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GENERALIZATION OF THE S -NOETHERIAN CONCEPT

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ABSTRACT. Let A be a commutative ring and \mathcal{S} a multiplicative system of ideals. We say that A is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian, if for each ideal Q of A , there exist $I \in \mathcal{S}$ and a finitely generated ideal $F \subseteq Q$ such that $IQ \subseteq F$. In this paper, we study the transfer of this property to the polynomial ring and Nagata's idealization.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper a ring means a commutative ring with unit element. Let A be an integral domain with quotient field K . E. Hamann, E. Houston and J. Johnson in [3] defined an ideal I of $A[X]$ to be almost principal, if there exist an $s \in A \setminus \{0\}$ and an $f \in I$ such that $sI \subseteq fA[X]$, and they called the polynomial ring $A[X]$ an almost principal ideal domain if each ideal of $A[X]$ that extends to a proper ideal of $K[X]$ is almost principal. In [1], D.D. Anderson and T. Dumitrescu have defined the concept of S -Noetherian rings as follows. Let A be a ring and $S \subseteq A$ a multiplicative set. The ring A is called S -Noetherian, if for each ideal I of A , there exist $s \in S$ and a finitely generated ideal $F \subseteq I$ of A such that $sI \subseteq F$. They have shown that if A is S -Noetherian, then so is $A[X]$, provided $(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} s^n A) \bigcap S \neq \emptyset$ for each $s \in S$. These results have been extended in [1], [4] and [5]. We extend this definition using an arbitrary multiplicative system of ideals.

Let \mathcal{S} be a multiplicative system of ideals of a ring A . We shall call A to be \mathcal{S} -Noetherian, if for each ideal Q of A , there exist an ideal $I \in \mathcal{S}$ and a finitely generated ideal $F \subseteq Q$ of A such that $IQ \subseteq F$. In the case when \mathcal{S} consists of principal ideals, the notions \mathcal{S} -Noetherian and S -Noetherian are equivalent, where $S = \{s \in A \mid sA \in \mathcal{S}\}$. But in general we can not present a multiplicative system of ideals by a multiplicative set. In this paper, we investigate some properties of the \mathcal{S} -Noetherian concept. For instance, we give a Cohen-type theorem for \mathcal{S} -Noetherian rings. Also, we study the transfer of this property from A to the polynomial ring $A[X]$ and Nagata idealization $A(+M)$, where M is an A -module. In fact, we show that the ring $A(+M)$ is \mathcal{S}_1 -Noetherian if and only if the ring A is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian

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and the A -module M is \mathcal{S} -finite, where $\mathcal{S}_1 = \{I(+)IM, I \in \mathcal{S}\}$. We give examples of \mathcal{S} -Noetherian rings A with \mathcal{S} a multiplicative system of nonprincipal ideals of A .

2. MAINS RESULTS

We introduce the main concept of this paper as follows.

Definition 2.1. Let $A \subseteq B$ be a rings extension, M an A -module and \mathcal{S} a multiplicative system of ideals of A .

- (1) An A -submodule N of M is said to be \mathcal{S} -finite, if there exist $a_1, \dots, a_n \in N$ and $I \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $IN \subseteq \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$.
- (2) We say that M is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian, if each submodule of M is \mathcal{S} -finite.
- (3) An ideal Q of B is called \mathcal{S} -finite, if there exist $a_1, \dots, a_n \in Q$ and $I \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $IQ \subseteq \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle B$.
- (4) We say that B is an \mathcal{S} -Noetherian ring, if each ideal of B is \mathcal{S} -finite.

With the same notations of the previous definition, clearly B is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian if and only if it is \mathcal{S}' -Noetherian, where $\mathcal{S}' = \{IB \mid I \in \mathcal{S}\}$. It is clear that if $IM = 0$ for some $I \in \mathcal{S}$, then M is an \mathcal{S} -Noetherian A -module.

Obviously a Noetherian ring A is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian for every multiplicative system of ideals \mathcal{S} of A .

Example 2.2. Let $A = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}/p^i\mathbb{Z}$ where p is a prime number, $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ some finite support nonzero elements (i.e, if $a_i = (a_{i,j})_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$, then $a_{i,j} = 0$ except for a finite number of indices j), $I = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$ and $\mathcal{S} = \{I^n, n \geq 1\}$. For each ideal Q of A , the ideal IQ has a finite cardinality. Hence $IQ \subseteq \langle IQ \rangle \subseteq Q$, thus Q is \mathcal{S} -finite.

So A is an example of an \mathcal{S} -Noetherian ring which is not Noetherian.

Proposition 2.3. Let A be a ring, M an A -module, N a submodule of M and \mathcal{S} a multiplicative system of ideals of A . The following assertions are equivalent:

- (1) The A -module M is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian.
- (2) The A -modules N and M/N are \mathcal{S} -Noetherian.

Proof. (1) \implies (2) Trivial.

(2) \implies (1) Let L be a submodule of M . Denote $\bar{L} = \{\bar{x} \in M/N \mid x \in L\}$. It is easy to check that \bar{L} is a submodule of M/N , then it is \mathcal{S} -finite. Therefore, there exist $x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$ and $I \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $I\bar{L} \subseteq \langle \bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n \rangle$.

Let $T = L \cap N$. It is clear that T is a submodule of N , so it is \mathcal{S} -finite. Hence there exist $y_1, \dots, y_k \in T$ and $J \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $JT \subseteq \langle y_1, \dots, y_k \rangle$. For $x \in L$ fixed, we have

$a\bar{x} \in \langle \bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n \rangle$ for each $a \in I$. Let $a \in I$, write $a\bar{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \bar{x}_i$ with $\alpha_i \in A$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. Then $ax - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \in N \cap L = T$. Thus $J(ax - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i) \subseteq \langle y_1, \dots, y_k \rangle$. It

yields that $Jax \subseteq \langle y_1, \dots, y_k, x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$. Hence $(JI)L \subseteq \langle y_1, \dots, y_k, x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$ with $y_1, \dots, y_k, x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$ and $IJ \in \mathcal{S}$. \square

Corollary 2.4. *A finite direct sum of modules is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian if and only if so is every term. In particular, A^n is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian for each $n \geq 1$ provided that A is an \mathcal{S} -Noetherian ring.*

Corollary 2.5. *Let A be a ring, M an A -module and \mathcal{S} a multiplicative system of ideals of A . If A is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian and M a finitely generated A -module, then M is an \mathcal{S} -Noetherian A -module.*

Proof. The A -module M is an epimorphic image of some A^n . By Corollary 2.4, the A -module M is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian. \square

Corollary 2.6. *Let A be a ring, \mathcal{S} a multiplicative system of ideals of A and M an \mathcal{S} -finite A -module. If A is an \mathcal{S} -Noetherian ring, so is the A -module M .*

Proof. There exist a finitely generated submodule N of M and $I \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $IM \subseteq N$. By Corollary 2.5, N is a \mathcal{S} -Noetherian A -module. Thus IM is an \mathcal{S} -Noetherian A -module. Hence, the A -module M is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian by the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow IM \rightarrow M \rightarrow M/IM \rightarrow 0$. \square

Theorem 2.7. *Let A be a ring and \mathcal{S} a multiplicative system of ideals of A such that for each $I \in \mathcal{S}$, $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$ contains some ideal of \mathcal{S} . If A is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian, so is $A[X]$.*

Proof. Let L be an ideal of $A[X]$ and L_0 the set of leading coefficients of polynomials of L . It is easy to check that L_0 is an ideal of A . Since A is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian, there exist a_1, \dots, a_n and $I \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $IL_0 \subseteq \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle A$. For $1 \leq i \leq n$, let $f_i \in L$ such that a_i is the leading coefficient of f_i . We can assume that $d = \deg(f_1) = \dots = \deg(f_n)$ (it suffices to multiply by some X^{l_i} , $1 \leq i \leq n$). Let $M = A + AX + \dots + AX^d$. Let $f \in L$ of degree $r + d$. Let a_1, \dots, a_r be arbitrary elements of I . Subtracting repeatedly from f suitable combinations of f_1, \dots, f_n we get that $a_1 \dots a_r f$ belongs to $\langle f_1, \dots, f_n \rangle + L \cap M$. It follows that $I^r f \subseteq \langle f_1, \dots, f_n \rangle + L \cap M$, thus $JL \subseteq \langle f_1, \dots, f_n \rangle + L \cap M$ where J is some ideal of \mathcal{S} contained in $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} I^k$. Since M is a finitely generated A -module, it is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian, by Corollary 2.5. Consequently, $L \cap M$ is \mathcal{S} -finite. Then there exist $g_1, \dots, g_m \in L \cap M$ and $J' \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $J'(L \cap M) \subseteq \langle g_1, \dots, g_m \rangle A \subseteq \langle g_1, \dots, g_m \rangle A[X]$. It yields that $(J'J)f \subseteq \langle f_1, \dots, f_n, g_1, \dots, g_m \rangle A[X]$. Therefore, $(J'J)L \subseteq \langle f_1, \dots, f_n, g_1, \dots, g_m \rangle$ with $J'J \in \mathcal{S}$ and $f_1, \dots, f_n, g_1, \dots, g_m \in L$. Hence $A[X]$ is an \mathcal{S} -Noetherian ring. \square

Corollary 2.8. *Let A be a ring and \mathcal{S} a multiplicative system of ideals of A such that for every $I \in \mathcal{S}$, $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$ contains some ideal of \mathcal{S} . If A is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian, so is $A[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ for each $n \geq 1$.*

Proof. By induction using Theorem 2.7. □

Let $\mathcal{A} = (A_n)_{n \geq 0}$ be an increasing sequence of rings, $A = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n$ and X an indeterminate over A . Recall from [4] that $\mathcal{A}[X] = \{f = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i X^i \in \mathcal{A}[X] \mid n \geq 0, a_i \in A_i, i = 0, 1, \dots, n\}$.

Theorem 2.9. *Let $\mathcal{A} = (A_n)_{n \geq 0}$ be an increasing sequence of rings and \mathcal{S} a multiplicative system of ideals of A_0 such that for every $I \in \mathcal{S}$, $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I^n$ contains some ideal of \mathcal{S} . The following conditions are equivalent :*

- (1) *The ring $\mathcal{A}[X]$ is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian.*
- (2) *The ring A_0 is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian and the A_0 -module $A = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n$ is \mathcal{S} -finite.*

Proof. (1) \implies (2) Let Q be an ideal of A_0 . Then $Q\mathcal{A}[X]$ is an \mathcal{S} -finite ideal of $\mathcal{A}[X]$. Hence, there exist $a_1, \dots, a_n \in Q$ and $I \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $I(Q\mathcal{A}[X]) \subseteq \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle \mathcal{A}[X]$. Thus $IQ \subseteq \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle A_0$. Hence A_0 is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian.

Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer. The ideal $X^n A_n \mathcal{A}[X]$ of $\mathcal{A}[X]$ is \mathcal{S} -finite. Then there exist $a_1, \dots, a_k \in A_n$ and $I \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $I(X^n A_n \mathcal{A}[X]) \subseteq \langle a_1 X^n, \dots, a_k X^n \rangle$. Let $a \in A_n$ and $b \in I$. There exist $f_1(X), \dots, f_k(X) \in \mathcal{A}[X]$ such that $b(aX^n) = \sum_{i=1}^k f_i(a_i X^n)$. Identifying coefficients of X^n , we obtain $ba = \sum_{i=1}^k f_i(0)a_i$ with $f_1(0), \dots, f_k(0) \in A_0$. Therefore, A_n is an \mathcal{S} -finite A_0 -module.

The ideal Q of $\mathcal{A}[X]$ generated by $\{aX^i, i \in \mathbb{N}^*, a \in A_i\}$ is \mathcal{S} -finite, then there exist $I \in \mathcal{S}, a_1 X^{\alpha_1}, \dots, a_r X^{\alpha_r}, a_i \in A_{\alpha_i}, \alpha_i \geq 1$ such that,

$$IQ \subseteq \langle a_k X^{\alpha_k}, 1 \leq k \leq r \rangle \mathcal{A}[X].$$

Let $m = \max(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r)$. Then $a_1, \dots, a_r \in A_m$. For a fixed $i > m$. Let $b \in I$ and $y \in A_i$. By definition of $Q, yX^i \in Q$. Thus

$$byX^i \in \langle a_k X^{\alpha_k}, 1 \leq k \leq r \rangle \mathcal{A}[X].$$

It yields that $byX^i = \sum_{k=1}^r a_k X^{\alpha_k} g_k$ with $g_k = \sum_{j=0}^{n_k} g_{k,j} X^j \in \mathcal{A}[X]$. By identification,

we get $by = \sum_{k=1}^r a_k g_{k,i-\alpha_k}$ with $g_{k,i-\alpha_k} \in A_{i-\alpha_k} \subseteq A_{i-1}$. Hence

$$bA_i \subseteq a_1 A_{i-1} + \dots + a_r A_{i-1} \subseteq A_{i-1}.$$

It follows that $IA_i \subseteq A_{i-1}$. Iterating we get $I^{m-i} A_i \subseteq A_m$. It follows that $JA_i \subseteq A_m$ for some ideal J of \mathcal{S} contained in $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} I^n$. Consequently, $JA_n \subseteq A_m$ for every

$n \geq m$. It yields that $JA = J(\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n) = J(\bigcup_{n=m}^{\infty} A_n) = \bigcup_{n=m}^{+\infty} JA_n \subseteq A_m$. Thus A is

an \mathcal{S} -finite A_0 -module.

(2) \implies (1) Since the A_0 -module A is \mathcal{S} -finite, there exist $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ and $C \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $CA \subseteq \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle A_0$. Thus $CA[X] \subseteq \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle A_0[X]$. Hence the $A_0[X]$ -module $A[X]$ is \mathcal{S} -finite. On the other hand, A_0 is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian and for each $I \in \mathcal{S}$, $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} I^k$ contains some ideal of \mathcal{S} . By Theorem 2.7, the ring $A_0[X]$ is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian. By Corollary 2.6, the $A_0[X]$ -module $A[X]$ is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian, and so is the submodule $\mathcal{A}[X]$. Thus the ring $\mathcal{A}[X]$ is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian. \square

Lemma 2.10. *Let A be a ring, \mathcal{S} a multiplicative system of ideals of A and M an \mathcal{S} -finite A -module. If N is a submodule of M maximal among the non- \mathcal{S} -finite submodules of M , then $[N : M]$ is a prime ideal of A .*

Proof. Denote $P = [N : M]$. Assume that P is not a prime ideal. Let $a, b \in A \setminus P$ such that $ab \in P$. By maximality of N , $N + aM$ is \mathcal{S} -finite. Consequently, there exist $n_1, \dots, n_k \in N$, $m_1, \dots, m_k \in M$ and $I \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $I(N + aM) \subseteq \langle n_1 + am_1, \dots, n_k + am_k \rangle$. Since $aN \subseteq N$ and $bx \in [N : a]$ for each $x \in M$ ($N \neq M$), $N \subset [N : a]$. Then $[N : a]$ is \mathcal{S} -finite. It yields that there exist $q_1, \dots, q_t \in [N : a]$ and $J \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $J[N : a] \subseteq \langle q_1, \dots, q_t \rangle$. Let $x \in N$, $\alpha \in I$ and $\beta \in J$. We have $\alpha x = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i(n_i + am_i)$ with $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in A$. Thus $a \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i m_i = \alpha x - \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i n_i \in N$. Hence $y = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i m_i \in [N : a]$. Therefore, $\beta y = \sum_{j=1}^t \beta_j q_j$ with $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_t \in A$. Thus $\beta \alpha x = \sum_{i=1}^k (\beta \alpha_i) n_i + \beta a y = \sum_{i=1}^k (\beta \alpha_i) n_i + \sum_{j=1}^t \beta_j (a q_j) \in \langle n_1, \dots, n_k, a q_1, \dots, a q_t \rangle$. Hence $JIN \subseteq \langle n_1, \dots, n_k, a q_1, \dots, a q_t \rangle \subseteq N$ with $JI \in \mathcal{S}$, so N is \mathcal{S} -finite, contradiction. Therefore, P is a prime ideal of A . \square

Let A be a ring, \mathcal{S} a multiplicative system of finitely generated ideals of A , P a prime ideal of A and M an \mathcal{S} -finite A -module. It is clear that P and PM are \mathcal{S} -finite when P contains some ideal in \mathcal{S} .

Theorem 2.11. *Let A be a ring, \mathcal{S} a multiplicative system of finitely generated ideals of A and M an \mathcal{S} -finite A -module. Then M is an \mathcal{S} -Noetherian A -module if and only if for each prime ideal P of A not containing any ideal in \mathcal{S} , the submodule PM is \mathcal{S} -finite.*

Proof. \implies Trivial.

\Leftarrow Assume that M is not \mathcal{S} -Noetherian. Let \mathcal{F} be the set of submodules of M which are not \mathcal{S} -finite. We order \mathcal{F} by inclusion. Let $(H_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$ be a totally ordered family of \mathcal{F} and $H = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} H_\alpha$. Assume that $H \notin \mathcal{F}$. Then there exist $a_1, \dots, a_n \in H$ and $I \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $IH \subseteq \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$. Since the family $(H_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$ is totally ordered, there exists $\alpha \in \Lambda$ such that $a_1, \dots, a_n \in H_\alpha$. Hence $IH_\alpha \subseteq IH \subseteq \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$. Therefore, H_α is \mathcal{S} -finite, absurd. Thus $H \in \mathcal{F}$. Therefore \mathcal{F} is inductively ordered.

By Zorn's lemma, \mathcal{F} has a maximal element N . By Lemma 2.10, $P = [N : M]$ is a prime ideal of A . Let $m_1, \dots, m_k \in M$ and $J \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $JM \subseteq \langle m_1, \dots, m_k \rangle$. If there exists $I \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $IM \subseteq N$, then $IJN \subseteq I\langle am_1, \dots, am_k \rangle \subseteq N$, contradiction (since I is finitely generated, so is the submodule $I\langle m_1, \dots, m_k \rangle$). Therefore, for each $I \in \mathcal{S}$, $IM \not\subseteq N$. Thus $P = [N : M] \subseteq [N : \langle m_1, \dots, m_k \rangle] \subseteq [N : JM] = P : J = P$. Hence, $P = [N : \langle m_1, \dots, m_k \rangle] = [N : m_1] \cap \dots \cap [N : m_k] = [N : m_{i_0}]$ for some $1 \leq i_0 \leq k$. Since $P \neq A$, so $m_{i_0} \notin N$, hence $N + Am_{i_0}$ is \mathcal{S} -finite by the maximality of N . There exist then $n_1, \dots, n_t \in N$, $a_1, \dots, a_t \in A$ and $I \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $I(N + Am_{i_0}) \subseteq \langle n_1 + a_1m_{i_0}, \dots, n_t + a_tm_{i_0} \rangle$. Let $x \in N$, $b \in A$ and $\alpha \in I$.

There exist $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_t \in A$ such that $\alpha(x + bm_{i_0}) = \sum_{i=1}^t (\alpha_i n_i + \alpha_i a_i m_{i_0})$. Hence

$$(\alpha b - \sum_{i=1}^t \alpha_i a_i) m_{i_0} = \sum_{i=1}^t \alpha_i n_i - \alpha x \in N. \text{ Thus } \alpha b - \sum_{i=1}^t \alpha_i a_i \in P. \text{ It yields that } \alpha x =$$

$\sum_{i=1}^t \alpha_i n_i + (\sum_{i=1}^t \alpha_i a_i - \alpha b) m_{i_0} \in \langle n_1, \dots, n_t \rangle + PM$. Since PM is \mathcal{S} -finite, there exist $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_r \in PM$ and $L \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $L(PM) \subseteq \langle \beta_1, \dots, \beta_r \rangle \subseteq PM \subseteq N$. Consequently, $(LI)N \subseteq \langle n_1, \dots, n_t, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_r \rangle \subseteq N$. Hence N is \mathcal{S} -finite, absurd. Therefore, M is an \mathcal{S} -Noetherian A -module. □

Corollary 2.12. *Let A be a ring and \mathcal{S} a multiplicative system of finitely generated ideals of A . Then the ring A is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian, if and only if, each prime ideal of A not containing any ideal in \mathcal{S} is \mathcal{S} -finite.*

The next example shows that for each $n \geq 1$, there exists an n -dimensional \mathcal{S} -Noetherian ring which is not Noetherian.

Example 2.13. Let A be a finite dimensional valuation domain, P its height one prime ideal, $I \subseteq P$ a finitely generated ideal and $\mathcal{S} = \{I^n, n \geq 1\}$. Then A is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian. Indeed, let Q be a nonzero prime ideal of A . Thus $IQ \subseteq I \subseteq P \subseteq Q$. Hence Q is \mathcal{S} -finite.

Example 2.14. The hypothesis that \mathcal{S} consists of finitely generated ideals is necessary. Indeed, let X_1, X_2, \dots be a countably family of indeterminates over a field K , $A = K[X_n, n \geq 1] / \langle X_n^n, n \geq 1 \rangle$, $M = \langle \bar{X}_n, n \geq 1 \rangle A$ and $\mathcal{S} = \{M^n, n \geq 1\}$. The only prime ideal of A is M . Assume that A is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian. Then M is \mathcal{S} -finite. Hence there exist $k, m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ such that $M^k M \subseteq \langle \bar{X}_1, \dots, \bar{X}_m \rangle$. Then $M^l = 0$ for some $l \geq 1$, absurd. Hence the ring A is not \mathcal{S} -Noetherian.

Corollary 2.15. *Let $A \subseteq B$ be a rings extension and \mathcal{S} a multiplicative system of finitely generated ideals of A such that B is an \mathcal{S} -finite A -module. Then the ring A is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian if and only if B is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian.*

Proof. \implies The A -module B is \mathcal{S} -finite. By Corollary 2.5, the A -module B is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian. Hence, the ring B is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian.

\impliedby By Theorem 2.11, the A -module B is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian. Therefore, the ring A is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian (as an A -submodule of B). □

Let A be a ring and M an A -module. Recall that Nagata introduced the extension ring of A called the idealization of M in A , denoted here by $A(+M)$, whose underlying abelian group is $A \times M$ and multiplication defined by:

$$(a, x)(a', x') = (aa', ax' + a'x), \text{ for every } (a, x), (a', x') \in A(+M).$$

It is well known that $A(+M)$ is a commutative ring with identity element $(1, 0)$. (It is also called the trivial extension of A by M .) For more details see [2] and [4].

Let \mathcal{S} be an ideal of A . Note that $I(+)IM$ is the extension of I in $A(+M)$, so $\mathcal{S}_1 = \{I(+)IM, I \in \mathcal{S}\}$ is clearly a multiplicative system of ideals of $A(+M)$. As $A \subseteq A(+M)$, we get $A(+M)$ is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian if and only if $A(+M)$ is \mathcal{S}_1 -Noetherian.

Proposition 2.16. *Let A be a ring, \mathcal{S} a multiplicative system of finitely generated ideals of A and M an A -module. Denote $\mathcal{S}_1 = \{I(+)IM, I \in \mathcal{S}\}$. Then the ring $A(+M)$ is \mathcal{S}_1 -Noetherian if and only if the ring A is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian and the A -module M is \mathcal{S} -finite.*

Proof. \implies The map $\phi: A(+M) \rightarrow A$ defined by $\phi(a, x) = a$ for every $(a, x) \in A(+M)$ is a surjective homomorphism of rings. Since $A(+M)$ is \mathcal{S}_1 -Noetherian, the ring A is $\phi(\mathcal{S}_1) = \mathcal{S}$ -Noetherian.

The ideal $\{0\}(+M)$ of $A(+M)$ is \mathcal{S}_1 -finite. Then there exist $m_1, \dots, m_k \in M$ and $I \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $(I(+)IM)(\{0\}(+M)) \subseteq \langle (0, m_1), \dots, (0, m_k) \rangle A(+M)$. Therefore, $IM \subseteq \langle m_1, \dots, m_k \rangle A$. It yields that the A -module M is \mathcal{S} -finite.

\impliedby It is clear that the extension $A \subseteq A(+M)$ is \mathcal{S} -finite. Then A is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian if and only if $A(+M)$ is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian by Corollary 2.15. Thus the ring $A(+M)$ is \mathcal{S}_1 -Noetherian. \square

Example 2.17. Let A be an n -dimensional nonNoetherian integral domain. Assume that $P = \cap \{Q \mid (0) \neq Q \in \text{Spec}(A)\}$ is a nonzero ideal of A and let $I \subseteq P$ be a finitely generated nonprincipal ideal of A . Set $\mathcal{S} = \{I^k, k \geq 1\}$. Clearly A is an \mathcal{S} -Noetherian ring (since each nonzero prime ideal of A contains I). Then for each \mathcal{S} -finite A -module M , the ring $A(+M)$ is \mathcal{S}_1 -Noetherian, by Proposition 2.16, where $\mathcal{S}_1 = \{I(+)IM, I \in \mathcal{S}\}$.

Let A be a ring and $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$. Denote $\mathcal{S}_P = \{I \text{ ideal of } A \text{ such that } I \not\subseteq P\}$. \mathcal{S}_P is clearly a multiplicative system of ideals of A .

Theorem 2.18. *The following assertions are equivalent for an A -module E :*

- (1) *The module E is Noetherian.*
- (2) *The module E is \mathcal{S}_P -Noetherian for every $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$.*
- (3) *The module E is \mathcal{S}_M -Noetherian for every $M \in \text{Max}(A)$.*

Proof. The implications (1) \implies (2) \implies (3) are simple.

(3) \implies (1) Let N be a submodule of E . For each $M \in \text{Max}(A)$, there exist $I_M \in \mathcal{S}_M$ and a finitely generated submodule $F_M \subseteq N$ of E such that $I_M N \subseteq F_M$. Let $Q = \langle I_M, M \in \text{Max}(A) \rangle$. Since $I_M \not\subseteq M$ for each maximal ideal M of A , we get $Q = A$. Therefore there exist $M_1, \dots, M_r \in \text{Max}(A)$ such that $A = \langle I_{M_1}, \dots, I_{M_r} \rangle$. Hence $N = AN = \langle I_{M_1}, \dots, I_{M_r} \rangle N = I_{M_1} N + \dots + I_{M_r} N \subseteq F_{M_1} + \dots + F_{M_r} \subseteq N$. Thus $N = F_{M_1} + \dots + F_{M_r}$ is finitely generated. \square

Corollary 2.19. *The following assertions are equivalent for a ring A :*

- (1) *The ring A is Noetherian.*
- (2) *The ring A is \mathcal{S}_P -Noetherian for every $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$.*
- (3) *The ring A is \mathcal{S}_M -Noetherian for every $M \in \text{Max}(A)$.*

Questions. We end this paper by posing two questions.

- (1) Let A be an integral domain with quotient field K and \mathcal{S} a multiplicative system of ideals of A such that A is \mathcal{S} -Noetherian. Does it follow that the generalized fraction ring $A_{\mathcal{S}} = \{x \in K; xH \subseteq A \text{ for some } H \in \mathcal{S}\}$ is Noetherian?
- (2) Under the hypothesis of Theorem 2.7, is the power series ring $A[[X]]$ \mathcal{S} -Noetherian?

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