

# On $(2, \text{radical})$ -ideals of noncommutative rings

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**Abstract** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and let  $J(R)$  denote the Jacobson radical and  $\mathcal{P}(R)$  the prime radical of the ring  $R$ . Recently the notions of  $(2; J)$  and  $(2; \mathcal{P})$ -ideals as generalizations of  $J$ -ideals and  $n$ -ideals were introduced and studied in commutative rings. Let  $\rho$  be a special radical and  $R$  a noncommutative ring. In this paper we introduce the concept of  $(2; \rho)$ -ideals as a generalization of radical-ideals. A proper ideal  $P$  is a  $(2; \rho)$ -ideal if whenever  $aRbRc \subseteq P$  for  $a; b; c \in R$ , then  $ab \in P$  or  $ac \in \rho(R)$  or  $bc \in \rho(R)$ . We show that  $(2; J)$  and  $(2; \mathcal{P})$ -ideals are special cases of  $(2; \rho)$ -ideals and that many of the results for  $(2; J)$  and  $(2; \mathcal{P})$ -ideals are also satisfied for noncommutative rings in general.

## 1 Introduction

For some related study see [6] and [10]. In [9] the notion of an  $n$ -ideal was introduced. Later, following this, in [5] the notion of a  $\mathcal{J}$ -ideal was introduced in [3]. The  $\mathcal{J}$ -ideal is connected to the Jacobson radical and the  $n$ -radical is connected to the prime radical. Lately in [3] we extended these notions to noncommutative rings and show that these notions are special cases of a general type of ideal connected to a special radical. In [8] the notion of a  $(2, n)$ -ideal was introduced for a commutative ring as new generalization of  $n$ -ideals and in [9] the notion of a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal was introduced for a commutative ring as new generalization of  $\mathcal{J}$ -ideals. In this note we extend the notion of  $(2, n)$  and  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideals to noncommutative rings and we also show that many of these ideals are special cases of a more general type of ideal connected to a special radical. For the following definitions of radicals and related results we refer the reader to [13].

A class  $\rho$  of rings forms a radical class in the sense of Amitsur-Kurosh if  $\rho$  has the following three properties

- (i) The class  $\rho$  is closed under homomorphism, that is, if  $R \in \rho$ , then  $R/I \in \rho$  for every  $I \triangleleft R$ .
- (ii) Let  $R$  be any ring. If we define  $\rho(R) = \sum\{I \triangleleft R : I \in \rho\}$ , then  $\rho(R) \in \rho$ .
- (iii) For any ring  $R$  the factor ring  $R/\rho(R)$  has no nonzero ideal in  $\rho$  i.e.  $\rho(R/\rho(R)) = 0$ .

A class  $\mathcal{M}$  of rings is a **special class** if it is hereditary, consists of prime rings and satisfies the following condition  $(*)$  if  $0 \neq I \triangleleft R$ ,  $I \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $R$  a prime ring, then  $R \in \mathcal{M}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be any special class of rings. The class  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{M}) = \{R : R \text{ has no nonzero homomorphic image in } \mathcal{M}\}$  of rings forms a radical class of rings and the upper radical class  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{M})$  is called a special radical class.

Let  $\rho$  be a special radical with special class  $\mathcal{M}$  i.e.  $\rho = \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{M})$ . Now let  $\mathcal{S}_\rho = \{R : \rho(R) = 0\}$ . If  $\mathcal{P}$  denotes the class of prime rings, then for the special radical  $\rho$  it follows from [13] that  $\rho = \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{S}_\rho)$ . For a ring  $R$  we have  $\rho(R) = \cap\{I \triangleleft R : R/I \in \mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{S}_\rho\}$  i.e.  $\rho$  has the intersection property relative to the class  $\mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{S}_\rho$ .

Let  $I \triangleleft R$ , then  $\rho(R/I) = \rho^*(I)/I$  for some uniquely determined ideal  $\rho^*(I)$  of  $R$  with  $\rho(I) \subseteq I \subseteq \rho^*(I)$  and  $\rho^*(I)$  is called the radical of the ideal  $I$  while  $\rho(I)$  is the radical of the ring  $I$ .

We also have  $\rho^*(I) = \rho(R)$  if and only if  $I \subseteq \rho(R)$ .

In what follows let  $\rho$  be a special radical with special class  $\mathcal{M}$ . Hence  $\rho = \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{S}_\rho)$ .

The following are some of the well known special radicals which are defined in [13], prime radical  $\mathcal{P}$ , Levitski radical  $\mathcal{L}$ , Kőthe's nil radical  $\mathcal{N}$ , Jacobson radical  $\mathcal{J}$  and the Brown McCoy radical  $\mathcal{G}$ .

## 2 Definitions and general results

Throughout this paper, all rings are associative, noncommutative, and without identity unless stated otherwise; by ideal, we mean two-sided ideal.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\rho$  be a special radical. A proper ideal  $I$  of the ring  $R$  is called a  $\rho$ -ideal if whenever  $a, b \in R$  and  $aRb \subseteq I$  and  $a \notin \rho(R)$ , then  $b \in I$ .

In [9] and [5] the notions of  $n$ -ideals and  $J$ -ideals were introduced for commutative rings.

**Definition 2.2.** [9, Definition 2.1] and [5, Definition 2.1] If  $\rho$  is the prime radical or the Jacobson radical of a commutative ring, then a proper ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is a  $\rho$ -ideal if whenever  $a, b \in R$  with  $ab \in I$  and  $a \notin \rho(R)$ , then  $b \in I$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $\rho$  be a special radical. A proper ideal  $I$  of the ring  $R$  is called a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal if whenever  $a, b, c \in R$  and  $aRbRc \subseteq I$ , then  $ab \in I$  or  $ac \in \rho(R)$  or  $bc \in \rho(R)$ .

If  $\rho$  is equal to the prime radical  $\mathcal{P}$  or the Jacobson radical  $\mathcal{J}$  in the above definition, then we have the notions of  $(2, \mathcal{P})$  and  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideals.

**Remark 2.4.** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity and  $I$  a proper ideal of  $R$ .  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal if and only if  $a, b, c \in R$  with  $abc \in I$  then  $ab \in I$  or  $ac \in \rho(R)$  or  $bc \in \rho(R)$ . Let  $I$  be a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal and  $a, b, c \in R$  with  $abc \in I$ . Now  $aRbRc \subseteq I$  and hence  $ab \in I$  or  $ac \in \rho(R)$  or  $bc \in \rho(R)$ . Now, suppose that if  $a, b, c \in R$  with  $abc \in I$  then  $ab \in I$  or  $ac \in \rho(R)$  or  $bc \in \rho(R)$ . Let  $aRbRc \subseteq I$ . Since  $R$  is a ring with identity,  $abc \in aRbRb \subseteq I$ . Hence  $ab \in I$  or  $ac \in \rho(R)$  or  $bc \in \rho(R)$  and we are done.

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $\rho$  be a special radical and let  $R$  be a ring with identity and  $I$  a proper ideal of  $R$ . We have the following:

- (i) Every  $\rho$ -ideal of  $R$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal.
- (ii) If  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$  then  $I \subseteq \rho(R)$ .
- (iii) If  $\rho_1$  is a special radical such that  $\rho_1 \leq \rho$ , then every  $(2, \rho_1)$ -ideal is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $I$  be a  $\rho$ -ideal of  $R$  and  $a, b, c \in R$  such that  $aRbRc \subseteq I$ . If  $ac \in \rho(R)$ , then we are done. So suppose  $ac \notin \rho(R)$ . Hence we have  $a \notin \rho(R)$ . Since  $aRbc \subseteq I$  and  $I$  a  $\rho$ -ideal of  $R$ , we have  $bc \in I$ . Now from [3, Proposition 1.5] we have  $I \subseteq \rho(R)$  and therefore  $bc \in \rho(R)$  and hence  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal.

(ii) Suppose  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$  and  $I \not\subseteq \rho(R)$ . Hence there exists  $a \in I - \rho(R)$ . Now  $1R1Ra \subseteq I$  and  $1a \notin \rho(R)$  and therefore  $1 \in I$  since  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ . This is not possible since  $I$  is a proper ideal of  $R$ . Hence  $I \subseteq \rho(R)$ .

(iii) Let  $I$  be a  $(2, \rho_1)$ -ideal of  $R$  and  $a, b, c \in R$  such that  $aRbRc \subseteq I$  and  $ac \notin \rho(R)$  and  $bc \notin \rho(R)$ . Since  $\rho_1(R) \subseteq \rho(R)$ , we have  $ac \notin \rho_1(R)$  and  $bc \notin \rho_1(R)$ . Since  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho_1)$ -ideal of  $R$ , we have  $ab \in I$  and we are done. □

**Example 2.6.** A  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$  need not be a  $\rho$ -ideal. Let  $R = M_2(\mathbb{Z}_{15})$  and  $\rho = \mathcal{J}$  the Jacobson radical  $I = M_2(\overline{0})$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal but not a  $\mathcal{J}$ -ideal since  $\begin{bmatrix} \overline{3} & \overline{0} \\ \overline{0} & \overline{0} \end{bmatrix} M_2(\mathbb{Z}_{15}) \begin{bmatrix} \overline{5} & \overline{0} \\ \overline{0} & \overline{0} \end{bmatrix} \subseteq I$

but  $\begin{bmatrix} \overline{3} & \overline{0} \\ \overline{0} & \overline{0} \end{bmatrix} \notin \mathcal{J}(R)$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} \overline{5} & \overline{0} \\ \overline{0} & \overline{0} \end{bmatrix} \notin I$ .

**Example 2.7.** Consider  $R = M_2(\mathbb{Z}_{120})$  and  $I = M_2(\langle \overline{60} \rangle)$ . For the Jacobson radical  $\mathcal{J}$  we have  $\mathcal{J}(R) = M_2(\langle \overline{30} \rangle)$ . Clearly  $I \subseteq \rho(R)$ .  $I$  is not a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R$  since  $\begin{bmatrix} \overline{3} & \overline{0} \\ \overline{0} & \overline{0} \end{bmatrix} R \begin{bmatrix} \overline{4} & \overline{0} \\ \overline{0} & \overline{0} \end{bmatrix} R \begin{bmatrix} \overline{5} & \overline{0} \\ \overline{0} & \overline{0} \end{bmatrix} \subseteq I$  but  $\begin{bmatrix} \overline{3} & \overline{0} \\ \overline{0} & \overline{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{4} & \overline{0} \\ \overline{0} & \overline{0} \end{bmatrix} \notin I$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} \overline{3} & \overline{0} \\ \overline{0} & \overline{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{5} & \overline{0} \\ \overline{0} & \overline{0} \end{bmatrix} \notin \mathcal{J}(R)$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} \overline{4} & \overline{0} \\ \overline{0} & \overline{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{5} & \overline{0} \\ \overline{0} & \overline{0} \end{bmatrix} \notin \mathcal{J}(R)$ .

**Example 2.8.** The converse of Proposition 2.5 3 is not true in general as can be seen from the following example. Let  $R$  be a commutative local domain which is not a field. From [7, (3) page 56]  $\mathcal{J}(R) \neq 0$  and  $\mathcal{N}(R) = 0$ . From Theorem 5.9  $\mathcal{J}(R)$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal. Let  $0 \neq a \in \mathcal{J}(R) - \mathcal{N}(R)$ . Now  $1R1Ra \subseteq \mathcal{J}(R)$  where  $1 \notin \mathcal{J}(R)$  and  $a \notin \mathcal{N}(R)$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{J}(R)$  is not an  $(2, \mathcal{N})$ -ideal of  $R$ .

**Proposition 2.9.** Let  $\rho$  be a special radical and  $R$  a ring with  $I \subseteq K$  be proper ideals. If  $K$  is a  $\rho$ -ideal of  $R$ , then  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal.

*Proof.* Assume that  $aRbRc \subseteq I$  for some  $a, b, c \in R$  and  $ab \notin I$ . If  $a \in \rho(R)$ , we are done. Suppose that  $a \notin \rho(R)$ . Since  $K$  is a  $\rho$ -ideal and  $aRbc \subseteq K$ , we have  $bc \in K$ . Since  $K$  is a  $\rho$ -ideal of  $R$ , it follows from [3, Proposition 1.5] that  $K \subseteq \rho(R)$  and hence  $bc \in \rho(R)$  as desired.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.10.** Let  $\rho$  be a special radical and  $R$  a ring with  $I_1, I_2$  two proper ideals of  $R$ . If  $I_1$  or  $I_2$  is a  $\rho$ -ideal of  $R$ , then  $I_1I_2$  and  $I_1 \cap I_2$  are  $(2, \rho)$ -ideals.

**Proposition 2.11.** Let  $\rho$  be a special radical and  $R$  a ring with proper ideal  $I$ . If  $I$  is such that  $R/I \in \mathcal{S}_\rho \cap \mathcal{P}$ , then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ .
- (ii)  $I = \rho(R)$ .
- (iii)  $I$  is a  $\rho$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.*  $1 \Leftrightarrow 2$  Let  $I$  be a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ . Since  $\rho$  is a special radical, we have  $\rho(R) = \cap \{A \triangleleft R : R/A \in \mathcal{S}_\rho \cap \mathcal{P}\}$ . Now, since  $R/I \in \mathcal{S}_\rho \cap \mathcal{P}$ , we have  $\rho(R) \subseteq I$ . From Proposition 2.5 we have  $I \subseteq \rho(R)$ . Hence  $I = \rho(R)$ . For the converse, let  $I = \rho(R)$  with  $R/I \in \mathcal{S}_\rho \cap \mathcal{P}$ . Let  $a, b, c \in R$  such that  $aRbRc \subseteq I$ . If  $bc \in \rho(R)$ , then we done. Suppose  $bc \notin \rho(R) = I$ . Since  $I$  is a prime ideal and  $aRbc \subseteq I$ , we have  $a \in I$  and therefore  $ab \in I$ . Hence  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ .

$2 \Leftrightarrow 3$  This follows from [3, Proposition 1.13].  $\square$

Recall from [4, Definition 2.1] A proper ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is called a principally right 2-absorbing primary ideal of  $R$  if whenever  $a, b, c \in R$  and  $aRbRc \subseteq I$ , then  $ab \in I$  or  $ac \in \sqrt{I}$  or  $bc \in \sqrt{I}$  where  $\sqrt{I} = \{V \triangleleft R \mid V^n \subseteq I \text{ for some positive integer } n\}$ . Recall also that  $\sqrt{I} = \mathcal{P}^*(I) = \rho^*(I)$  for some special radical  $\rho$  and where  $\mathcal{P}^*(I)$  is equal to the intersection of all the prime ideals of the ring  $R$  containing the ideal  $I$ .

**Proposition 2.12.** Let  $\rho$  be a special radical and  $R$  a ring with a proper ideal  $I$ . Suppose  $I$  is a principally right 2-absorbing primary ideal of  $R$ .  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $I \subseteq \rho(R)$ .

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$  This follows from Proposition 2.5.

$\Leftarrow$  Let  $I$  be a principally right 2-absorbing primary ideal of  $R$  with  $I \subseteq \rho(R)$ . Let  $a, b, c \in R$  such that  $aRbRc \subseteq I$ . Since  $I \subseteq \rho(R)$  and since  $\rho$  is a special radical, we have  $\sqrt{I} \subseteq \mathcal{P}^*(I) = \rho^*(I) = \rho(R)$ . Suppose  $ac \notin \rho(R)$  and  $bc \notin \rho(R)$  hence we have  $ac \notin \sqrt{I}$  and  $bc \notin \sqrt{I}$ . Now, since  $I$  is a principally right 2-absorbing primary ideal of  $R$ , we have  $ab \in I$  and we are done.  $\square$

**Example 2.13.** If  $\rho$  is equal to the prime radical, then a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal is a principally right 2-absorbing primary ideal. However, these are different concepts. For instance, consider the ideal  $I = \langle 12 \rangle$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . The ideal  $M_2(I)$  of the matrix ring  $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is not a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal, since

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} M_2(\mathbb{Z}) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} M_2(\mathbb{Z}) \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \subseteq M_2(I)$ , but  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \notin M_2(I)$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \notin \sqrt{M_2(\mathbb{Z})}$ . However,  $M_2(I)$  is a 2-absorbing principally right primary ideal of  $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  since  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \sqrt{M_2(I)}$ . It is also clear that  $M_2(I) \not\subseteq \sqrt{M_2(\mathbb{Z})}$ .

**Theorem 2.14.** *Let  $\rho$  be a special radical and  $R$  a ring with a proper ideal  $P$ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $P$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ .
- (ii)  $(P : xRyR) \subseteq (\rho(R) : xR) \cup (\rho(R) : yR)$  for all  $x, y \in R$  with  $xy \notin P$ .
- (iii)  $(P : xRyR) \subseteq (\rho(R) : xR)$  or  $(P : xRyR) \subseteq (\rho(R) : yR)$  for all  $x, y \in R$  with  $xy \notin P$ .
- (iv) For all  $x, y \in R$  and each ideal  $J$  of  $R$ ,  $xRyJ \subseteq P$  implies either  $xy \in P$  or  $xJ \subseteq \rho(R)$  or  $yJ \subseteq \rho(R)$ .
- (v) For all  $x \in R$  and ideals  $J$  and  $K$  of  $R$ ,  $xJK \subseteq P$  implies either  $xJ \subseteq P$  or  $xK \subseteq \rho(R)$  or  $JK \subseteq \rho(R)$ .
- (vi) For all ideals  $I, J, K$  of  $R$  such that  $IJK \subseteq P$  either  $IJ \subseteq P$  or  $IK \subseteq \rho(R)$  or  $JK \subseteq \rho(R)$ .

*Proof.* 1  $\Rightarrow$  2 Suppose  $P$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$  and choose  $x, y \in R$  with  $xy \notin P$ . Take  $z \in (P : xRyR)$ . Hence  $xRyRz \subseteq P$ . Since  $P$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ , we have  $xz \in \rho(R)$  or  $yz \in \rho(R)$ . Hence  $Rxz \subseteq \rho(R)$  or  $Ryz \subseteq \rho(R)$  and therefore  $(P : xRyR) \subseteq (\rho(R) : xR) \cup (\rho(R) : yR)$ .

2  $\Rightarrow$  3 Follows from the fact that an ideal that is contained in the union of two ideals must be contained in one of them.

3  $\Rightarrow$  4 Let  $xRyJ \subseteq P$  for some  $x, y \in R$  and an ideal  $J$  of  $R$ . Hence  $xRyRJ \subseteq xRyJ \subseteq P$ . Suppose  $xy \notin P$ . From 3 we have  $J \subseteq (P : xRyR) \subseteq (\rho(R) : xR)$  or  $J \subseteq (P : xRyR) \subseteq (\rho(R) : yR)$ . Hence  $xRJ \subseteq \rho(R)$  or  $yRJ \subseteq \rho(R)$ . Hence  $xJ \subseteq \rho(R)$  or  $yJ \subseteq \rho(R)$ .

4  $\Rightarrow$  5 Suppose  $xJK \subseteq P$  for some  $x \in R$  and ideals  $J$  and  $K$  of  $R$ . Suppose  $xJ \not\subseteq P$  or  $xK \not\subseteq \rho(R)$ . Choose  $j_0 \in J$  and  $k_0 \in K$  such that  $xj_0 \notin P$  and  $xk_0 \notin \rho(R)$ . Since  $xRj_0K \subseteq P$ , it follows from 4 that  $j_0K \subseteq \rho(R)$ . Now we will show that  $JK \subseteq \rho(R)$ . Take any  $j \in J$ . If  $jK \subseteq \rho(R)$ , then we done. So suppose  $jK \not\subseteq \rho(R)$ . Since  $xRjK \subseteq P$ , from 4 we have  $xj \in P$ . This implies  $x(j + j_0) \notin P$ . As  $xR(j + j_0)K \subseteq P$ , by 4 we have  $(j + j_0)K \subseteq \rho(R)$ . Since  $j_0K \subseteq \rho(R)$ , we conclude that  $jK \subseteq \rho(R)$  and so  $JK \subseteq \rho(R)$ .

5  $\Rightarrow$  6 Suppose  $IJK \subseteq P$  for some ideals  $I, J, K$  of  $R$ . Assume  $IJ \not\subseteq P$  and  $JK \not\subseteq \rho(R)$ . Then there exists  $x \in I$  such that  $xJ \not\subseteq P$ . Since  $xJK \subseteq P$ , by 5 we have  $xK \subseteq \rho(R)$ . Let  $a \in I$ , then since  $aJK \subseteq P$ , by 5 we have  $aJ \subseteq P$  or  $aK \subseteq \rho(R)$ .

Case 1: Let  $aJ \subseteq P$ . Then since  $(x + a)JK \subseteq P$ , by 5 we have  $(x + a)K \subseteq \rho(R)$ . As  $xK \subseteq \rho(R)$ , we have  $aK \subseteq \rho(R)$ .

Case 2: Let  $aJ \not\subseteq P$ . Since  $aJK \subseteq P$ , by 5 we get  $aK \subseteq \rho(R)$ . Thus we have  $IK \subseteq \rho(R)$  which completes the proof.

6  $\Rightarrow$  1 Suppose  $aRbRc \subseteq P$  for  $a, b, c \in R$  with  $ac \notin \rho(R)$  and  $bc \notin \rho(R)$ . Put  $I = RaR$ ,  $J = RbR$  and  $K = RcR$ . Now  $IJK = RaRRbRRcR \subseteq RaRbRcR = RPR \subseteq P$ . Since  $IK \not\subseteq \rho(R)$  and  $JK \not\subseteq \rho(R)$ , it follows from 6 that  $ab \in IJ \subseteq P$ . Therefore  $P$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ .

□

**Proposition 2.15.** *Let  $\rho$  be a special radical.*

- (i) *The intersection of any set of  $(2, \rho)$ -ideals of the ring  $R$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal.*
- (ii) *Let  $R$  be a ring.  $\rho(R)$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$  if and only if it is a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\{P_i : i \in \Delta\}$  be a set of  $(2, \rho)$ -ideals. Let  $aRbRc \subseteq \cap\{P_i : i \in \Delta\}$  and suppose  $ac \notin \rho(R)$  and  $bc \notin \rho(R)$ . Since  $aRbRc \subseteq P_i$  for every  $i \in \Delta$ , we have  $ab \in P_i$  for every  $i \in \Delta$ . Hence  $ab \in \cap\{P_i : i \in \Delta\}$  and therefore  $\cap\{P_i : i \in \Delta\}$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal.

(ii) This follows from the definition of a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal and a 2-absorbing ideal. □

**Definition 2.16.** A proper ideal  $P$  of a ring  $R$  is said to be a  $(2, \rho)$ -primary ideal if  $aRbRc \subseteq P$  for  $a, b, c \in R$ , then  $ab \in P$  or  $ac \in \rho^*(P)$  or  $bc \in \rho^*(P)$ .

**Proposition 2.17.** Let  $\rho$  be a special radical and  $P$  a proper ideal of the ring  $R$ . The following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $P$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -primary ideal of the ring  $R$  and  $\rho^*(P) = \rho(R)$ .
- (ii)  $P$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.*  $1 \Rightarrow 2$  Suppose  $P$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -primary ideal of the ring  $R$  and  $\rho^*(P) = \rho(R)$ . Let  $aRbRc \subseteq P$  for  $a, b, c \in R$  and suppose  $ac \notin \rho(R) = \rho^*(P)$  and  $bc \notin \rho(R) = \rho^*(P)$ . Since  $P$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -primary ideal, we have  $ab \in P$  and we are done.

$2 \Rightarrow 1$  Suppose  $P$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ . From Proposition 2.5 we have  $P \subseteq \rho(R)$ . Now, since  $\rho$  is a special radical and  $P \subseteq \rho(R)$ , we have  $\rho(R) = \rho^*(P)$ . Let  $aRbRc \subseteq P$  for  $a, b, c \in R$ . Since  $P$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ , we have  $ab \in P$  or  $ac \in \rho(R) = \rho^*(P)$  or  $bc \in \rho(R) = \rho^*(P)$ . Hence  $P$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -primary ideal. □

**Theorem 2.18.** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be rings and  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be a surjective ring-homomorphism. If  $\rho$  is a special radical, then the following statements hold:

- (i) If  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$  and  $\ker(f) \subseteq I$ , then  $f(I)$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $S$ .
- (ii) If  $J$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $S$  and  $\ker(f) \subseteq \rho(R)$ , then  $f^{-1}(J)$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $d, e, h \in S$  such that  $dSeSh \subseteq f(I)$  and  $dh \notin \rho(S)$  and  $eh \notin \rho(S)$ . Since  $f$  is surjective, we can choose  $a, b, c \in R$  such that  $f(a) = d$  and  $f(b) = e$  and  $f(c) = h$ . Now,  $dSeSh = f(a)f(R)f(b)f(R)f(c) = f(aRbRc) \subseteq f(I)$  and since  $\ker(f) \subseteq I$ , we have  $aRbRc \subseteq I$ . Then  $ab \in I$  or  $ac \in \rho(R)$  or  $bc \in \rho(R)$  since  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ . If  $ac \in \rho(R)$  then  $f(ac) = f(a)f(c) = dh \in f(\rho(R)) \subseteq \rho(S)$  since  $\rho$  is a special radical which is a contradiction. Similarly, if  $bc \in \rho(R)$ , then  $eh \in \rho(S)$ . Hence  $ab \in I$ . This gives  $f(ab) = f(a)f(b) = de \in f(I)$ , as needed

(ii) Let  $a, b, c \in R$  such that  $aRbRc \subseteq f^{-1}(J)$  and  $ac \notin \rho(R)$  and  $bc \notin \rho(R)$ . Now,  $f(a)Sf(b)Sf(c) = f(aRbRc) \subseteq J$  with  $f(ac) \notin f(\rho(R))$  and  $f(bc) \notin f(\rho(R))$ . From [3, Theorem 1.10 (2)] we have  $f(a)f(c) \notin \rho(S)$  and  $f(b)f(c) \notin \rho(S)$ . Since  $J$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $S$ , we have  $f(a)f(b) \in J$ . Hence  $ab \in f^{-1}(J)$ . It follows that  $f^{-1}(J)$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ . □

**Corollary 2.19.** Let  $\rho$  be a special radical. Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $I, K$  be two ideals of  $R$  with  $K \subseteq I$ . Then the following hold.

- (i) If  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ , then  $I/K$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R/K$ .
- (ii) If  $I/K$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R/K$  and  $K \subseteq \rho(R)$ , then  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ .
- (iii) If  $I/K$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R/K$  and  $K$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ , then  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* (i) Assume that  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$  with  $K \subseteq I$ . Let  $\pi : R \rightarrow R/K$  be the natural epimorphism defined by  $\pi(r) = r + K$ . Note that  $\ker(\pi) = K \subseteq I$ . Thus, by Theorem 2.18 1., it follows that  $\pi(I) = I/K$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R/K$ .

(ii) Again, consider the natural epimorphism  $\pi : R \rightarrow R/K$ . Since  $K \subseteq \rho(R)$ , by Theorem 2.18 2.,  $I = \pi^{-1}(I/K)$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ .

(iii) This is clear by 2. and Theorem 2.18. □

**Proposition 2.20.** *Let  $R$  be a ring,  $I$  and  $J$  be two  $(2, \rho)$ -ideals of  $R$ . Then  $I + J$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $I \subseteq \rho(R)$  and  $J$  is a proper ideal, we then have  $I + J$  is proper ideal of  $R$ . On the other hand,  $I \cap J$  and  $I/I \cap J$  are  $(2, \rho)$ -ideals of  $R$  and  $R/I \cap J$ , respectively. From the isomorphism  $(I + J)/J \simeq I/I \cap J$  and Corollary 2.19, we conclude that  $I + J$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal, as needed. □

**Lemma 2.21.** *Let  $\rho$  be a special radical and let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  an ideal of  $R$ . If  $\rho(R)$  is a prime ideal of  $R$  and  $I \subseteq \rho(R)$  then  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal.*

*Proof.* Let  $aRbRc \subseteq I$  for  $a, b, c \in R$ . If  $bc \in \rho(R)$ , then we done so suppose  $bc \notin \rho(R)$ . Now  $aRbc \subseteq \rho(R)$  and since  $\rho(R)$  is a prime ideal, we get  $a \in \rho(R)$ . Hence  $ac \in \rho(R)$  and therefore  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal. □

### 3 Idealization

We now show how to construct  $\rho$ -ideals using the Method of Idealization. In what follows,  $R$  is a ring (associative, not necessarily commutative and not necessarily with identity) and  $M$  is an  $R - R$ -bimodule. The idealization of  $M$  is the ring  $R \boxplus M$  with  $(R \boxplus M, +) = (R, +) \oplus (M, +)$  and the multiplication is given by  $(r, m)(s, n) = (rs, rn + ms)$ .  $R \boxplus M$  itself is, in a canonical way, an  $R - R$ -bimodule and  $M \simeq 0 \boxplus M$  is a nilpotent ideal of  $R \boxplus M$  of index 2. We also have  $R \simeq R \boxplus 0$  and the latter is a subring of  $R \boxplus M$ . Note also that  $R \boxplus M$  is a subring of the Morita ring  $\begin{bmatrix} R & M \\ 0 & R \end{bmatrix}$  via the mapping  $(r, m) \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} r & m \\ 0 & r \end{bmatrix}$ . We will require some knowledge about the ideal structure of  $R \boxplus M$ . If  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $N$  is an  $R - R$ -bi-submodule of  $M$ , then  $I \boxplus N$  is an ideal of  $R \boxplus M$  if and only if  $IM + MI \subseteq N$ .

If  $\rho$  is a special radical, it follows from [11] that if  $R$  is any ring, then  $\rho(R \boxplus M) = \rho(R) \boxplus M$  for all  $R - R$ -bimodules  $M$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $\rho$  is a special radical. Let  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . Let  $M$  be a  $R - R$ -bi-module. Now  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $I \boxplus M$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R \boxplus M$ .*

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ Let  $x_i = (r_i, m_i) \in R \boxplus M$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ . Suppose  $x_1R \boxplus Mx_2R \boxplus Mx_3 \subseteq I \boxplus M$  with  $x_1x_3 \notin \rho(R \boxplus M) = \rho(R) \boxplus M$  and  $x_2x_3 \notin \rho(R \boxplus M) = \rho(R) \boxplus M$ . Now we have  $r_1Rr_2Rr_3 \subseteq I$  and  $r_2r_3 \notin \rho(R)$  and  $r_1r_3 \notin \rho(R)$ . Since  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ , we have  $r_1r_2 \in I$ . Hence  $x_1x_2 = (r_1r_2, r_1m_2 + m_1r_2) \in I \boxplus M$  and  $I \boxplus M$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal.

$\Leftarrow$ Let  $aRbRc \subseteq I$  for  $a, b, c \in R$  and suppose  $ac \notin \rho(R)$  and  $bc \notin \rho(R)$ . Now  $(a, 0)R \boxplus M(b, 0)R \boxplus M(c, 0) \subseteq I \boxplus M$  with  $(a, 0)(c, 0) = (ac, 0) \notin \rho(R) \boxplus M = \rho(R \boxplus M)$  and  $(b, 0)(c, 0) = (bc, 0) \notin \rho(R) \boxplus M = \rho(R \boxplus M)$ . Since  $I \boxplus M$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R \boxplus M$ , we get  $(a, 0)(b, 0) = (ab, 0) \in I \boxplus M$ . Hence  $ab \in I$  and therefore  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ . □

**Definition 3.2.** [3, Definition 2.4] Let  $\rho$  be a special radical and let  $M$  be an  $R - R$ -bi module. The proper  $R - R$  bi-submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is a  $\rho$ -submodule if for  $a \in R$  and  $m \in M$ , whenever  $mRa \subseteq N$  and  $a \notin (\rho(R)M : M)$ , then  $m \in N$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\rho$  is a special radical. Let  $I$  be a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$  and  $N$  an  $R - R$ -bi-submodule of the  $R - R$ -bi-module  $M$ . Then if  $(\rho(R)M : M) = \rho(R)$  and  $N$  is a  $\rho$ -submodule of  $M$  with  $IM + MI \subseteq N$ , then  $I \boxplus N$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R \boxplus M$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x_i = (r_i, m_i) \in R \boxplus M$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ . such that  $x_1R \boxplus Mx_2R \boxplus Mx_3 \subseteq I \boxplus N$ . Suppose  $x_2x_3 \notin \rho(R) \boxplus M = \rho(R \boxplus M)$  and  $x_1x_3 \notin \rho(R \boxplus M) = \rho(R) \boxplus M$ . We have  $r_1Rr_2Rr_3 \subseteq I$  and  $r_1r_3 \notin \rho(R)$  and  $r_2r_3 \notin \rho(R)$ . Since  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$  and  $r_1r_3 \notin \rho(R)$  and  $r_2r_3 \notin \rho(R)$ , we have  $r_1r_2 \in I$ . Now,  $(r_1, m_1)(1, 0)(r_2, m_2)(1, 0)(r_3, m_3) \in x_1R \boxplus Mx_2R \boxplus Mx_3 \subseteq I \boxplus N$ . Hence  $(r_1r_1r_3, r_1r_2m_3 + (r_1m_2 + m_1r_2)r_3) \in I \boxplus N$  and we have  $r_1r_2m_3 + (r_1m_2 + m_1r_2)r_3 \in N$ . Since  $r_1r_2m_3 \in N$ , we have  $(r_1m_2 + m_1r_2)r_3 \in N$ . Since

$r_2r_3 \notin \rho(R)$ , we have  $r_3 \notin \rho(R)$ . Now since  $(r_1m_2 + m_1r_2)r_3 \in N$  and  $r_3 \notin \rho(R)$  and  $N$  is a  $\rho$ -submodule of  $M$ , we have  $(r_1m_2 + m_1r_2) \in N$ . Hence  $(r_1, m_1)(r_2, m_2) = (r_1r_2, r_1m_2 + m_1r_2) \in I \boxplus N$  and  $I \boxplus N$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R \boxplus M$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $\rho$  is a special radical. Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  and  $N$  a proper  $R - R$ -bi-submodule of the  $R - R$ -bi-module  $M$ . Suppose  $\rho(R)$  is a prime ideal. If  $I \subseteq \rho(R)$  then  $I \boxplus N$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R \boxplus M$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\rho(R)$  is a prime ideal, it follows from [11, Proposition 8] that  $\rho(R) \boxplus M$  is a prime ideal of  $R \boxplus M$ . Also  $I \boxplus N \subseteq \rho(R) \boxplus N \subseteq \rho(R) \boxplus M = \rho(R \boxplus M)$ . Hence from Lemma 2.21  $I \boxplus N$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal.  $\square$

### 4 Product of rings

Next, we characterize  $(2, \rho)$ -ideals of a Cartesian product of two rings.

**Lemma 4.1.** [1, Lemma] *Suppose that  $\mathcal{R}$  is a Amitsur-Kurosh radical class of rings. If  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$  are rings, then  $\mathcal{R}(R_1 \times R_2 \times \dots \times R_n) = \mathcal{R}(R_1) \times \mathcal{R}(R_2) \times \dots \times \mathcal{R}(R_n)$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{R}$  is always closed under finite products.*

Let in what follows  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be rings, not necessarily commutative and let  $\rho$  be a special radical.

**Remark 4.2.** Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be noncommutative rings and let  $I$  be a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R_1$ . Then we do not necessarily have that  $I \times R_2$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ . For example if  $\rho$  is the prime radical  $M_2(4\mathbb{Z}_8) \subseteq M_2(\mathbb{Z}_8)$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal, but  $I = M_2(4\mathbb{Z}_8) \times M_2(\mathbb{Z}_8) \subseteq M_2(\mathbb{Z}_8) \times M_2(\mathbb{Z}_8) = R$  is not  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) R \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) R \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \subseteq I, \\ & \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \notin \rho(R) = M_2(\langle \bar{2} \rangle) \times M_2(\langle \bar{2} \rangle) \\ \text{and } & \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \notin \rho(R) \\ & \text{and } \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \notin I. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $\rho$  be a special radical and  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be noncommutative rings with identities. Consider the ideal  $I \subset R$ . The following statements are equivalent.*

- (i)  $I \times R_2$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ .
- (ii)  $I$  is a prime ideal of  $R_1$ .
- (iii)  $I \times R_2$  is a prime-ideal of  $R_1 \times R_2$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $a, b \in R_1$  such that  $aR_1b \subseteq I$ . Now  $(a, 1)R(1, 1)R(b, 1) \subseteq I \times R_2$ . Since  $(a, 1)(b, 1) \notin \rho(R_1) \times \rho(R_2) = \rho(R)$  and  $(1, 1)(b, 1) \notin \rho(R_1) \times \rho(R_2) = \rho(R)$ , we have  $(a, 1)(1, 1) = (a, 1) \in I \times R_2$ . Hence  $a \in I$  and therefore  $I$  is a prime ideal.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) is clear.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $\rho$  be a special radical and  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be noncommutative rings with identities. Consider ideals  $I_1 \subset R_1$  and  $I_2 \subset R_2$ . The following statements are equivalent.*

- (i)  $I = I_1 \times I_2$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ .
- (ii)  $I_1 = \rho(R_1) \subset R_1$  and  $I_2 = \rho(R_2) \subset R_2$  are prime ideals.
- (iii)  $I = I_1 \times I_2$  is a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$  and  $I \subseteq \rho(R)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Assume that  $I_1 \neq \rho(R_1)$ , and take  $a \in I_1 \setminus \rho(R_1)$ . Then  $(a, 1)R_1 \times R_2(1, 1)R_1 \times R_2(1, 0) \subseteq I$ . Now  $(a, 1)(1, 0) \notin \rho(R) = \rho(R_1) \times \rho(R_2)$ . Since  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ , we conclude that  $(a, 1)(1, 1) \in I_1 \times I_2$  or  $(1, 1)(1, 0) \in \rho(R) = \rho(R_1) \times \rho(R_2)$ , a contradiction. Thus  $I_1 = \rho(R_1)$ . If  $I_1 = \rho(R_1)$  is not prime, then there are elements  $a, b \notin I_1 = \rho(R_1)$  such that  $aR_1b \subseteq I_1$ . Then  $(a, 1)R(1, 0)R(b, 1) \subseteq I$ ,  $(a, 1)(1, 0) \notin I_1 \times I_2$ ,  $(a, 1)(b, 1) \notin \rho(R) = \rho(R_1) \times \rho(R_2)$  and  $(1, 0)(b, 1) \notin \rho(R_1) \times \rho(R_2)$ , a contradiction. Thus  $I_1$  is prime in  $R_1$ . The same arguments show that  $I_2 = \rho(R_2)$  is a prime ideal of  $R_2$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Suppose that  $I_1 = \rho(R_1) \subseteq R_1$  and  $I_2 = \rho(R_2) \subseteq R_2$  are prime ideals. Hence,  $(I_1 \times R_2)$  and  $(R_1 \times I_2)$  are prime ideals of  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ . Since the intersection of two prime ideals is always 2-absorbing by [2, Proposition 1.9], we conclude that  $I = (I_1 \times R_2) \cap (R_1 \times I_2)$  is a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $(x_i, y_i) \in R$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  such that  $(x_1, y_1)R(x_2, y_2)R(x_3, y_3) \subseteq I$ . Since  $I$  is 2-absorbing and  $I \subseteq \rho(R)$ , we have  $(x_1, y_1)(x_2, y_2) \in I$  or  $(x_1, y_1)(x_3, y_3) \in I \subseteq \rho(R)$  or  $(x_2, y_2)(x_3, y_3) \in I \subseteq \rho(R)$ . Hence  $I$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.5.** *Let  $\rho$  be a special radical and  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be noncommutative rings with identities. Consider ideals  $I_1 \subseteq R_1$  and  $I_2 \subseteq R_2$ . If  $I = I_1 \times I_2$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ , then  $I_1$  is a  $\rho$ -ideal of  $R_1$  and  $I_2$  is a  $\rho$ -ideal of  $R_2$*

*Proof.* Suppose  $I = I_1 \times I_2$  is a  $(2, \rho)$ -ideal of  $R = R_1 \times R_2$ . From 4.4 it follows that  $I_1 = \rho(R_1) \subseteq R_1$  and  $I_2 = \rho(R_2) \subseteq R_2$  are prime ideals. It now follows from [3, Proposition 1.13] that  $I_1$  is a  $\rho$ -ideal of  $R_1$  and  $I_2$  is a  $\rho$ -ideal of  $R_2$ .  $\square$

### 5 $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideals

In this section the special radical will be the Jacobson radical. In [5] Khashan et al. introduced the notion of  $J$ -ideals for commutative rings with identity element. In [12] Yildiz et al. introduced the concept of  $(2, J)$ -ideal as a generalization of a  $J$ -ideal. They investigate many properties of  $(2, J)$ -ideals. We show that for the Jacobson radical many of the results proved by Yildiz et al. are also true for noncommutative rings.

In what follows for the noncommutative ring  $R$ ,  $\mathcal{J}(R)$  will denote the Jacobson radical of the ring  $R$ .

**Definition 5.1.** A proper ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is a  $\mathcal{J}$ -ideal if whenever  $a, b \in R$  such that  $aRb \subseteq I$  and  $a \notin \mathcal{J}(R)$ , then  $b \in I$ .

If  $R$  is a commutative ring, then the notion of a  $\mathcal{J}$ -ideal coincides with a  $J$ -ideal as been defined by Khashan et al. in [5].

**Definition 5.2.** A proper ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal if whenever  $a, b, c \in R$  such that  $aRbRc \subseteq I$  then  $ab \in I$  or  $ac \in \mathcal{J}(R)$ , or  $bc \in \mathcal{J}(R)$ . If  $R$  is a commutative ring, then the notion of a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal coincides with a  $(2, J)$ -ideal as been defined by Yildiz et al. in [12].

**Proposition 5.3.** (See [12, Proposition 1]) *Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be the Jacobson radical and  $I$  a proper ideal of the ring  $R$ . We have the following:*

- (i) *Every  $\mathcal{J}$ -ideal of  $R$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal.*
- (ii) *If  $I$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R$  then  $I \subseteq \mathcal{J}(R)$ .*
- (iii) *If  $\rho_1$  is a special radical such that  $\rho_1 \leq \mathcal{J}$ , then every  $(2, \rho_1)$ -ideal is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 2.5 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{J}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 5.4.** (See [12, Proposition 2]) *Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be the Jacobson radical and  $I$  a proper ideal of the ring  $R$ . Suppose  $I$  is a principally right 2-absorbing primary ideal of  $R$ .  $I$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $I \subseteq \mathcal{J}(R)$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 2.12 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{J}$ .  $\square$



**Proposition 5.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be the Jacobson radical and  $R$  a ring with  $I \subseteq K$  proper ideals. If  $K$  is a  $\mathcal{J}$ -ideal of  $R$ , then  $I$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal.*

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 2.9 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{J}$ . □

**Corollary 5.6.** *Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be the Jacobson radical and  $R$  a ring with  $I_1, I_2$  two proper ideals of  $R$ . If  $I_1$  or  $I_2$  is a  $\mathcal{J}$ -ideal of  $R$ , then  $I_1I_2$  and  $I_1 \cap I_2$  are  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideals.*

**Theorem 5.7.** (See [12, Theorem 1]) *Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be the Jacobson radical and  $P$  a proper ideal of the ring  $R$ . The following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $P$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R$ .
- (ii)  $(P : xRyR) \subseteq (\mathcal{J}(R) : xR) \cup (\mathcal{J}(R) : yR)$  for all  $x, y \in R$  with  $xy \notin P$ .
- (iii)  $(P : xRyR) \subseteq (\mathcal{J}(R) : xR)$  or  $(P : xRyR) \subseteq (\mathcal{J}(R) : yR)$  for all  $x, y \in R$  with  $xy \notin P$ .
- (iv) For all  $x, y \in R$  and each ideal  $J$  of  $R$ ,  $xRyJ \subseteq P$  implies either  $xy \in P$  or  $xJ \subseteq \mathcal{J}(R)$  or  $yJ \subseteq \mathcal{J}(R)$ .
- (v) For all  $x \in R$  and ideals  $J$  and  $K$  of  $R$ ,  $xJK \subseteq P$  implies either  $xJ \subseteq P$  or  $xK \subseteq \mathcal{J}(R)$  or  $JK \subseteq \mathcal{J}(R)$ .
- (vi) For all ideals  $I, J, K$  of  $R$  such that  $IJK \subseteq P$  either  $IJ \subseteq P$  or  $IK \subseteq \mathcal{J}(R)$  or  $JK \subseteq \mathcal{J}(R)$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Theorem 2.14 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{J}$ . □

**Proposition 5.8.** (See [12, Proposition 3]) *Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be the Jacobson radical.*

- (i) *The intersection of any set of  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideals of the ring  $R$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal.*
- (ii) *Let  $R$  be a ring.  $\mathcal{J}(R)$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R$  if and only if it is a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 2.15 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{J}$ . □

**Theorem 5.9.** (See [12, Theorem 2]) *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\rho$  be the Jacobson radical  $\mathcal{J}$ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $R$  is a local ring.
- (ii) Every proper ideal of  $R$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal.
- (iii) Every proper principal ideal of  $R$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal.

*Proof.*  $1 \Rightarrow 2$  Let  $R$  be a local ring and let  $P$  be a proper ideal of  $R$  such that  $xRyRz \subseteq P$  for  $x, y, z \in R$ . Suppose  $xz \notin \mathcal{J}(R)$  and  $yz \notin \mathcal{J}(R)$ . Since  $R$  is a local ring,  $xz$  and  $yz$  are unit elements. If  $xz$  is a unit, then  $xy = x1y(xz)^{-1}xz \in xRyRz \subseteq P$ . If  $yz$  is a unit then  $xy = x1y(yz)^{-1}yz \in xRyRz \subseteq P$ . Hence  $P$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal.

$2 \Rightarrow 3$  This is clear,

$3 \Rightarrow 1$  Suppose every proper principal ideal of  $R$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal and take a maximal left ideal  $M$  of  $R$ . Now  $\mathcal{J}(R) \subseteq M$ . We show  $M \subseteq \mathcal{J}(R)$ . Let  $a \in M$  and suppose  $a \notin \mathcal{J}(R)$ . Now  $1R1Ra \subseteq \langle a \rangle$ . Since  $\langle a \rangle$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal, we have  $1 \in \langle a \rangle \subseteq M$ . A contradiction and hence  $\mathcal{J}(R) = M$  is the unique maximal left ideal of  $R$ . Therefore  $R$  is a local ring from [7, Theorem 19.1]. □

**Proposition 5.10.** (See [12, Proposition 4]) *Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be the Jacobson radical and  $P$  a proper ideal of the ring  $R$ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $P$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -primary ideal of the ring  $R$  and  $\mathcal{J}(P) = \mathcal{J}(R)$ .
- (ii)  $P$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 2.17 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{J}$ . □

**Theorem 5.11.** (See [12, Proposition 5]) Let  $R$  and  $S$  be rings and  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be a surjective ring-homomorphism. For the Jacobson radical  $\mathcal{J}$ , the following statements hold:

- (i) If  $I$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R$  and  $\ker(f) \subseteq I$ , then  $f(I)$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $S$ .
- (ii) If  $J$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $S$  and  $\ker(f) \subseteq \mathcal{J}(R)$ , then  $f^{-1}(J)$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Theorem 2.18 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{J}$ . □

**Proposition 5.12.** (See [12, Proposition 6]) Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be the Jacobson radical and let  $R$  be a ring and let  $I, K$  be two ideals of  $R$  with  $K \subseteq I$ . Then the following hold:

- (i) If  $I$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R$ , then  $I/K$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R/K$ .
- (ii) If  $I/K$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R/K$  and  $K \subseteq \mathcal{J}(R)$ , then  $I$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R$ .
- (iii) If  $I/K$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R/K$  and  $K$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R$ , then  $I$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Corollary 2.19 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{J}$ . □

**Proposition 5.13.** Let  $R$  be a ring,  $I$  and  $J$  be two  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideals of  $R$ . Then  $I+J$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 2.20 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{J}$ . □

**Proposition 5.14.** Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be the Jacobson radical and let  $R$  be a noncommutative ring with identity. Let  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . Let  $M$  be a  $R - R$ -bi-module. Now  $I$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $I \boxplus M$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R \boxplus M$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 3.1 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{J}$ . □

**Theorem 5.15.** Let the  $\mathcal{J}$  be the Jacobson radical and  $R$  a noncommutative ring with identity. Let  $I$  be a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R$  and  $N$  an  $R - R$ -bi-submodule of the  $R - R$ -bi-module  $M$ . Then, if  $(\mathcal{J}(R)M : M) = \mathcal{J}(R)$  and  $N$  is a  $\mathcal{J}$ -submodule of  $M$  with  $IM + MI \subseteq N$ , then  $I \boxplus N$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R \boxplus M$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Theorem 3.3 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{J}$ . □

**Proposition 5.16.** Let the  $\mathcal{J}$  be the Jacobson radical and  $R$  a noncommutative ring with identity. Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  and  $N$  a proper  $R - R$ -bi-submodule of the  $R - R$ -bi-module  $M$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{J}(R)$  is a prime ideal. If  $I \subseteq \mathcal{J}(R)$  then  $I \boxplus M$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{J})$ -ideal of  $R \boxplus M$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 3.4 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{J}$ . □

## 6 $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideals

In this section the special radical will be the prime radical. In [9] Tekir et al. introduced the notion of  $n$ -ideals for commutative rings with identity element. In [8] Tamekkante et al. introduced the concept of  $(2, n)$ -ideals as a generalization of an  $n$ -ideal. They investigate many properties of  $(2, n)$ -ideals. We show that for the prime radical many of the results proved by Tamekkante et al. are also true for noncommutative rings.

In what follows for the noncommutative ring  $R$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(R)$  will denote the prime radical of the ring  $R$ .

**Definition 6.1.** A proper ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is a  $\mathcal{P}$ -ideal if whenever  $a, b \in R$  such that  $aRb \subseteq I$  and  $a \notin \mathcal{P}(R)$ , then  $b \in I$ .

If  $R$  is a commutative ring, then the notion of a  $\mathcal{P}$ -ideal coincides with a  $n$ -ideal as been defined by Tekir et al. in [9].

**Definition 6.2.** A proper ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal if whenever  $a, b, c \in R$  such that  $aRbRc \subseteq I$  then  $ab \in I$  or  $ac \in \mathcal{P}(R)$ , or  $bc \in \mathcal{P}(R)$ . If  $R$  is a commutative ring, then the notion of a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal coincides with a  $(2, n)$ -ideal as been defined by Tamekkante et al. in [8].

**Proposition 6.3.** (See [8, Theorem 2.4]) Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the prime radical and  $P$  a proper ideal of the ring  $R$ . The following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $P$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -primary ideal of the ring  $R$  and  $\mathcal{P}(P) = \mathcal{P}(R)$ .
- (ii)  $P$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 2.17 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{P}$ . □

**Proposition 6.4.** (See [8, Corollary 2.5]) Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the prime radical and  $I$  a proper ideal of the ring  $R$ . If  $I$  is a prime ideal, then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $I$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R$ .
- (ii)  $I = \mathcal{P}(R)$ .
- (iii)  $I$  is a  $\mathcal{P}$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 2.11 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{P}$ . □

**Theorem 6.5.** (See [8, Proposition 2.7]) Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the prime radical and  $P$  a proper ideal of the ring  $R$ . The following are equivalent:

- (i)  $P$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R$ .
- (ii)  $(P : xRyR) \subseteq (\mathcal{P}(R) : xR) \cup (\mathcal{P}(R) : yR)$  for all  $x, y \in R$  with  $xy \notin P$ .
- (iii)  $(P : xRyR) \subseteq (\mathcal{P}(R) : xR)$  or  $(P : xRyR) \subseteq (\mathcal{P}(R) : yR)$  for all  $x, y \in R$  with  $xy \notin P$ .
- (iv) For all  $x, y \in R$  and each ideal  $J$  of  $R$ ,  $xRyJ \subseteq P$  implies either  $xy \in P$  or  $xJ \subseteq \mathcal{P}(R)$  or  $yJ \subseteq \mathcal{P}(R)$ .
- (v) For all  $x \in R$  and ideals  $J$  and  $K$  of  $R$ ,  $xJK \subseteq P$  implies either  $xJ \subseteq P$  or  $xK \subseteq \mathcal{P}(R)$  or  $JK \subseteq \mathcal{P}(R)$ .
- (vi) For all ideals  $I, J, K$  of  $R$  such that  $IJK \subseteq P$  either  $IJ \subseteq P$  or  $IK \subseteq \mathcal{P}(R)$  or  $JK \subseteq \mathcal{P}(R)$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Theorem 2.14 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{P}$ . □

**Proposition 6.6.** (See [8, Proposition 2.8]) Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the prime radical.

- (i) The intersection of any set of  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideals of the ring  $R$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal.
- (ii) Let  $R$  be a ring.  $\mathcal{P}(R)$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R$  if and only if it is a 2-absorbing ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 2.15 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{P}$ . □

**Theorem 6.7.** (See [8, Proposition 3.1]) Let  $R$  and  $S$  be rings and  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be a surjective ring-homomorphism. For the prime radical  $\mathcal{P}$ , the following statements hold:

- (i) If  $I$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R$  and  $\ker(f) \subseteq I$ , then  $f(I)$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $S$ .
- (ii) If  $J$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $S$  and  $\ker(f) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(R)$ , then  $f^{-1}(J)$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Theorem 2.18 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{P}$ . □

**Proposition 6.8.** (See [8, Corollary 3.3]) Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the prime radical and let  $R$  be a ring and let  $I, K$  be two ideals of  $R$  with  $K \subseteq I$ . Then the following hold.

- (i) If  $I$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R$ , then  $I/K$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R/K$ .
- (ii) If  $I/K$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R/K$  and  $K \subseteq \mathcal{P}(R)$ , then  $I$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R$ .
- (iii) If  $I/K$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R/K$  and  $K$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R$ , then  $I$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Corollary 2.19 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{P}$ . □

**Proposition 6.9.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the prime radical and let  $R$  be a noncommutative ring with identity. Let  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . Let  $M$  be a  $R - R$ -bi-module. Now  $I$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $I \boxplus M$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R \boxplus M$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 3.1 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{P}$ . □

**Theorem 6.10.** *Let the  $\mathcal{P}$  be the prime radical and  $R$  a noncommutative ring with identity. Let  $I$  be a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R$  and  $N$  an  $R - R$ -bi-submodule of the  $R - R$ -bi-module  $M$ . If  $(\mathcal{P}(R)M : M) = \mathcal{P}(R)$  and  $N$  is a  $\mathcal{P}$ -submodule of  $M$  with  $IM + MI \subseteq N$ , then  $I \boxplus N$  is a  $(2, \mathcal{P})$ -ideal of  $R \boxplus M$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from Theorem 3.3 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{P}$ . □

**Proposition 6.11.** *Let the  $\mathcal{P}$  be the prime radical and  $R$  a noncommutative ring with identity. Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  and  $N$  a proper  $R - R$ -bi-submodule of the  $R - R$ -bi-module  $M$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{P}(R)$  is a prime ideal. If  $I \subseteq \mathcal{P}(R)$  then  $I \boxplus M$  is a  $(2, J)$ -ideal of  $R \boxplus M$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 3.4 by taking  $\rho$  equal to  $\mathcal{P}$ . □

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