X$  such that  $sx = 0$ , we get  $(s, 0)x = 0$  and so  $x = 0$ , as desired  $X$  is an  $S$ -torsion free  $A$ -module.  $\square$

### Proof of Proposition 2.20

- (1) Follows immediately from [2, Corollary 3.3].
- (2) This is obvious by definition of  $S$ -weakly prime.
- (3) If  $Q/N$  is an  $S$ -torsion free  $D$ -module, then so is  $D \times (Q/N)$ , i.e.,  $D \times (Q/N) \cong \frac{D \times Q}{0 \times N}$  is an  $S$ -torsion free  $D$ -module. Following Lemma 2.21, we get  $D \times (Q/N) \cong \frac{D \times Q}{0 \times N}$  is an  $(S \times Q)$ -torsion free  $(D \times Q)$ -module. The equivalence (a)  $\iff$  (b) follows immediately from Theorem 2.12.

Next, in the last part of this paper, we study the transfer of  $S$ -WP-rings in amalgamation of rings along an ideal. The following remarks investigate the trivial case.

**Remark 2.22.** *Let  $f : A \longrightarrow B$  be a rings homomorphism and  $J$  be an ideal of  $B$ . If  $J = B$ , then  $A \bowtie^f J$  is always an  $S$ -WP-ring by Remark 2.2.*

Let  $f : A \longrightarrow B$  be a ring homomorphism and  $J$  be an ideal of  $B$ . Set  $V = \{I \text{ is a nonzero } S\text{-weakly prime ideal of } A \mid ab = 0 \text{ and } sa \notin I, sb \notin I \text{ for each } s \in S\}$  then  $f(a)j + f(s)f(b)i + ij = 0$  for every  $i, j \in J$  and  $S' = \{(s, f(s)) \mid s \in S\}$ . Clearly  $I \bowtie^f J$  is an ideal of  $A \bowtie^f J$  and  $S'$  is a multiplicative set of  $A \bowtie^f J$ .

**Theorem 2.23.** *With the above notation, if  $A \bowtie^f J$  is a  $S$ -WP-ring, then every ideal of  $V$  is  $S$ -prime.*

For establishing Theorem 2.23, we need the following Lemma 2.24.

**Lemma 2.24.** *Let  $f : A \longrightarrow B$  be a rings homomorphism and  $S$  be a multiplicative subset of  $A$  and  $J$  be an ideal of  $B$ . Then  $I \bowtie^f J$  is  $S'$ -prime if and only if  $I$  is  $S$ -prime.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $I \bowtie^f J$  is  $S'$ -prime. Let  $a, b \in A$  with  $ab \in I$ , then  $(a, f(a))(b, f(b)) \in I \bowtie^f J$ . So there exists  $s \in S$  such that  $(s, f(s))(a, f(a)) \in I \bowtie^f J$  or  $(s, f(s))(b, f(b)) \in I \bowtie^f J$ . Then  $sa \in I$  or  $sb \in I$ .

Conversely, let  $(a, f(a) + i), (b, f(b) + j) \in A \bowtie^f J$  with  $(a, f(a) + i)(b, f(b) + j) \in I \bowtie^f J$ , then  $ab \in I$ . So there exists  $s \in S$  such that  $sa \in I$  or  $sb \in I$ . We easily get that  $(s, f(s))(a, f(a) + i) \in I \bowtie^f J$  or  $(s, f(s))(b, f(b) + j) \in I \bowtie^f J$ . We are done.  $\square$

### Proof of Theorem 2.23

Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $V$ . Then  $I \bowtie^f J$  is an  $S$ -weakly prime ideal of  $A \bowtie^f J$ . In fact, let  $(0, 0) \neq (a, f(a) + i)(b, f(b) + j) \in I \bowtie^f J$ , then  $ab \in I$ . If  $ab \neq 0$ , we get either  $sa \in I$  or  $sb \in I$  for some  $s \in S$ . Hence  $(s, f(s))(a, f(a) + i) \in I \bowtie^f J$  or  $(s, f(s))(b, f(b) + j) \in I \bowtie^f J$ . Now assume that  $ab = 0$  where  $sa \neq I$  and  $sb \neq I$  for each  $s \in S$ . Then  $f(a)j + f(b)i + ij = 0$  for each  $i, j \in J$ . Since  $I$  is an ideal of  $V$ , a contradiction with the fact that  $(ab, f(a)j + f(b)i + ij) \neq (0, 0)$ . But  $A \bowtie^f J$  is an  $S$ -WP-ring we get  $I \bowtie^f J$  is  $S$ -prime, then  $I$  is  $S$ -prime by Lemma 2.24 above.

**Theorem 2.25.** *Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a ring homomorphism where  $A$  is an integral domain and let  $J$  be a regular ideal of  $B$  such that  $f^{-1}(J) \neq 0$ . If  $S' \subset \text{Reg}(A \bowtie^f J)$ , then  $A \bowtie J$  is an  $S'$ -WP-ring.*

*Proof.* Assume that there is a nonzero weakly prime ideal  $H$  of  $A \bowtie^f J$  that is not  $S'$ -prime. By [1, Proposition 2.4],  $H \subsetneq \text{Nilp}(A \bowtie^f J) \subseteq \text{Nilp}(A) \bowtie^f J$ . Then,  $H = 0 \times K$ , where  $K \subsetneq J$ . Pick a nonzero element  $a \in f^{-1}(J)$  and let  $j$  be regular element of  $J$ . As,  $H^2 = 0$ , we get  $j \in J \setminus K$ . Consider  $0 \neq k \in K$ , we have  $(0, 0) \neq (a, k)(0, j) \in 0 \times K$ . But, neither  $(s, f(s))(a, k) \in 0 \times K$  nor  $(s, f(s))(0, j) \in 0 \times K$  for every  $s \in S$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

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