



**ON POWERS OF IDEALS $(I^m J^n)_{(m,n) \in \mathbb{N}^2}$ AND
 σ -SPORADIC PRIME DIVISORS OF A
PAIR OF IDEALS (I, J)**

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Abstract

Let I and J be two non-zero ideals of a Noetherian ring A . Let σ be a semi-prime operation on the set of all ideals of A . Let m_0 and n_0 be two fixed positive integers, and

$$\mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} = \{(\beta m_0, \beta n_0) / \beta \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

In first time, we show that:

- (a) for $e \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$, $\{\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{e+t}) : \sigma(\mathcal{K}^t)\}_{t \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}}$ is an increasing sequence and stabilizes at \mathcal{K}_σ^e ,
- (b) the sequence $(\text{Ass}(A/\sigma(\mathcal{K}^e)))_{e \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}}$ is increasing and stabilizes at $A_\sigma(I, J) = A_\sigma(\mathcal{K})$ under certain conditions for e large enough.

First, we show

$$S_\ell^\sigma(I, J) = \text{Ass}(A/\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)) - A_\sigma(\mathcal{K}),$$

for ℓ small enough in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} . The elements of $S_\ell^\sigma(I, J)$ are called σ -sporadic prime divisors of (I, J) .

We give some properties on the set $S_\ell^\sigma(I, J)$.

To finish, we conclude this paper with the equality $\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell = [\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)]_\Delta$ under certain conditions, where L_Δ is the Δ -closure of the ideal L of A .

1. Introduction

Let A be a Noetherian ring as in [12], and let I be a non-zero ideal of A . Let σ be a semi-prime operation on the set of all ideals of A [9, 16]. Associated prime ideals have been widely studied in the literature [1, 10, 11, 13-15]. As an extension of this study, the paper [3] (see also [4, 6]) examined asymptotic σ -prime divisors. Indeed, the paper [3] showed that the sequence $(\text{Ass}(A/\sigma(I^n)))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is increasing under certain conditions

and stabilizes at $A_\sigma(I)$. That is, $Ass(A/\sigma(I^n)) = A_\sigma(I)$ for all n large enough in \mathbb{N} . But for n small enough, there exist prime ideals P in $Ass(A/\sigma(I^n)) - A_\sigma(I)$. Such ideals are called σ -sporadic prime divisors (see [5]). $S^\sigma(I) = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} S_n^\sigma(I)$ is the set of all σ -sporadic prime divisors, where

$$S_n^\sigma(I) = Ass(A/\sigma(I^n)) - A_\sigma(I).$$

The paper [5] revealed interesting results about the σ -sporadic prime divisors of an ideal.

This paper is a part of the extension of certain results from [5] to adic bifiltrations [2, 8, 17]. But for this, it is important to consider the study that was done in [7]. Let A be a Noetherian ring, and I and J be two non-zero ideals of A . Let σ be a semi-prime operation on A . We consider the product order on $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$, denoted by \prec , such that for all $m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $(m_1, n_1) \prec (m_2, n_2)$ if and only if $m_1 \leq m_2$ and $n_1 \leq n_2$. We set $(m_1, n_1) + (m_2, n_2) = (m_1 + m_2, n_1 + n_2)$ and for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $k(m_1, n_1) = (km_1, kn_1)$. Let $\mathcal{K}^{(m,n)} = I^m J^n$, $\forall (m, n) \in \mathbb{N}^2$ and $F_{\mathcal{K}} = (\mathcal{K}^\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^2}$. $F_{\mathcal{K}}$ is an (I, J) -adic bifiltration. Let m_0 and n_0 be two fixed positive integers. Then the set

$$\mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} = \{(\beta m_0, \beta n_0) / \beta \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

is a totally ordered subset of \mathbb{N}^2 .

We show that the sequence $(Ass(A/\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\alpha)))_{\alpha \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}}$ is increasing from a certain rank and stabilizes in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} . We note that the sequence $(Ass(A/\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\alpha)))_{\alpha \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}}$ stabilizes at $A_\sigma(I, J) = A_\sigma(\mathcal{K})$. Moreover, if $e \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} - \{(0, 0)\}$, then the sequence $\{\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{e+t}) : \sigma(\mathcal{K}^t)\}_{t \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}}$ is increasing and stabilizes at \mathcal{K}_σ^e .

We assume that for ℓ small enough in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} , there exist prime ideals P in $S_\ell^\sigma(I, J) = \text{Ass}(A/\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)) - A_\sigma(\mathcal{K})$. The prime ideals P of A in $S^\sigma(I, J) = \bigcup_{\ell \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}} S_\ell^\sigma(I, J)$ are called σ -sporadic prime divisors of (I, J) . Let $\alpha_0 \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ be such that for all $k \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ with $k \succ \alpha_0$ and for all $e \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$, $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{k+e}) : \mathcal{K}^e = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^k)$. Proposition 3.3 shows that $S_\ell^\sigma(I, J)$ is included in $\text{Ass}(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell / \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell))$, for all $\ell \succ (1, 1)$ in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} . If A is an Artinian ring and if the conditions of Proposition 3.3 are satisfied, then Proposition 3.5 reveals that $S_\ell^\sigma(I, J)$ is contained in $\text{Ass}(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^{\ell-r} / \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell+r}))$, for all ℓ large enough and for all r such that $\ell \succ r \succ (1, 1)$ in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} .

In Proposition 3.6, we show that if $e \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} - \{(0, 0)\}$ and L is an ideal of A such that $\mathcal{K}^e \subseteq L \subseteq \mathcal{K}_\sigma^e$, then any element of $\text{Ass}(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^e / \sigma(L))$ contains $(\sigma(\mathcal{K}^e) : \mathcal{K}_\sigma^e)$. For other results in this section, we assume that σ is a prime operation on the set of all ideals of A . Thus, let u and v be two regular elements of A . Then, Proposition 3.7 shows that for all $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} - \{(0, 0)\}$,

$$\text{Ass}(A/\sigma(I^{\alpha_1} J^{\alpha_2})) \subseteq \text{Ass}(A/\sigma((uI)^{\alpha_1} (vJ)^{\alpha_2})).$$

In Proposition 3.8, we assume that the ideals I and J are regular. Let x be a regular element of I and y a regular element of J such that (x) is a reduction of I and (y) is a reduction of J . Then there exists $r = (r_1, r_2) \succ (1, 1)$ in \mathbb{N}^2 such that

$$\text{Ass}(A/\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{(r\alpha_1, r\alpha_2)})) \subseteq \text{Ass}(A/\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{((r_1+1)\alpha_1, (r_2+1)\alpha_2)})),$$

for all $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \succ (1, 1)$ in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} . Under the same hypotheses as Proposition 3.8, Proposition 3.9 reveals that there exist two integers $r_1 \geq 1$

and $r_2 \geq 1$ such that for all integers $n_1 \geq 1$ and $n_2 \geq 1$, $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{r+n}) = x^{n_1} y^{n_2} \sigma(\mathcal{K}^r)$, where $r = (r_1, r_2)$, $n = (n_1, n_2)$ and $\mathcal{K}^\ell = I^{\ell_1} J^{\ell_2}$ for all $\ell = (\ell_1, \ell_2)$.

We consider that I and J are two ideals of the Noetherian ring A . The set $\Delta = \{\mathcal{K}^n \mid \mathcal{K}^n = I^{n_1} J^{n_2}\}$, with $n = (n_1, n_2) \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} - \{(0, 0)\}$, is a non-empty multiplicatively closed set of non-zero finitely generated ideals of A . For any ideal L of A , we denote the Δ -closure of L by

$$L_\Delta = \bigcup_{V \in \Delta} (LV : V).$$

Let $(\sigma(\mathcal{K}^n))_{n \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}}$ be a bifiltration such that for $s \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ and s large enough, $\mathcal{K}^m \sigma(\mathcal{K}^s) = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{m+s})$, for all $m \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$. Then Proposition 3.10 shows that there exists e in $\mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} - \{(0, 0)\}$ such that $\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell = [\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)]_\Delta$ for all $\ell \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ and $\ell \succ e$.

2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, the letter A denotes a commutative ring with unity. In this section, we provide some definitions and notations.

(1) A filtration on the ring A is a sequence $f = (I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ of ideals of A such that $I_0 = A$, $I_{n+1} \subseteq I_n$ and $I_n I_m \subseteq I_{n+m}$ for all $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$. It follows that for all $n \leq 0$, $I_n = A$.

(2) Let I be an ideal of A . Then a filtration $f = (J_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ on A is said to be *I-adic* if $J_n = I^n$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Definition 2.1. Let $\mathcal{I}(A)$ be the set of all ideals of a ring A . Then we consider the following properties of a map $\sigma : \mathcal{I}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}(A)$:

- (a) $I \subseteq \sigma(I)$,
- (b) if $I \subseteq J$, then $\sigma(I) \subseteq \sigma(J)$,
- (c) $\sigma(\sigma(I)) = \sigma(I)$,
- (d) $\sigma(I)\sigma(J) \subseteq \sigma(IJ)$ and
- (e) $\sigma(bI) = b\sigma(I)$ for any regular element $b \in A$,

for all $I, J \in \mathcal{I}(A)$. Then σ is a *semi-prime operation* on $\mathcal{I}(A)$ if (a)-(d) are satisfied for all $I, J \in \mathcal{I}(A)$, it is a *prime operation* if (a)-(e) are satisfied for all $I, J \in \mathcal{I}(A)$ and every regular element b of A .

Proposition 2.2. *Let A be a commutative ring with unity and σ a semi-prime operation on $\mathcal{I}(A)$. Then*

$$\sigma(\sigma(I)\sigma(J)) = \sigma(IJ), \quad \forall I, J \in \mathcal{I}(A).$$

Proof. Let I and J be two ideals of A . Then using properties (a), (b), (d) and (c) of Definition 2.1, respectively, we have

$$I \subseteq \sigma(I) \quad \text{and} \quad J \subseteq \sigma(J) \Rightarrow IJ \subseteq \sigma(I)\sigma(J).$$

Hence, by applying σ to both sides,

$$\sigma(IJ) \subseteq \sigma(\sigma(I)\sigma(J)). \tag{2.1}$$

However, we know that

$$\sigma(I)\sigma(J) \subseteq \sigma(IJ).$$

Applying σ again and using the idempotence property ($\sigma(\sigma(X)) = \sigma(X)$),

$$\sigma(\sigma(I)\sigma(J)) \subseteq \sigma(\sigma(IJ)) = \sigma(IJ).$$

Combining this with inequality (2.1), we obtain

$$\sigma(IJ) \subseteq \sigma(\sigma(I)\sigma(J)) \subseteq \sigma(\sigma(IJ)) = \sigma(IJ).$$

Thus,

$$\sigma(IJ) = \sigma(\sigma(I)\sigma(J)). \quad \square$$

(3) If $f = (I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is a filtration on A and σ is a semi-prime operation on $\mathcal{I}(A)$, then $\sigma(f) = (\sigma(I_n))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is a filtration on A , called the σ -closure of f .

We consider the product order on $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ which is denoted by \prec such that for all $m, n, p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$, $(m, n) \prec (p, q)$ if and only if $m \leq p$ and $n \leq q$. We set $(m, n) + (p, q) = (m + p, n + q)$ and for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $k(m, n) = (km, kn)$.

Definition 2.3. (i) A *bifiltration* on the ring A is a decreasing family $F = (I_{m,n})_{(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$ of ideals of A (with respect to the product order on $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$) such that $I_{0,0} = A$ and for all integers $m, n, p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$I_{m,n} I_{p,q} \subseteq I_{m+p, n+q}.$$

It follows that for all $m, n \leq 0$, $I_{m,n} = A$.

(ii) The set of all bifiltrations on the ring A is ordered by

$$F = (I_{m,n})_{(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \leq H = (J_{m,n})_{(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$$

if $I_{m,n} \subseteq J_{m,n}$ for all $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

(4) Let I and J be two ideals of A . Then a bifiltration $F = (I_{m,n})_{(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$ on A is said to be (I, J) -adic if $I_{m,n} = I^m J^n$, for all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(5) Let $F = (I_{m,n})_{(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$ be a bifiltration on a ring A and σ a semi-prime operation on $\mathcal{I}(A)$. Then $\sigma(F) = (\sigma(I_{m,n}))_{(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$ is a bifiltration on A , called the σ -closure of F .

Remark 2.4. Let I be an ideal of a ring A and let P be a prime ideal of A such that $I \subseteq P$. Then for any $x \in A$, we have

$$P/I = \text{Ann}(\bar{x}) \Leftrightarrow P = I : x.$$

3. Results

3.1. (I, J) -adic bifiltration and σ -sporadic prime ideals

Let A be a Noetherian ring and σ a semi-prime operation on the set of all ideals of A . Then we assume that for every prime ideal P , there exists a semi-prime operation $\widehat{\sigma}_P$ on the set of all ideals of A_P such that $\widehat{\sigma}_P(I A_P) = \sigma(I) A_P$ for every ideal I of A (see [5]).

Let m_0 and n_0 be two fixed positive integers. Then the set

$$\mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} = \{(\beta m_0, \beta n_0) / \beta \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

is a totally ordered subset of \mathbb{N}^2 . Let I and J be two non-zero ideals of the ring A . Then for any $e = (e_1, e_2) \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$, we set $\mathcal{K}^e = I^{e_1} J^{e_2}$. \mathcal{K}^e is an ideal of A .

Lemma 3.1. *Let A be a Noetherian ring and I, J be two non-zero ideals of A . Let σ be a semi-prime operation on I . Then for every element e of $\mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$, the sequence*

$$\{\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{e+t}) : \sigma(\mathcal{K}^t)\}_{t \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}}$$

is increasing and stationary.

Proof. Let $e \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$. Let t and ℓ be two elements of \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} such that $t \preceq \ell$ (in the product order).

Let x be an element of $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{e+t}) : \sigma(\mathcal{K}^t)$. Then

$$x\sigma(\mathcal{K}^t) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{e+t}). \quad (*)$$

Using property (d) of Definition 2.1, we have

$$\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell-t})\sigma(\mathcal{K}^t) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell-t}\mathcal{K}^t) = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell).$$

Using property (a) of Definition 2.1, we have

$$x\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell-t})\sigma(\mathcal{K}^t) \subseteq \sigma[x\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell-t})\sigma(\mathcal{K}^t)].$$

Hence

$$x\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell) \subseteq \sigma[\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell-t})(x\sigma(\mathcal{K}^t))].$$

Then, from relation (*), we have

$$x\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell) \subseteq \sigma[\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell-t})\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{e+t})].$$

According to Proposition 2.2,

$$\sigma[\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell-t})\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{e+t})] = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell-t}\mathcal{K}^{e+t}) = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell+e}).$$

Thus,

$$x\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell+e}).$$

Therefore, $x \in \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell+e}) : \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)$.

Consequently, $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{e+t}) : \sigma(\mathcal{K}^t) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell+e}) : \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)$. Thus the sequence is increasing.

Since $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{e+t}) : \sigma(\mathcal{K}^t)$ is an ideal of A for each $t \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ and A is Noetherian, the sequence is stationary. \square

Lemma 3.2. *Let A be a Noetherian ring, σ a semi-prime operation on I , and I, J two non-zero ideals of A . Suppose that there exists $e \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ large enough such that*

$$\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{t+e}) : \mathcal{K}^t = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^e), \text{ for } e \preceq t.$$

Then the sequence

$$\{\text{Ass}(A/\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell))\}_{\ell \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}}$$

is increasing.

Proof. By taking $F = (\mathcal{K}^k)_{k \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}}$ as the bifiltration of A and applying Theorem 3.8 of [7], we obtain the result. \square

Proposition 3.3. *Let $\alpha_0 \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ be such that for all $k \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ with $k \succ \alpha_0$ and for all $e \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$, $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{k+e}) : \mathcal{K}^e = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^k)$. Then for all $\ell \succ (1, 1)$ in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} , $S_\ell^\sigma(I, J) \subseteq \text{Ass}(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell / \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell))$.*

Proof. Let $\ell \succ (1, 1)$ in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} and assume that there exists

$$P \in S_\ell^\sigma(I, J) = \text{Ass}(A/\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)) - \mathcal{A}_\sigma(I, J).$$

Assume that (A, \mathfrak{M}) is a local ring, by Theorem 4.5 of [7], $\mathfrak{M} \in \text{Ass}(A/\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)) - \mathcal{A}_\sigma(I, J)$. Then there exists $x \in A - \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)$ such that $\mathfrak{M} = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell) : x$. Assume that $\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell : x$ is a proper ideal of A . Since $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell) \subseteq \mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell$, we have

$$\mathfrak{M} = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell) : x \subseteq \mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell : x \subseteq \mathfrak{M}.$$

Then $\mathfrak{M} = \mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell : x$ and $\mathfrak{M} \in \text{Ass}(A/\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell)$. Since the sequence $\{\text{Ass}(A/\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell)\}_{\ell \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}}$ is increasing and stabilizes at $\mathcal{A}_\sigma(I, J)$ (see [7, Theorem 4.5]), $\mathfrak{M} \in \mathcal{A}_\sigma(I, J)$, which is a contradiction. Thus $\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell : x = A$ and $x \in \mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell$. Hence $\mathfrak{M} \in \text{Ass}(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell / \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell))$.

Assume that A is not local and $P \in S_\ell^\sigma(I, J)$. Consider (A_P, PA_P) which is local. Then by Theorem 4.5 of [7],

$$PA_P \in \text{Ass}_{A_P}(A_P / \widehat{\sigma}_P[(\mathcal{K}_{A_P})^\ell])$$

for α large enough in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} . Since A is a Noetherian ring, A_P is local and with the above, we have

$$PA_P \in \text{Ass}_{A_P} ((\mathcal{K}_{A_P})_{\widehat{\sigma_P}}^\ell / \widehat{\sigma_P} [(\mathcal{K}_{A_P})^\ell]).$$

Since

$$(\mathcal{K}_{A_P})_{\widehat{\sigma_P}}^\ell / \widehat{\sigma_P} [(\mathcal{K}_{A_P})^\ell] = (\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell / \sigma(K^\ell))_{A_P},$$

it follows that $P \in \text{Ass}(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell / \sigma(K^\ell))$. \square

Proposition 3.4. *Let σ be a semi-prime operation. Assume that $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\alpha+\ell}) : \mathcal{K}^\ell = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\alpha)$ for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ large enough and for all $\ell \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$. Let $e = (e_1, e_2) \succ (1, 1)$ in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} . If L is an ideal of A such that $\mathcal{K}^e \subseteq L \subseteq \mathcal{K}_\sigma^e$, then there exists an integer $s_0 \geq 1$ such that $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{s_0 e}) = \sigma(L^{s_0})$.*

Proof. Let $e = (e_1, e_2) \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$. Then for any integer $s \geq 1$, we have

$$(\mathcal{K}^e)^s = (I^{e_1} J^{e_2})^s = I^{e_1 s} J^{e_2 s} = \mathcal{K}^{s(e_1, e_2)} = \mathcal{K}^{se} \subseteq L^s.$$

Thus $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{se}) \subseteq \sigma(L^s)$. Conversely, we know that $L \subseteq \mathcal{K}_\sigma^e$, so for any integer $s \geq 1$, we have $L^s \subseteq (\mathcal{K}_\sigma^e)^s \subseteq \mathcal{K}_\sigma^{se}$ (see [7, Proposition 4.2]). Since \mathcal{K}_σ^{se} is σ -closed, we have $\sigma(L^s) \subseteq \mathcal{K}_\sigma^{se}$ for any integer $s \geq 1$. We know that if $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\alpha+e}) : \mathcal{K}^e = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\alpha)$ with $\alpha \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ and large enough, then $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\alpha) = \sigma(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\alpha)$ (we refer to Proposition 3.3) and $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\alpha) = \mathcal{K}_\sigma^\alpha$. Let $s_0 \geq 1$ be an integer such that $s_0 e$ is large enough in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} . Thus $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{s_0 e}) = \mathcal{K}_\sigma^{s_0 e}$. Hence $\sigma(L^{s_0}) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{s_0 e})$. Therefore, there exists an integer $s_0 \geq 1$ such that $\sigma(L^{s_0}) = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{s_0 e})$. \square

Proposition 3.5. *Assume that A is an Artinian ring and σ is a semi-prime operation. Let $\alpha_0 \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ be such that for all $k \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$, $k \succ \alpha_0$*

and for all $e \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$, $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{k+e}) : \mathcal{K}^e = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^k)$. Then

$$S_\ell^\sigma(I, J) \subseteq \text{Ass}(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^{\ell-r} / \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell+r})),$$

for all ℓ large enough and for all r such that $\ell \succ r \succ (1, 1)$ in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} .

Proof. For all $\ell \succ (1, 1)$ in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} , we have

$$S_\ell^\sigma(I, J) \subseteq \text{Ass}(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell / \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell))$$

(we refer to Proposition 3.3). If $P \in \text{Ass}(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell / \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell))$, then there exist $x \in \mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell$ and $x \notin \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)$ such that $P = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell) : x$. Since $\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell \subseteq \mathcal{K}_\sigma^{\ell-r}$ for all $r \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ and $\ell \succ r \succ (1, 1)$ (see [7, Theorem 4.6]), it follows that $x \in \mathcal{K}_\sigma^{\ell-r}$ and $x \notin \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)$ such that $P = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell) : x$. Then $P \in \text{Ass}(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^{\ell-r} / \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell))$ and

$$\text{Ass}(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell / \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)) \subseteq \text{Ass}(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^{\ell-r} / \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)),$$

for all $r \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ and $\ell \succ r \succ (1, 1)$. Let $P \in \text{Ass}(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^{\ell-r} / \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell))$. Then there exist $z \in \mathcal{K}_\sigma^{\ell-r}$ and $z \notin \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)$ such that $P = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell) : z$. Since $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^s) : z \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{K}^t) : z$ for all $t \prec s$ in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} and since the ring A is Artinian, we have $P = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell) : z = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell+r}) : z$ for all ℓ large enough and for all r in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} . Thus $P \in \text{Ass}(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^{\ell-r} / \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell+r}))$, for all ℓ large enough and for all r such that $\ell \succ r \succ (1, 1)$ in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} . \square

Proposition 3.6. Let $e \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} - \{(0, 0)\}$. Let L be an ideal of A such that $\mathcal{K}^e \subseteq L \subseteq \mathcal{K}_\sigma^e$. If $P \in \text{Ass}(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^e / \sigma(L))$, then $(\sigma(\mathcal{K}^e) : \mathcal{K}_\sigma^e) \subseteq P$.

Proof. Let P be a prime ideal of A such that $P \in \text{Ass}(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^e / \sigma(L))$. Then there exists $x \in \mathcal{K}_\sigma^e - \sigma(L)$ such that $P = \sigma(L) : x$. We know that $\mathcal{K}^e \subseteq$

$L \subseteq \mathcal{K}_\sigma^e$. Since σ is a semi-prime operation and \mathcal{K}_σ^e is σ -closed, it follows that $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^e) \subseteq \sigma(L) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^e) = \mathcal{K}_\sigma^e$. Let $z \in (\sigma(\mathcal{K}^e) : \mathcal{K}_\sigma^e)$. Then $z\mathcal{K}_\sigma^e \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{K}^e) \subseteq \sigma(L)$. Since $x \in \mathcal{K}_\sigma^e$ and $x \notin \sigma(L)$, it follows that $zx \in \sigma(L)$ and $z \in \sigma(L) : x = P$.

Thus $z \in P$ and therefore $(\sigma(\mathcal{K}^e) : \mathcal{K}_\sigma^e) \subseteq P$. □

Proposition 3.7. *Let σ be a prime operation on the set of all ideals of A . Let I and J be two ideals of A . Let u and v be two regular elements of A . Then for all $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} - \{(0, 0)\}$,*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ass}(A/\sigma(I^{\alpha_1} J^{\alpha_2})) &\subseteq \text{Ass}(A/\sigma((uI)^{\alpha_1} (vJ)^{\alpha_2})) \\ &= \text{Ass}(A/\sigma((uI)^{\alpha_1} (vJ)^{\alpha_2})). \end{aligned}$$

We set $I^{\alpha_1} J^{\alpha_2} = \mathcal{K}^\alpha$ and $u^{\alpha_1} v^{\alpha_2} I^{\alpha_1} J^{\alpha_2} = (uI)^{\alpha_1} (vJ)^{\alpha_2} = (uv\mathcal{K})^\alpha$. Thus

$$\text{Ass}(A/\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\alpha)) \subseteq \text{Ass}(A/\sigma[(uv\mathcal{K})^\alpha]).$$

Proof. Let $P \in \text{Ass}(A/\sigma(I^{\alpha_1} J^{\alpha_2})) = \text{Ass}(A/\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\alpha))$. Then there exists $x \in A - \sigma(I^{\alpha_1} J^{\alpha_2})$ such that $P = \sigma(I^{\alpha_1} J^{\alpha_2}) : x$.

If $a \in \sigma(I^{\alpha_1} J^{\alpha_2}) : x$, then $ax \in \sigma(I^{\alpha_1} J^{\alpha_2})$ and

$$ax u^{\alpha_1} v^{\alpha_2} \in u^{\alpha_1} v^{\alpha_2} \sigma(I^{\alpha_1} J^{\alpha_2}) \subseteq \sigma(u^{\alpha_1} v^{\alpha_2} I^{\alpha_1} J^{\alpha_2}).$$

Hence $a \in \sigma(u^{\alpha_1} v^{\alpha_2} I^{\alpha_1} J^{\alpha_2}) : x u^{\alpha_1} v^{\alpha_2}$.

Conversely, if $b \in \sigma(u^{\alpha_1} v^{\alpha_2} I^{\alpha_1} J^{\alpha_2}) : x u^{\alpha_1} v^{\alpha_2}$, then

$$bx u^{\alpha_1} v^{\alpha_2} \in \sigma(u^{\alpha_1} v^{\alpha_2} I^{\alpha_1} J^{\alpha_2}).$$

Since $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} - \{(0, 0)\}$, $u^{\alpha_1} v^{\alpha_2}$ is a regular element of A and σ is a prime operation, it follows that $bx \in \sigma(I^{\alpha_1} J^{\alpha_2})$ and $b \in$

$\sigma(I^{\alpha_1}J^{\alpha_2}) : x$. Therefore,

$$P = \sigma(I^{\alpha_1}J^{\alpha_2}) : x = \sigma(u^{\alpha_1}v^{\alpha_2}I^{\alpha_1}J^{\alpha_2}) : xu^{\alpha_1}v^{\alpha_2}$$

and

$$P \in \text{Ass}(A/\sigma(u^{\alpha_1}v^{\alpha_2}I^{\alpha_1}J^{\alpha_2})). \quad \square$$

Proposition 3.8. *Let σ be a prime operation. Let x be a regular element of I and y a regular element of J such that (x) is a reduction of I and (y) is a reduction of J . Then there exists $r = (r_1, r_2) \succ (1, 1)$ in \mathbb{N}^2 such that*

$$\text{Ass}(A/\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{(\eta\alpha_1, r_2\alpha_2)})) \subseteq \text{Ass}(A/\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{((\eta+1)\alpha_1, (r_2+1)\alpha_2)})),$$

for all $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \succ (1, 1)$ in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} .

Proof. We know that (x) is a reduction of I , so there exists an integer $r_1 \geq 1$ such that $(x)I^{r_1} = I^{r_1+1}$, and that (y) is a reduction of J , so there exists an integer $r_2 \geq 1$ such that $(y)J^{r_2} = J^{r_2+1}$. We set $L = I^{r_1}$ and $V = J^{r_2}$. Let $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \succ (1, 1)$ in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Ass}(A/\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{(\eta\alpha_1, r_2\alpha_2)})) \\ &= \text{Ass}(A/\sigma(I^{\eta\alpha_1}J^{r_2\alpha_2})) \\ &= \text{Ass}(A/\sigma(L^{\alpha_1}V^{\alpha_2})) \\ &\subseteq \text{Ass}(A/\sigma(x^{\alpha_1}L^{\alpha_1}y^{\alpha_2}V^{\alpha_2})) \\ &= \text{Ass}(A/\sigma((xL)^{\alpha_1}(yV)^{\alpha_2})) \\ &= \text{Ass}(A/\sigma((xI^{r_1})^{\alpha_1}(yJ^{r_2})^{\alpha_2})) \\ &= \text{Ass}(A/\sigma(I^{(\eta+1)\alpha_1}J^{(r_2+1)\alpha_2})) \\ &= \text{Ass}[A/\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{((\eta+1)\alpha_1, (r_2+1)\alpha_2})}]. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 3.9. *Let σ be a prime operation. Let I and J be two regular ideals of A . Let x (resp. y) be a regular element of I (resp. J) such that (x) (resp. (y)) is a reduction of I (resp. J). Then there exist two integers $r_1 \geq 1$ and $r_2 \geq 1$ such that for all integers $n_1 \geq 1$ and $n_2 \geq 1$, $\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{r+n}) = x^{n_1} y^{n_2} \sigma(\mathcal{K}^r)$, where $r = (r_1, r_2)$, $n = (n_1, n_2)$ and $\mathcal{K}^\ell = I^{\ell_1} J^{\ell_2}$ for all $\ell = (\ell_1, \ell_2)$.*

Proof. (x) is a reduction of I , so there exists an integer $r_1 \geq 1$ such that for any integer $n_1 \geq 1$, we have $(x)^{n_1} I^{r_1} = I^{r_1+n_1}$. (y) is a reduction of J , so there exists an integer $r_2 \geq 1$ such that for any integer $n_2 \geq 1$, we have $(y)^{n_2} J^{r_2} = J^{r_2+n_2}$. Thus $(x)^{n_1} (y)^{n_2} I^{r_1} J^{r_2} = I^{r_1+n_1} J^{r_2+n_2}$.

Since σ is a prime operation and $(x)^{n_1} (y)^{n_2}$ is a regular element, it follows that

$$(x)^{n_1} (y)^{n_2} \sigma(I^{r_1} J^{r_2}) = \sigma(I^{r_1+n_1} J^{r_2+n_2}).$$

Consequently, $x^{n_1} y^{n_2} \sigma(\mathcal{K}^r) = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{r+n})$, where $r = (r_1, r_2)$, $n = (n_1, n_2)$, $\mathcal{K}^r = I^{r_1} J^{r_2}$ and $\mathcal{K}^{r+n} = I^{r_1+n_1} J^{r_2+n_2}$. \square

3.2. (I, J) -adic bifiltration and Δ -closure

Let I and J be two non-zero ideals of a Noetherian ring A . Set $\mathcal{K}^\alpha = I^{\alpha_1} J^{\alpha_2}$, for all $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathbb{N}^2$ and

$$\Delta = \{\mathcal{K}^n; n = (n_1, n_2) \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} - \{(0, 0)\}\}.$$

Δ is a non-empty multiplicatively closed set of non-zero ideals of A . For any ideal L of A , we denote the Δ -closure of L by

$$L_\Delta = \bigcup_{V \in \Delta} (LV : V).$$

The Δ -closure is a semi-prime operation on the set of ideals of A (see Proposition 1-(v) of [11]).

Let σ be a semi-prime operation on the set of all ideals of the Noetherian ring A . In Proposition 3.10 and Corollary 3.11, we consider that the bifiltration $(\sigma(\mathcal{K}^n))_{n \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}}$ is such that for $s \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ and s large enough, $\mathcal{K}^m \sigma(\mathcal{K}^s) = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{m+s})$, for all $m \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$. For the existence of such a bifiltration, one may refer to [16, Theorem 3.1.3].

Proposition 3.10. *Let $(\sigma(\mathcal{K}^n))_{n \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}}$ be a bifiltration such that for $s \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ and s large enough,*

$$\mathcal{K}^m \sigma(\mathcal{K}^s) = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{m+s}),$$

for all $m \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$.

Then there exists e in $\mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} - \{(0, 0)\}$ such that $\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell = [\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)]_\Delta$ for all $\ell \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ and $\ell \succ e$.

Proof. Let $\ell \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} - \{(0, 0)\}$ and

$$x \in [\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)]_\Delta = \bigcup_{V \in \Delta} (\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)V : V).$$

Since $\Delta = \{\mathcal{K}^n \mid \mathcal{K}^n = I^{n_1} J^{n_2}, \text{ with } n = (n_1, n_2) \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} - \{(0, 0)\}\}$, there exists $k \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} - \{(0, 0)\}$ such that $x\mathcal{K}^k \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)\mathcal{K}^k$. Since σ is a semi-prime operation,

$$x\sigma(\mathcal{K}^k) \subseteq \sigma(x\mathcal{K}^k) \subseteq \sigma[\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)\mathcal{K}^k] \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell+k}).$$

Thus $x \in \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell+k}) : \sigma(\mathcal{K}^k)$. We know that $\{\sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell+n}) : \sigma(\mathcal{K}^n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}}$ is an increasing sequence that stabilizes at \mathcal{K}_σ^ℓ . Consequently, $x \in \mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell$ and

it follows that $[\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)]_\Delta \subseteq \mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell$. Conversely, let $x \in \mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell$ and assume that $x \notin [\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)]_\Delta$. Then $x \in \mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell$ implies $x\sigma(\mathcal{K}^n) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell+n})$ for all n large enough in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} . Thus $x\mathcal{K}^n \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell+n})$. Also, $x \notin [\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)]_\Delta$, so $x\mathcal{K}^m \not\subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)\mathcal{K}^m = \mathcal{K}^m\sigma(\mathcal{K}^\ell)$, for all $m \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} - \{(0, 0)\}$. There exists $e \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ such that for all $s \succ e$ and $s \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$, $\mathcal{K}^m\sigma(\mathcal{K}^s) = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{m+s})$, for all $m \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} - \{(0, 0)\}$. Thus for $\ell \succ e$ and for n large enough in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} , $x\mathcal{K}^n \not\subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell+n})$ and $x\mathcal{K}^n \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{\ell+n})$. This is a contradiction, therefore we have the equality. \square

The following corollary is a consequence of Proposition 3.10.

Corollary 3.11. *Let I and J be two ideals of a Noetherian ring A , and σ be a semi-prime operation compatible with the closure operation Δ such that for an \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} large enough,*

$$\mathcal{K}^m\sigma(\mathcal{K}^s) = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{m+s}), \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}.$$

Then there exists $e \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ such that

(i) $\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell = \sigma[(\mathcal{K}^\ell)_\Delta]$ for all $\ell \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ with $e \prec \ell$.

(ii) $(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell)^n \subseteq \sigma[(\mathcal{K}^{n\ell})_\Delta]$ for all $\ell \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$, $e \prec \ell$ and for any integer $n \geq 1$.

Proof. (i) Since $(\sigma(\mathcal{K}^n))_{n \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}}$ is a bifiltration such that for some $s \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ large enough, we have

$$\mathcal{K}^m\sigma(\mathcal{K}^s) = \sigma(\mathcal{K}^{m+s}), \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}.$$

According to Proposition 3.10, there exists $e \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ such that

$$\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell = \sigma[(\mathcal{K}^\ell)_\Delta], \quad \forall \ell \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0} \text{ with } e \prec \ell.$$

Hence the result.

(ii) Since $(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell)_{\ell \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}}$ is a bifiltration, we have

$$(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell)^n \subseteq \mathcal{K}_\sigma^{n\ell}.$$

According to (i),

$$\mathcal{K}_\sigma^{n\ell} = \sigma[(\mathcal{K}^{n\ell})_\Delta].$$

Hence,

$$(\mathcal{K}_\sigma^\ell)^n \subseteq \sigma[(\mathcal{K}^{n\ell})_\Delta]$$

for all $\ell \in \mathbb{E}_{m_0, n_0}$ with $e \prec \ell$ and for all integers $n \geq 1$. □

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