

## INTEGRAL CLOSURE OF AN IDEAL RELATIVE TO A MODULE AND $\Delta$ -CLOSURE

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### Abstract

The aim in this paper is to give the relation between the  $\Delta$ -closure of an ideal  $I$  in a commutative Noetherian ring  $R$ , (see [3]), and the integral closure of the ideal  $I$  relative to a Noetherian  $R$ -module (see (1.1). Definition) and to give the closure cancellation law.

### 1. Introduction

The important ideas of reduction and integral closure of an ideal in a commutative Noetherian ring  $R$  (with identity) were introduced by Northcott and Rees [2]; a brief and direct approach to their theory is given in [4, (1.1)] and it is appropriate for me to begin by briefly summarizing some of the main aspects.

Let  $a$  be an ideal of  $R$ . We say that  $a$  is a reduction of the ideal  $b$  of  $R$  if  $a \subseteq b$  and there exists  $s \in N$  such that  $ab^s = b^{s+1}$  (We use  $N$  to denote the set of positive integers.). An element  $x$  of  $R$  is said to be integrally dependent on  $a$  if there exists  $n \in N$  and elements  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in R$  with  $c_i \in a^i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  such that

$$x^n + c_1x^{n-1} + \dots + c_{n-1}x + c_n = 0.$$

In fact, this is the case if and only if  $a$  is a reduction of  $a + Rx$ ; moreover,

$$\bar{a} = \{y \in R : y \text{ is integrally dependent on } a\}$$

is an ideal of  $R$ , called the integral closure of  $a$ , and is the largest ideal of  $R$  which has  $a$  as a reduction in the sense that  $a$  is a reduction of  $\bar{a}$  and any ideal of  $R$  which has  $a$  as a reduction must be contained in  $\bar{a}$ .

In [6], Sharp, Tıraş and Yassi introduced concepts of reduction and integral closure of an ideal  $I$  of a commutative ring  $R$  (with identity) relative to a Noetherian  $R$ -module

$M$ , and they showed that these concepts have properties which reflect those of the classical concepts outlined in the last paragraph. Again, it is appropriate for me to provide a brief review.

**Definition 1.1.** We say that  $I$  is a reduction of the ideal  $J$  of  $R$  relative to  $M$  if  $I \subseteq J$  and there exists  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $I \cdot J^s \cdot M = J^{s+1}M$ . An element  $x$  of  $R$  is said to be integrally dependent on  $I$  relative to  $M$  if there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$x^n \cdot M \subseteq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x^{n-i} I^i \right) \cdot M.$$

In fact, this is the case if and only if  $I$  is a reduction of  $I + Rx$  relative to  $M$  [6, (1.5) (iv)]; moreover,  $I^- = \{y \in R : y \text{ is integrally dependent on } I \text{ relative to } M\}$  is an ideal of  $R$ , called the integral closure of  $I$  relative to  $M$ , and is the largest ideal of  $R$  which has  $I$  as a reduction relative to  $M$ . In this paper,  $I^-$  shall indicate the dependence of  $I^-$  on the Noetherian  $R$ -module  $M$  by means of the extended notation  $I^{-(M)}$ .

The current paper is concerned with the integral closure of an ideal  $I$  of a commutative Noetherian ring  $R$  relative to  $M$  and the  $\Delta$ -closure of the ideal  $I$ . Specifically, for a multiplicatively closed set  $\Delta$  of non-zero ideals of a commutative Noetherian ring  $R$ ,  $I$  define the  $\Delta$ -closure  $I_\Delta$  of an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  and prove that, if  $\Delta$  is the multiplicatively closed set defined in theorem (2.4) below, then show  $I_\Delta = I^{-(M)}$  and also the closure cancellation law:

$$\text{If } (IK)^{-(M)} = (JK)^{-(M)} \text{ and } K \in \Delta \text{ then } I^{-(M)} = J^{-(M)}$$

## 2. The Closure-Cancellation Law

Throughout  $R$  will be a Noetherian ring and  $M$  will be an non-zero finitely generated  $R$ -module.  $I$  begin with a definition which will be very useful for my aims.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $I$  be an ideal in  $R$  and  $\Delta$  a multiplicatively closed set of non-zero ideals of  $R$ . The ascending chain condition guarantees that the set  $\{(IKM : KM) : K \in \Delta\}$  has maximal elements, and since for  $K$  and  $J$  in  $\Delta$   $(IJKM : JKM)$  contains both  $(IJM : JM)$  and  $(IKM : KM)$ , we see that the set under consideration in fact contains a unique maximal element. Let  $I_{\Delta, \Delta}$ -closure of  $I$ , denote that unique maximal element.

The following theorem gives some useful properties of the  $\Delta$ -closure of any ideal of  $R$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $I$  and  $J$  be ideals of  $R$ . Then

- a)  $I \subseteq I_\Delta$
- b) If  $I \subseteq J$  then  $I_\Delta \subseteq J_\Delta$

c)  $I_{\Delta}J_{\Delta} \subseteq (IJ)_{\Delta}$

**Proof.** (a) and (b) are very clear so  $I$  omit their proof. For (c), let  $x \cdot y \in I_{\Delta}I_{\Delta}$  with  $x \in I_{\Delta}$  and  $y \in I_{\Delta}$ . Then there exist ideals  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  in  $\Delta$  such that  $x \in IK_1M : K_1M$  and  $y \in JK_2M : K_2M$ . Therefore  $xyK_1K_2M \subseteq IJK_1K_2M$ , so  $xy \in (IJK_1K_2M : K_1K_2M) \subseteq (IJ)_{\Delta}$ , so it follows that (c) holds.

Next  $I$  give the first result, which  $I$  promised in the introductory section, in two steps. □

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $\Delta$  be a multiplicatively closed set of ideals of  $R$  such that each ideal in  $\Delta$  contains an element of  $R$  which is a non-zerodivisor on  $M$ . Let  $I_{\Delta}$  be as in (2.1). Then  $I_{\Delta} \subseteq I^{-(M)}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $I_{\Delta} = (IKM : KM)$  for a suitable  $K \in \Delta$  and let  $x \in I_{\Delta}$ . Suppose that  $KM$  is generated by  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ . Then for  $x \in I_{\Delta}$  and  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we have

$$x \cdot a_i = \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}a_j \text{ with } b_{ij} \in I.$$

Now by [5, (13.15)] and since  $K \in \Delta$ , a standard determinant argument shows that

$$x^n + c_1x^{n-1} + \dots + c_{n-1}x + c_n \in (O :_R M),$$

where  $c_i \in I^i$ . This means  $\bar{x}$  is integrally dependent on  $\bar{I}$  where “ $-$ ” refers to the natural ring homomorphism  $R \rightarrow R/O :_M$ . Thus  $\bar{x} \in (\bar{I})^-$ , the classical integral closure of  $\bar{I}$  ( $= \frac{I+O :_R M}{O :_R M}$ ) in  $\bar{R}$ . Now the result follows from [6, (1.6)]. □

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $\Delta = \{J : J \text{ is an ideal of } R \text{ which contains a non-zerodivisor on } M\}$ . Assume that  $I \in \Delta$ . Let  $I_{\Delta}$  be as in (2.3). Then*

$$I_{\Delta} = I^{-(M)}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $x \in I^{-(M)}$ . Then by [6, (1.5) (iv)],  $I$  is a reduction of  $I + Rx$  relative to  $M$ . Then there exists  $n \in N$  such that  $I(I + Rx)^n = (I + Rx)^{n+1}M$ .

Suppose  $I_{\Delta} = (IKM : KM)$  for a suitable  $K \in \Delta$ . Then

$$x \cdot (I + Rx)^n \cdot M \subseteq I \cdot (I + Rx)^n \cdot M$$

Since  $(I + Rx)^n \in \Delta$  and by the maximality of  $I_{\Delta}$ , we get  $x \in I_{\Delta}$ . Now the result follows from (2.3). □

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $\Delta$  and  $I$  be as in (2.4). Then*

$$I_{\Delta} = I_{\Delta}KM : KM \text{ for all } K \in \Delta.$$

**Proof.** By the definition of  $I_{\Delta}$  and (2.4), it is readily seen that  $I_{\Delta}KM : KM \subseteq (I_{\Delta})_{\Delta} = (I^{-{(M)}})^{-{(M)}}$ . Thus  $I_{\Delta}KM : KM \subseteq I_{\Delta}$  by [6, (1.5) (ix)]. This completes the proof since the reverse is always true.

The following proposition gives another description of  $I_{\Delta}$  and it will be used in the proof of the closure cancellation law (2.8).  $\square$

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $\Delta$  and  $I$  be as in (2.4). Then*

$$I_{\Delta} = I_{\Delta}KM : KM = (IK)_{\Delta}M : KM \text{ for all } K \in \Delta.$$

**Proof.**  $I_{\Delta} = I_{\Delta}KM : KM \subseteq (IK)_{\Delta}M : KM$  by (2.5) and (2.2) (c). Let  $x \in (IK)_{\Delta}M : KM$ . Then  $xKM \subseteq (IK)_{\Delta}M$ . By the definition  $(IK)_{\Delta} = IKJM : JM$  for a suitable  $J \in \Delta$ . Thus we get  $x \in I_{\Delta}$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 2.7.** Let  $\Delta$  and  $I$  be as in (2.4). Also let “ $-$ ” refer to the natural ring homomorphism  $R \rightarrow R/O :_R M$ .

$$\text{Let } \Delta' = \left\{ \bar{J} = \frac{J + O :_R M}{O :_R M} : J \in \Delta \right\}.$$

Then it is easy to see that  $\bar{I}_{\Delta} = (\bar{I})_{\Delta'}$   
From (2.6) we can easily get that

$$(\bar{I})_{\Delta'} = (\bar{I})_{\Delta'}\bar{K}M : (\bar{I}\bar{K})_{\Delta'}M : \bar{K}M \text{ for all } \bar{K} \in \Delta'.$$

Now  $I$  am in the position to give the main theorem which I promised earlier:

**Theorem 2.8. (Closure-cancellation law).** *Let  $\Delta$  and  $I$  be as in (2.4). Also let  $J \in \Delta$ . If  $(IK)^{-{(M)}} = (JK)^{-{(M)}$ ,  $K \in \Delta$ , then  $I^{-{(M)}} = J^{-{(M)}$ .*

**Proof.** Let “ $-$ ” and  $\Delta'$  be as in (2.7)

Suppose that  $(IK)^{-{(M)}} = (JK)^{-{(M)}$ .

Let  $x \in I^{-{(M)}$ . Then by [6, (1.6)],  $\bar{x} \in \bar{I}^{-{(M)}} = \left( \frac{I+O :_R M}{O :_R M} \right)^{-}$ , the integral closure of the ideal  $\bar{I}$  ind  $\bar{R}$ . Then, as is mentioned in the introductory section,  $\bar{I}$  is a reduction of  $(\bar{I} + \bar{R}\bar{x})$ . Thus there exists  $s \in N$  such that  $\bar{I} \cdot (\bar{I} + \bar{R}\bar{x})^s = (\bar{I} + \bar{R}\bar{x})^{s+1}$ .

Therefore we get

$$\bar{x}(\bar{I} + \bar{R}\bar{x})^s \subseteq \bar{I}(\bar{I} + \bar{R}\bar{x})^s.$$

Hence

$$\bar{x}\bar{K}(\bar{I} + \bar{R}\bar{x})^s M \subseteq \bar{I}\bar{K}(\bar{I} + \bar{R}\bar{x})^s M \text{ for all } \bar{K} \in \Delta'.$$

Thus

$$\bar{x} \in (\bar{I}\bar{K}(\bar{I} + \bar{R}\bar{x})^s M : \bar{K}(\bar{I} + \bar{R}\bar{x})^s M).$$

Since  $(IK)^{-\langle M \rangle} = (JK)^{-\langle M \rangle}$ ,  $(\bar{I}\bar{K})_{\Delta'} = (\bar{J}\bar{K})_{\Delta'}$  by (2.4) and (2.7). Then

$\bar{x} \in ((\bar{I}\bar{K})_{\Delta'}(\bar{I} + \bar{R}\bar{x})^s M : \bar{K}(\bar{I} + \bar{R}\bar{x})^s M)$  by (2.2) (a). Thus

$\bar{x} \in ((\bar{J}\bar{K})_{\Delta'}(\bar{I} + \bar{R}\bar{x})^s M : \bar{K}(\bar{I} + \bar{R}\bar{x})^s M)$ . Now by (2.7) we get  $x \in J_{\Delta} = J^{-\langle M \rangle}$ . Therefore it follows by symmetry that  $I^{-\langle M \rangle} = J^{-\langle M \rangle}$  as desired.

As stronger converse is true as will be shown in the following theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $\Delta$ ,  $I$  and  $J$  be as in (2.8). Then the following are equivalent:*

- a)  $ILM = JLM$  for some  $L \in \Delta$
- b)  $(IK)^{-\langle M \rangle} = (JK)^{-\langle M \rangle}$  for all  $K \in \Delta$
- c)  $I^{-\langle M \rangle} = J^{-\langle M \rangle}$

**Proof.** a)  $\rightarrow$  b) This is easy by (2.2) (b), (2.4) and [6, (1.5) (ix)].

b)  $\rightarrow$  c) This is clear by (2.8).

c)  $\rightarrow$  a)  $I^{-\langle M \rangle} = I_{\Delta} = IF_1M : F_1M = J_{\Delta} = JF_2M : F_2M$  for suitable  $F_1, F_2 \in \Delta$ . Let  $L = F_1F_2$ . Then  $F_1F_2 \in \Delta$  and  $ILM = (ILM : LM)LM = (JLM : LM)LM = JLM$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

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### Bir İdealin Bir Modüle Göre İntegral Kapanışı ve $\Delta$ -Kapanış

#### Özet

Bu makalede temel amaç Noetherian bir halka üzerindeki bir  $I$  idealinin [3]'de tanımlanan  $\Delta$ -kapanışı ile  $I$  idealinin bir Noetherian  $M$  modülüne göre (1.1) Tanımda verilen integral kapanışı arasındaki ilişki ve ayrıca kapanış sadeleştirme kuralını vermektir.

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