

## 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,  $H_\alpha$  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  $\mathcal{I}$  be an ideal of  $A$ . Note that  $\mathcal{I}(+)IM$  is the extension of  $\mathcal{I}$  in  $A(+M)$ , so  $\mathcal{S}_1 = \{\mathcal{I}(+)IM, \mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{S}\}$  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  $\mathcal{S}_1 = \{\mathcal{I}(+)IM, \mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{S}\}$ . 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  $\mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{S}$  such that  $(\mathcal{I}(+)IM)(\{0\}(+)M) \subseteq \langle (0, m_1), \dots, (0, m_k) \rangle A(+M)$ . 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. □

**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  $\mathcal{S}_1 = \{\mathcal{I}(+)IM, \mathcal{I} \in \mathcal{S}\}$ .

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

**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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