

## RADICALS WITH THE $\alpha$ -AMITSUR PROPERTY

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A radical  $\gamma$  of rings is said to have the *Amitsur property* if for all rings  $A$ ,  $\gamma(A[X]) = (\gamma(A[X]) \cap A)[X]$ . Let  $X_\alpha$  denote a set of indeterminates of cardinality  $\alpha$ . We say that  $\gamma$  has the  $\alpha$ -*Amitsur property* if for all rings  $A$ ,  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) = (\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \cap A)[X_\alpha]$ . We study properties of this type of radicals and show relationships with other known radicals for rings.

A ring  $A$  is said to be an *absolute  $\gamma$ -ring* if  $A[x_1, \dots, x_n] \in \gamma$ , for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We show that  $A$  is an absolute  $\mathbb{G}$ -ring for the Brown–McCoy radical  $\mathbb{G}$ , if and only if  $A$  is in the radical class  $\mathbf{S}$  determined by the unitary strongly prime rings. Moreover,  $A$  is an absolute nil ring if and only if  $A$  is an absolute  $\mathbf{J}$ -ring, where  $\mathbf{J}$  denotes the Jacobson radical.

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### 1. Introduction

In this paper, rings are associative, not necessarily with identity. The notation  $I \trianglelefteq A$  and  $L \trianglelefteq_l A$  means that  $I$  is an ideal and  $L$  is a left ideal in a ring  $A$ , respectively.

Recall that a (*Kurosh–Amitsur*) radical  $\gamma$  is a class of rings which

- (i) is closed under homomorphic images,
- (ii) is closed under extensions ( $I$  and  $A/I$  in  $\gamma$  imply  $A \in \gamma$ ),
- (iii) has the inductive property (if  $I_1 \subseteq I_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq I_\lambda \subseteq \dots$  is a chain of ideals of the ring  $A = \bigcup I_\lambda$  and each  $I_\lambda$  is in  $\gamma$ , then  $A$  is in  $\gamma$ ).

For a radical  $\gamma$ , the *semisimple class* of  $\gamma$  is defined as

$$S\gamma = \{A \mid A \text{ a ring with } \gamma(A) = 0\}.$$

As usual,  $\mathcal{L}(M)$  will stand for the *lower radical* induced by a class  $M$  of rings. For basic notions of radical theory we refer to [5] and [20].

**Notation 1.1.** The following symbols are used:

- $\beta$  the Baer (prime) radical, [5],
- $\mathbf{L}$  the Levitzki radical, [5],
- $\mathbf{N}$  the Köthe (nil) radical, [5],
- $\mathbf{u}$  the uniformly strongly prime radical, [17]
- $\mathbf{S}$  the unitary strongly prime radical, [4]
- $\mathbf{J}$  the Jacobson radical,
- $\mathbb{G}$  the Brown–McCoy radical.

An important issue in radical theory is to describe the radical of a polynomial ring. This leads to a notion introduced in [10]:

**Definition 1.2.** A radical  $\gamma$  of rings is said to have the *Amitsur property* if for any ring  $A$ ,

$$\gamma(A[x]) = (A \cap \gamma(A[x]))[x].$$

This property of radicals was considered in several papers, e.g. [3–5, 8, 10, 12, 17, 19]. We note that all the radicals listed in 1.1 have the Amitsur property.

## 2. The $\alpha$ -Amitsur Property

Let  $X$  be a set of commuting indeterminates. To indicate that  $\text{card } X = \alpha$  we write  $X_\alpha$ . Here  $\alpha$  may be infinite.

The following observation from [3] will be needed.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a radical of rings. For any element  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[X_\alpha]$ ,*

$$f\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \subseteq \gamma(A[X_\alpha]).$$

**Proof.** Clearly  $f\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \subseteq A[X_\alpha]$ . Since  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha])$  is an ideal of  $A[X_\alpha]$ , we have

$$B = \gamma(A[X_\alpha]) + f\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \subseteq A[X_\alpha].$$

Let  $\varphi$  be the natural homomorphism  $\varphi : B \rightarrow B/\gamma(A[X_\alpha])$ , and define the surjective ring homomorphism

$$\psi : \gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \rightarrow B/\gamma(A[X_\alpha]), \quad a \mapsto \varphi(f \cdot a).$$

Thus  $B/\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \in \gamma$  and, by extension closure,  $B \in \gamma$  and  $B \subseteq \gamma(A[X_\alpha])$ . This implies  $f\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \subseteq \gamma(A[X_\alpha])$ . □

**Proposition 2.2.** *If  $\gamma$  is a radical then, for any ring  $A$ ,*

$$(A \cap \gamma(A[X_\alpha]))[X_\alpha] \subseteq \gamma(A[X_\alpha]).$$

**Proof.** Since  $(A \cap \gamma(A[X_\alpha]))[X_\alpha] = (A \cap \gamma(A[X_\alpha]))\mathbb{Z}[X_\alpha]$  and  $A \cap \gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \subseteq \gamma(A[X_\alpha])$ , Lemma 2.1 yields

$$(A \cap \gamma(A[X_\alpha]))[X_\alpha] \subseteq \gamma(A[X_\alpha]). \quad \square$$

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $\alpha$  be a cardinal. We say that a radical  $\gamma$  has the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property if for all rings  $A$ ,

$$\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) = (A \cap \gamma(A[X_\alpha]))[X_\alpha],$$

and  $\gamma$  has the strong  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property if for all rings  $A$ ,

$$\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) = \gamma(A)[X_\alpha].$$

If  $\alpha = 1$ , then the 1-Amitsur property is just the Amitsur property and the strong 1-Amitsur property is called the strong Amitsur property.

For any radical  $\gamma$  we define the class

$$\gamma_\alpha = \{A \mid A \text{ a ring with } A[X_\alpha] \in \gamma\}.$$

Note that  $\gamma_\alpha$  is a radical for any radical  $\gamma$  and

$$\gamma_1 \supseteq \cdots \supseteq \gamma_\alpha \supseteq \cdots.$$

**Theorem 2.4.** For a radical  $\gamma$  and a cardinal  $\alpha$ , the following are equivalent.

- (a)  $\gamma$  has the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property;
- (b)  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \cap A = 0$  implies  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) = 0$ ;
- (c)  $A[X_\alpha] \in S\gamma$  for any  $A \in S\gamma_\alpha$ .

**Proof.** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). Suppose  $A \in S\gamma_\alpha$ . Since  $\gamma$  has the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property,

$$\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) = (\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \cap A)[X_\alpha] \in \gamma,$$

thus  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \cap A \in \gamma_\alpha \cap S\gamma_\alpha = 0$ . Hence  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) = 0$  and  $A[X_\alpha] \in S\gamma$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Let  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \cap A = 0$ . Clearly  $\gamma_\alpha(A) \in \gamma_\alpha$ . Therefore  $(\gamma_\alpha(A))[X_\alpha] \in \gamma$  and  $(\gamma_\alpha(A))[X_\alpha] \subseteq \gamma(A[X_\alpha])$ . Hence

$$(\gamma_\alpha(A))[X_\alpha] \cap A \subseteq \gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \cap A = 0.$$

Thus  $\gamma_\alpha(A) = 0$  and  $A \in S\gamma_\alpha$ . By (c) we have  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) = 0$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Put  $I = \gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \cap A$ . By Proposition 2.2,  $I[X_\alpha] \subseteq \gamma(A[X_\alpha])$ . We know that for any radical  $\gamma$ ,

$$\gamma(A[X_\alpha])/I[X_\alpha] = \gamma(A[X_\alpha]/I[X_\alpha]) \cong \gamma(B[X_\alpha]),$$

where  $B = A/I$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(B[X_\alpha]) \cap B &\cong (\gamma(A[X_\alpha])/I[X_\alpha]) \cap ((A + I[X_\alpha])/I[X_\alpha]) \\ &= (\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \cap (A + I[X_\alpha]))/I[X_\alpha] \\ &= ((\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \cap A) + I[X_\alpha])/I[X_\alpha] \\ &= (I + I[X_\alpha])/I[X_\alpha] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\gamma(B[X_\alpha]) \cap B = 0$ . Hence  $I[X_\alpha] \supseteq \gamma(A[X_\alpha])$  and

$$\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) = I[X_\alpha] = (\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \cap A)[X_\alpha]. \quad \square$$

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a radical. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (a)  $\gamma$  has the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property;
- (b) If  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \neq 0$ , then  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \cap A \neq 0$ , for any ring  $A$ .
- (c) If  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \neq 0$  then  $\gamma_\alpha(A) \neq 0$ , for any ring  $A$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $\gamma$  have the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property. Then  $\gamma$  has the  $\beta$ -Amitsur property for all  $\beta$  with  $\alpha \leq \beta$ .*

**Proof.** We claim that  $\gamma(A[X_\beta]) \neq 0$  implies  $A \cap \gamma(A[X_\beta]) \neq 0$ . Since  $X_\beta$  consists of commuting indeterminates,

$$0 \neq \gamma(A[X_\beta]) = \gamma((A[X_\beta \setminus Y_\alpha])[Y_\alpha]) = (A[X_\beta \setminus Y_\alpha] \cap \gamma(A[X_\beta]))[Y_\alpha]$$

for any subset  $Y_\alpha$  of  $X_\beta$  with  $\text{card } Y_\alpha = \alpha$ . Clearly, for any  $0 \neq a \in \gamma(A[X_\beta])$ , there exist elements  $x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_{n(a)}}$  of  $X_\beta$  such that

$$a = \sum a_{i_1, \dots, i_{n(a)}} x_{i_1}^{\alpha_1} \dots x_{i_{n(a)}}^{\alpha_{n(a)}},$$

where  $a_{i_1, \dots, i_{n(a)}} \in A$  and for each  $x_{i_j}$  there exists a component  $\alpha_j \neq 0$  such that  $a_{i_1, \dots, i_{n(a)}} x_{i_1}^{\alpha_1} \dots x_{i_{n(a)}}^{\alpha_{n(a)}} \neq 0$  or  $a \in A$ .

We call the number of nonzero summands of  $a$  the *length* of  $a$  and denote it by  $l(a)$ . Suppose that  $A \cap \gamma(A[X_\beta]) = 0$ . Clearly  $1 \leq l(a)$  for each nonzero  $a \in \gamma(A[X_\beta])$ . Now choose a nonzero element  $a \in \gamma(A[X_\beta])$  with  $l(a)$  minimal.

If all  $x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_{n(a)}} \in X'_\alpha$  of  $a$ , for a subset  $X'_\alpha \subseteq X_\beta$  such that  $\text{card } X'_\alpha = \alpha$ , then all  $a_{i_1, \dots, i_{n(a)}} \in A[X_\beta \setminus X'_\alpha] \cap \gamma(A[X_\beta])$ . Since  $a_{i_1, \dots, i_{n(a)}} \in A$ ,

$$a_{i_1, \dots, i_{n(a)}} \in A[X_\beta \setminus X'_\alpha] \cap \gamma(A[X_\beta]) \cap A \subseteq \gamma(A[X_\beta]) \cap A = 0.$$

Therefore  $a = 0$ , a contradiction. Hence  $\{x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_{n(a)}}\} \not\subseteq X'_\alpha$  for each  $X'_\alpha$ .

Now consider  $x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_s} \notin X'_\alpha$ , where  $1 \leq s < n(a)$  and  $x_{i_{s+1}}, \dots, x_{i_{n(a)}} \in X'_\alpha$ , without loss of generality. Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \neq a &= \sum f_s(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_s}) x_{i_{s+1}}^{\alpha_{s+1}} \dots x_{i_{n(a)}}^{\alpha_{n(a)}} \\ &\in \gamma(A[X_\beta]) = ((A[X_\beta \setminus X'_\alpha]) \cap \gamma(A[X_\beta]))[X'_\alpha] \end{aligned}$$

and we also have

$$f_s = f_s(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_s}) \in (A[X_\beta \setminus X'_\alpha]) \cap \gamma(A[X_\beta]).$$

If  $l(f_s) = l(a)$  we can take  $f_s$  instead of  $a$ . Then the number of indeterminates in  $f_s$  is less than that in  $a$ . Continuing the above procedure we can find some  $f_k \in \gamma(A[X_\beta])$  and  $f_k \in \gamma(A[X'_\alpha])$  for some  $\alpha$ , contradicting the above construction. Therefore  $l(f_s) < l(a)$  and  $f_s \in \gamma(A[X_\beta])$ . Since  $a \neq 0$ , there exists some  $f_s \neq 0$ . This is a contradiction to  $l(a)$  being minimal. Thus  $A \cap \gamma(A[X_\beta]) \neq 0$ . By Corollary 2.5,  $\gamma$  has the  $\beta$ -Amitsur property.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a radical.*

- (i) *If  $\gamma$  has the Amitsur property, then it has the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property, for any cardinal  $\alpha$ .*
- (ii) *If  $\gamma$  does not have the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property, then it does not have the  $\alpha'$ -Amitsur property for  $\alpha' \leq \alpha$ .*

In [12], Puczyłowski proved that  $\tilde{\gamma}(A[X_\alpha]) = (A \cap \tilde{\gamma}(A[X_\alpha]))[X_\alpha]$  for any cardinal  $\alpha$  and commuting indeterminates, where  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is one of  $\beta$ ,  $\mathbf{L}$ ,  $\mathbf{J}$  or  $\mathbb{G}$ . Our Corollary 2.7(i) is a proper generalization of these results.

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $\gamma$  be a radical. A ring  $A$  is said to be an *absolute  $\gamma$ -ring* if  $A[x_1, \dots, x_n] \in \gamma$ , for any  $0 \neq n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It is easy to see that the class  $\bar{\gamma}$  of all absolute  $\gamma$ -rings is a radical class and  $\bar{\gamma} = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \gamma_n$ .

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $\mathbf{P}$  denote a property an element of a ring may possess. It will be assumed that the element zero always has this property.

A ring  $A$  is called a **P-ring** (see [18]), if each element  $a \in A$  is a **P**-element, that is,  $a$  has property **P**. The fact that  $a \in A$  is a **P**-element in  $A$  we denote by  $a \in \mathbf{P}_A$ .

A radical  $\gamma$  is said to be **P-radical** if for any ring  $A$ ,

$$\gamma(A) = \sum \{I \trianglelefteq A \mid I \text{ is a } \mathbf{P}\text{-ring}\}.$$

**Lemma 2.10.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a **P-radical**. Then  $\bar{\gamma} = \gamma_{\mathbb{N}}$ .*

*If  $\gamma$  has the  $\mathbb{N}$ -Amitsur property, then for every ring  $A$ ,*

$$\gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \bar{\gamma}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \bar{\gamma}(A)[X_{\mathbb{N}}],$$

*and  $\bar{\gamma}$  is the unique minimal radical such that  $\gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \bar{\gamma}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}])$ .*

**Proof.** Clearly  $\bar{\gamma} \supseteq \gamma_{\mathbb{N}}$ . Let  $A \in \bar{\gamma}$  and consider the ring  $A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$ . Then  $A[X_n] \in \gamma$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For any element  $a \in A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a \in A[X_n] \in \gamma$ . Since  $\gamma$  is a **P-radical**, every element  $a \in A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$  is a **P**-element, and  $a \in \mathbf{P}_{A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]}$ . Thus  $A[X_{\mathbb{N}}] \in \gamma$  and so  $A \in \gamma_{\mathbb{N}}$ .

Now assume  $\gamma$  to have the  $\mathbb{N}$ -Amitsur property. Then  $\gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = (A \cap \gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]))[X_{\mathbb{N}}] \in \gamma$ . Hence  $A \cap \gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) \in \bar{\gamma}$ . Since the elements in  $X_{\mathbb{N}}$  are commuting,  $(A \cap \gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]))[X_{\mathbb{N}}] \in \bar{\gamma}$  and therefore

$$(A \cap \gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]))[X_{\mathbb{N}}] \subseteq \bar{\gamma}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) \subseteq \gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]).$$

Thus  $\gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \bar{\gamma}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = (A \cap \gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]))[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$ .

Clearly  $(A \cap \gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]))[X_{\mathbb{N}}] \subseteq \bar{\gamma}(A)[X_{\mathbb{N}}] \subseteq \bar{\gamma}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}])$ . Suppose  $\gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \sigma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}])$ , for some radical  $\sigma$ . From above,  $\bar{\gamma}(A) \in \sigma$  for every ring  $A$ . Thus  $\bar{\gamma} \subseteq \sigma$ . The proof is complete. □

**Corollary 2.11.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a **P-radical**. If  $\gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \sigma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \sigma(A)[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$  for a radical  $\sigma$ , then  $\sigma = \bar{\gamma}$ .*

**Proof.** Clearly  $\sigma \subseteq \gamma_{\mathbb{N}} = \bar{\gamma}$ . By assumption,  $\gamma$  has the  $\mathbb{N}$ -Amitsur property. By Lemma 2.10,  $\bar{\gamma}$  is unique minimal, hence  $\sigma = \bar{\gamma}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.12.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a  $\mathbf{P}$ -radical with the  $\mathbb{N}$ -Amitsur property. Then any radical  $\sigma$  such that  $\bar{\gamma} \subseteq \sigma \subseteq \gamma$  has the  $\mathbb{N}$ -Amitsur property and, for any ring  $A$ ,*

$$\gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \sigma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \bar{\sigma}(A)[X_{\mathbb{N}}] = \bar{\gamma}(A)[X_{\mathbb{N}}].$$

**Proof.** By assumption,  $\bar{\gamma}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) \subseteq \sigma((A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) \subseteq \gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}])$ . In view of Lemma 2.10 and Corollary 2.11,

$$\gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \bar{\gamma}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \bar{\sigma}(A)[X_{\mathbb{N}}].$$

Therefore  $\gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \bar{\gamma}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \bar{\sigma}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}])$ .

If  $\gamma(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) \neq 0$ , then  $0 \neq \bar{\gamma}(A) \subseteq \sigma(A[X]) \cap A$ . By Corollary 2.5,  $\sigma$  has the  $\mathbb{N}$ -Amitsur property.  $\square$

**Definition 2.13.** We say that a class  $M$  of rings is  $\alpha$ -polynomially extensible if for all rings  $A \in M$ ,  $A[X_{\alpha}] \in M$ .

Clearly, if a class  $M$  of rings is 1-polynomially extensible, then  $M$  is  $n$ -polynomially extensible for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Proposition 2.14.** *The class of all polynomially extensible radicals form a complete sublattice of the lattice of all radical classes.*

**Proof.** The intersection property is clear.

Let  $A \in \mathcal{L}(\bigcup_{i \in I} \gamma_i) = \sigma$ , where each  $\gamma_i$  is a polynomially extensible radical. Suppose  $A[x] \notin \sigma$ , i.e.,  $A[x]/\sigma(A[x]) \neq 0$ . Then  $\bar{A} = (A + \sigma(A[x]))/\sigma(A[x]) \neq 0$  since otherwise, by Lemma 2.1,  $A[x] \subseteq \sigma(A[x])$ , a contradiction.

Since  $A \in \sigma$ ,  $0 \neq \bar{A} \in \sigma$ . We have  $\gamma_i(A) \neq 0$  for some  $i$ . By assumption  $\bar{0} \neq \gamma_i(\bar{A})[x] \in \gamma_i \subseteq \sigma$ . Thus  $\sigma(A[x]/\sigma(A[x])) \neq \bar{0}$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.15.** *For any radical class  $\gamma$ , the radical class of absolute  $\gamma$ -rings is equal to the largest polynomially extensible subradical  $\sigma$  in  $\gamma$ .*

**Proof.** By Definition 2.8, the class of all absolute  $\gamma$ -rings is equal to  $\bar{\gamma} = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \gamma_n$ . Let  $A \in \bar{\gamma}$  and  $A[x] \notin \bar{\gamma}$ . Then there exists some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $A[x] \notin \gamma_n$ . But for any  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $A[x_1, \dots, x_s] \in \gamma$ . Choosing  $n + 1 < s$  we get  $A[x_1] \in \gamma_n$ , a contradiction. Thus  $\bar{\gamma}$  is polynomially extensible. By Proposition 2.14, there exists a unique largest polynomially extensible subradical  $\sigma \subseteq \gamma$ . Hence  $\bar{\gamma} \subseteq \sigma$ . Let  $A \in \sigma$ . Since  $\sigma$  is polynomially extensible,  $A[x_1] \in \sigma$  and in fact  $A[x_1, \dots, x_n] \in \sigma$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $A$  is an absolute  $\gamma$ -ring and therefore  $A \in \bar{\gamma}$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.16.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}\langle x, y_1, \dots, y_n, \dots \rangle$  and  $\mathbb{Z}\langle x, y_1, \dots, y_n \rangle$  denote the polynomial rings over the integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  in non-commuting indeterminates  $x, y_1, \dots, y_n, \dots$  and

$x, y_1, \dots, y_n$ , respectively. The subrings of polynomials with zero constant term will be denoted by  $H$  and  $H_n$ , for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , respectively. Furthermore, let  $G$  be a nonempty subset of  $H$  and  $G_n = G \cap H_n$ . For any ring  $A$  consider the set

$$P_G(A) = \{f(x, b_1, \dots, b_n) \mid n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, f \in G_n, b_i \in A\}.$$

For an element  $a \in A$ , let  $P_G$  denote the property that there exists a polynomial  $f(x, b_1, \dots, b_n) \in P_G(A)$  such that  $f(a, b_1, \dots, b_n) = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.17.** *For a ring  $A$  the following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $A$  is an absolute  $\mathbb{G}$ -ring;
- (b)  $A$  is an absolute  $\mathbf{S}$ -ring;
- (c)  $A \in \bar{\mathbb{G}} = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{G}_n$ ;
- (d)  $A \in \mathbf{S}$ ;
- (e)  $A \in \sigma$  where  $\sigma$  is the unique largest polynomially extensible subradical of  $\mathbb{G}$ ;
- (f) for any  $f \in A[X_k]$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exist  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and elements  $a_1, \dots, a_m, b_1, \dots, b_m \in A[X_k]$  such that  $f^n = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i[f, b_i]$ , where  $[f, b_i]$  is the commutator of  $f$  and  $b_i$ ;
- (g) for any  $f \in A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$ , there exist  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and elements  $a_1, \dots, a_m, b_1, \dots, b_m \in A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$  such that  $f^n = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i[f, b_i]$ ;
- (h)  $A \in \mathbb{G}_{\mathbb{N}} = \{A \mid A \text{ a ring with } A[X_{\mathbb{N}}] \in \mathbb{G}\}$ .

The assertions (f), (g) and (h) also hold for non-commuting indeterminates.

**Proof.** Define

$$G = \{x + \sum_{i=1}^l y_i z_i + \sum_{i=1}^l y_i x z_i \mid x, y_i, z_i \text{ are free generators of } \mathbb{Z}\langle x, y_i, z_i \rangle, i, l \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

and consider  $P_G$  as defined in Definition 2.16. We know that  $\mathbb{G}$  is a  $P_G$ -radical and since  $\mathbb{G}$  has the Amitsur property, by Corollary 2.7(i),  $\mathbb{G}$  has the  $\mathbb{N}$ -Amitsur property. Therefore, in view Lemma of 2.10, Corollary 2.11, 2.15 and [4, Theorem 5.1], we have  $\bar{\mathbb{G}} = \mathbf{S} = \sigma = \mathbb{G}_{\mathbb{N}}$ , and  $A$  is an absolute  $\mathbb{G}$ -ring if and only if it is an absolute  $\mathbf{S}$ -ring. Thus the assertions (a) to (e) are equivalent.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (h). Suppose  $A \in \bar{\mathbb{G}}$ . Then by Lemma 2.10,

$$\mathbb{G}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \bar{\mathbb{G}}(A)[X_{\mathbb{N}}] = A[X_{\mathbb{N}}],$$

and we have  $A \in \mathbb{G}_{\mathbb{N}}$ .

(h)  $\Rightarrow$  (g). Let  $A \in \mathbb{G}_{\mathbb{N}}$ . Then  $A[X_{\mathbb{N}}] \in \mathbb{G}$  and since  $A[X_{\mathbb{N}} \cup x] \cong A[X_{\mathbb{N}}] \in \mathbb{G}$ , we have  $A[X_{\mathbb{N}}][x] \in \mathbb{G}$ , therefore  $A[X_{\mathbb{N}}] \in \mathbb{G}_1$ . By [18, Corollary 7.6], for any  $f \in A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$ , there exist  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and elements  $a_1, \dots, a_m, b_1, \dots, b_m \in A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$ , such that  $f^n = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i[f, b_i]$ .

(g)  $\Rightarrow$  (f). Let  $A$  be a ring satisfying the condition in (f).  $A[X_k]$  is a homomorphic image of  $A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$ , hence for  $f \in A[X_k]$ , there exists  $g \in A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$  such that  $f = \bar{g}$ . Therefore  $f^n = \bar{g}^n = \sum \bar{a}_i[\bar{g}, \bar{b}_i]$  where  $\bar{a}_i, \bar{b}_i \in A[X_k]$ .

(f)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). Let  $A$  be a ring with the condition in (f). Then, for every  $f \in A[X_k]$ , there exist  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and elements  $a_i, b_i \in A[X_k]$ ,  $i \leq m$ , satisfying the condition in (f). Therefore, again by [18, Corollary 7.6],  $A[X_k] \in \mathbb{G}_1$  for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $A[X_k] \in \mathbb{G}$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . This shows that  $A$  is an absolute  $\mathbb{G}$ -ring, hence  $A \in \mathbb{G}$ .

The fact that (f), (g) and (h) also hold for non-commuting indeterminates was observed in [4, Remark 3.2] (referring to [12, 1.6] and [8, Corollary 13]).

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.17. □

Denote by  $\mathbf{S}_1$  the subclass of  $\mathbf{S}$  consisting of all unitary strongly prime rings  $R$  with nonzero *pseudo radical* (see [4]),

$$0 \neq ps(R) = \bigcap \{I \trianglelefteq R \mid 0 \neq I \text{ prime ideal in } R\}.$$

Putting  $\mathbf{S}_2 = \mathbf{S} \setminus \mathbf{S}_1$ , Ferrero and Wisbauer proved in [4] that for  $R \in \mathbf{S}_2$  and any  $0 \neq a \in R$ , there exists some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and an ideal  $M$  of  $R[X_n]$ , such that  $R[X_n]/M$  is a simple ring with unit and  $a \notin M \cap R$ . If  $R$  is a simple ring without unit, then  $A[x] \in \mathbb{G}$  (see [14]). In [4] this result was extended: If  $A$  is a simple ring without unit, then  $A[X_n] \in \mathbb{G}$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This is again extended by the next corollary.

**Corollary 2.18.**

- (i) *If  $A$  is an  $\mathbf{S}$ -semisimple ring, then for any  $0 \neq a \in A$  there exists an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and an ideal  $M$  of  $A[X_n]$  for which  $A[X_n]/M$  is a simple ring with unit and  $a \notin M \cap A$ .*
- (ii) *If  $A[X_n] \in \mathbb{G}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  for commuting indeterminates  $X_n$ , then  $A[X] \in \mathbb{G}$  for any commuting or non-commuting indeterminates  $X$ .*
- (iii) *The unitary strongly prime radical  $\mathbf{S}$  is the unique largest polynomially extendible subradical in  $\mathbb{G}$ .*

**Proof.** (i) Assume that  $A$  is an  $\mathbf{S}$ -semisimple ring. Consider the chain of ideals of  $A$ ,

$$A \supseteq \mathbb{G}_1(A) \supseteq \cdots \supseteq \mathbb{G}_n(A) \supseteq \cdots$$

Since  $A$  is  $\mathbf{S}$ -semisimple,  $\bigcap_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{G}_n(A) = 0$ . Therefore, for any  $0 \neq a \in A$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a \in \mathbb{G}_{n-1}(A)$  and  $a \notin \mathbb{G}_n(A)$ . Since  $\mathbb{G}$  has the Amitsur property, in view of Corollary 2.7(i) and Theorem 2.4,  $A_n[X_n] = (A/\mathbb{G}_n(A))[X_n] \in S\mathbb{G}$ . Therefore  $A_n[X_n]$  is a subdirect product of simple rings with unit. Choose  $b \neq 0$  as an image of  $a$ . Then  $A_n[X_n]$  has a factor ring  $A_n[X_n]/K$  which is a simple ring with unit and contains a nonzero image  $c$  of  $b$ . Since  $A_n[X_n]/K$  is a homomorphic image of  $A[X_n]/\mathbb{G}_n(A)[X_n]$  such that  $K \supseteq (\mathbb{G}_n(A))[X_n]$  and also  $A_n[X_n]/K \cong A[X_n]/K \ni c \neq 0$  we conclude that  $a \notin A \cap K$ .

(ii) Let  $A[X_n] \in \mathbb{G}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then by the above theorem  $A \in S$ . Therefore  $A[X] \in \mathbb{G}$  for all  $X$ .

(iii) This follows from Corollary 2.15. □



Now we consider the Jacobson radical  $\mathbf{J}$  and the nil radical  $\mathbf{N}$ .

**Theorem 2.19.**

- (i) For any ring  $A$ ,  $\mathbf{J}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \mathbf{N}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \bar{\mathbf{N}}(A)[X_{\mathbb{N}}] = \bar{\mathbf{J}}(A)[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$  for commuting indeterminates  $X_{\mathbb{N}}$ .
- (ii)  $\mathbf{J}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \mathbf{N}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}])$  for non-commuting  $X_{\mathbb{N}}$  and in general
 
$$\mathbf{J}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) \neq \bar{\mathbf{J}}(A)[X_{\mathbb{N}}].$$
- (iii)  $\bar{\mathbf{N}}$  is the unique largest polynomially extensible subradical in  $\mathbf{N}$  and  $\mathbf{J}$ .
- (iv)  $\beta = \bar{\beta} \subset \bar{\mathbf{L}} = \mathbf{L} \subset \bar{\mathbf{N}} = \bar{\mathbf{J}} \subset \bar{\mathbf{S}} = \mathbf{S} = \bar{\mathbf{G}} \subset \mathbf{G}$ .

**Proof.** (i) We know that  $\mathbf{J}_1 \subseteq \mathbf{N}$ , therefore we have  $\bar{\mathbf{J}} \subseteq \mathbf{N}$ . Put  $G = \{x + y + xy\}$  and consider  $P_G$  as defined in Definition 2.16. Then  $\mathbf{J}$  is  $P_G$ -radical and has the Amitsur property and also the  $\mathbb{N}$ -Amitsur property. By Proposition 2.12, we have

$$\mathbf{J}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \mathbf{N}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \bar{\mathbf{N}}(A)[X_{\mathbb{N}}] = \bar{\mathbf{J}}(A)[X_{\mathbb{N}}].$$

(ii) Puczyłowski proved in [12] that  $\mathbf{J}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \mathbf{L}(A)[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$  for non-commuting indeterminates. Therefore  $\mathbf{J}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \mathbf{N}(A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) = \mathbf{L}(A)[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$ . But in [7], Golod constructed an absolutely nil and non-locally nilpotent algebra  $B$ . Therefore  $\mathbf{J}(B[X_{\mathbb{N}}]) \neq \bar{\mathbf{J}}(B)[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$ .

(iii) follows from (i) and Corollary 2.15.

(iv)  $\mathbf{L} \subsetneq \bar{\mathbf{N}}$  follows from Golod’s example and  $\bar{\mathbf{J}} \subsetneq \bar{\mathbf{S}}$  is a consequence of Corollary 2.18. □

We note that Theorem 2.19(iv) is a proper generalization of [9, Theorem 3.3].

**Corollary 2.20.** For a ring  $A$ , the following are equivalent:

- (a)  $A$  is an absolute nil ring;
- (b)  $A$  is an absolute  $\mathbf{J}$ -ring;
- (c) for any  $f \in A[X_n]$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $g \in A[X_n]$  with  $f + g + fg = 0$ ;
- (d) for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $A[X_n]$  is a nil ring;
- (e)  $A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$  is a nil ring;
- (f)  $A[X_{\mathbb{N}}]$  is a Jacobson radical ring.

**Proof.** (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (b). It follows from Theorem 2.19(i) that  $\bar{\mathbf{N}} = \bar{\mathbf{J}}$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (f). Let  $A \in \bar{\mathbf{J}}$ . Then by Theorem 2.19(i),  $A[X_{\mathbb{N}}] \in \mathbf{J}$ .

(f)  $\Rightarrow$  (e). If  $A[X_{\mathbb{N}}] \in \mathbf{J}$ , then  $A[X_{\mathbb{N}} \cup x] \cong A[X_{\mathbb{N}}] \in \mathbf{J}$ . Thus  $A[X_{\mathbb{N}}] \in \mathbf{N}$ .

(e)  $\Rightarrow$  (d)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) is clear. □

Amitsur proved that a nil algebra  $A$  over an infinite field  $F$  is absolutely nil if and only if  $A$  is an  $LBL$ -algebra (every finitely generated submodule of  $A$  is of bounded index, see [1]).

**Remark 2.21.** Let  $\gamma$  be a radical. If  $A[X_\alpha] \in \gamma$  for some  $\alpha$ , then  $A[x] \in \gamma$ .

Recall from Definition 2.3 that a radical  $\gamma$  has the *strong  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property* if  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) = \gamma(A)[X_\alpha]$ .

**Proposition 2.22.** For a radical  $\gamma$  and a cardinal  $\alpha$ , the following are equivalent.

- (a)  $S\gamma$  and  $\gamma$  are  $\alpha$ -polynomially extensible;
- (b)  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) = \gamma(A)[X_\alpha]$ .

**Proof.** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). From (a) we have  $\gamma(A)[X_\alpha] \in \gamma$ . Since

$$\gamma(A)[X_\alpha] \trianglelefteq A[X_\alpha], \quad \gamma(A)[X_\alpha] \subseteq \gamma(A[X_\alpha]),$$

we know that  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]/\gamma(A)[X_\alpha]) = \gamma(A[X_\alpha])/\gamma(A)[X_\alpha]$ . Again by (a),

$$0 = \gamma(A/\gamma(A))[X_\alpha] \cong \gamma(A[X_\alpha]/\gamma(A)[X_\alpha])$$

and thus  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) = \gamma(A)[X_\alpha]$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). This is clear, since for  $A \in \gamma$ ,  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) = \gamma(A)[X_\alpha] = A[X_\alpha]$  and for  $A \in S\gamma$ ,  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) = \gamma(A)[X_\alpha] = 0[X_\alpha] = 0$ . □

**Theorem 2.23.** Let  $\gamma$  be a **P**-radical. Then  $\gamma$  has the strong Amitsur property if and only if  $\gamma$  has the strong  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property for some (or any) cardinal  $\alpha$ .

**Proof.**  $\Rightarrow$ . By Proposition 2.22, if  $A \in \gamma$ , then  $A[X_n] \in \gamma$ , and  $A \in S\gamma$  implies  $A[X_n] \in S\gamma$ , for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence, again by Proposition 2.22,  $\gamma$  has the strong  $n$ -Amitsur property. Suppose  $\alpha$  is infinite and  $A \in S\gamma$ . For any  $a \in A[X_\alpha]$ , there exist  $x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_n} \in X_\alpha$  and  $a_{i_1, \dots, i_n} \in A$  such that  $a = \sum a_{i_1, \dots, i_n} x_{i_1}^{\alpha_1} \dots x_{i_n}^{\alpha_n}$ . Then  $A[x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_n}] \in S\gamma$  as above. But  $A[x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_n}]$  is a homomorphic image of  $A[X_\alpha]$ . Since  $a$  is an arbitrary element,  $A[X_\alpha]$  is a subdirect product of  $\gamma$ -semisimple rings. Since  $S\gamma$  is subdirectly closed,  $A[X_\alpha] \in S\gamma$ .

Let  $A \in \gamma$ . For every  $a \in A[X_\alpha]$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a \in A[X_n]$ . Since  $\gamma$  is a **P**-radical, for every element  $a$  of  $A[X_\alpha]$ ,  $a \in \mathbf{P}_{A[X_\alpha]}$ . Thus  $A[X_\alpha] \in \gamma$ . By Proposition 2.22,  $\gamma$  has the strong  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property.

$\Leftarrow$ . Suppose  $\gamma$  has the strong  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property and  $1 < \alpha$ . Suppose  $A \in \gamma$ . Then  $A[X_\alpha] \in \gamma$ . By Remark 2.21,  $A[X_1] \in \gamma$ .

Suppose  $A \in S\gamma$  and  $\gamma(A[x_1]) \neq 0$ . Then from above

$$\gamma(A[x_1])[x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}] \in \gamma \text{ and } 0 \neq \gamma(A[x_1])[x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}] \trianglelefteq A[X_n]$$

for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $\alpha$  is infinite, since  $\gamma$  is **P**-radical,  $\gamma(\gamma(A[x_1])[X_\alpha]) \neq 0$ . Therefore  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \neq 0$ . Since  $\gamma$  has the strong  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property,  $A[X_\alpha] \in S\gamma$ , a contradiction. □

The following corollary extends [4, Theorem 3.3] for commuting indeterminates. In general it need not be true for non-commuting indeterminates.

**Corollary 2.24.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a  $\mathbf{P}$ -radical with the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property. Then:*

- (i)  $\bar{\gamma}(A[X]) = \bar{\gamma}(A)[X]$ , for all  $A$ , where  $X$  are commuting indeterminates.
- (ii)  $\bar{\gamma}$  is the unique largest strong Amitsur radical in  $\gamma$ .

**Proposition 2.25.** *The semisimple class of idempotent radicals (that is all radical rings are idempotent) is polynomially extensible.*

**Proof.** Let  $\gamma$  be an idempotent radical and  $\gamma(A[x]) \neq 0$  and  $A \in S\gamma$ . It is clear that  $xA[x]$  is a subdirect product of nilpotent rings. Therefore  $\gamma(A[x]) \not\subseteq xA[x]$ , because  $\gamma(A[x])$  is an idempotent ring. Note that

$$((\gamma(A[x]) + xA[x])/xA[x]) \trianglelefteq (A[x])/xA[x] \cong A \in S\gamma.$$

Since  $\gamma(A[x]) \not\subseteq xA[x]$ , we have

$$0 \neq (\gamma(A[x]) + xA[x])/xA[x] \cong \gamma(A[x])/(\gamma(A[x]) \cap xA[x]) \in \gamma.$$

Therefore  $A$  contains a nonzero  $\gamma$  radical ideal, a contradiction. □

**Corollary 2.26.**

- (i) *Every polynomially extensible idempotent radical has the strong Amitsur property.*
- (ii) *Every nonzero hereditary idempotent radical has the Amitsur property but not the strong Amitsur property.*

**Proof.** (i) This follows from Propositions 2.25 and 2.22.

(ii) If  $\gamma(A[x]) \neq 0$  then  $\gamma(A[x]) \cap xA[x] \neq 0$  which is not idempotent. This is impossible. □

**Theorem 2.27.** *Let  $\gamma$  be an idempotent radical. Then  $\gamma$  has the Amitsur property if and only if it satisfies the condition*

$$(T) \quad f(x) \in \gamma(A[x]) \text{ implies } f(0) \in \gamma(A[x]).$$

**Proof.**  $\Rightarrow$ . This follows from [11].

$\Leftarrow$ . Suppose  $\gamma(A[x]) \neq 0$ . By a proof similar to that of Proposition 2.25, we get  $\gamma(A[x]) \not\subseteq xA[x]$ . Therefore there exists  $0 \neq a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n \in \gamma(A[x])$  such that  $a_0 \neq 0$ . Hence by condition (T),  $f(0) \in \gamma(A[x])$  and by Corollary 2.5,  $\gamma$  has the Amitsur property. □

### 3. Lattice of Radicals with $\alpha$ -Amitsur Property

Recall that  $\mathcal{L}(M)$  denotes the lower radical generated by a class  $M$  of rings and let  $\Lambda$  be any index set.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $\{\gamma_i\}_{i \in \Lambda}$  be a family of radicals with the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property. Then the radicals*

$$\gamma = \mathcal{L}(\bigcup_{\Lambda} \gamma_i) \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_o = \bigwedge_{\Lambda} \gamma_i = \bigcap_{\Lambda} \gamma_i$$

*have the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property.*

*Thus, for any cardinal  $\alpha$ , the class of radicals with  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property is a complete sublattice in the lattice of all radicals.*

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be a ring such that  $\gamma(A[X_\alpha]) \neq 0$ . Then there exists an  $i \in \Lambda$ , with  $\gamma_i(A[X_\alpha]) \neq 0$ . Since  $\gamma_i$  has the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property,

$$0 \neq (A \cap \gamma_i(A[X_\alpha]))[X_\alpha] = \gamma_i(A[X_\alpha]) \subseteq \gamma(A[X_\alpha]).$$

Thus  $0 \neq A \cap \gamma(A[X_\alpha])$  and, by Corollary 2.5,  $\gamma$  has the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property.

Now suppose  $\gamma_o(A[X_\alpha]) \neq 0$  for a ring  $A$ , and set

$$I_\alpha = \left\{ a_{i_1, \dots, i_n} \in A \mid \sum a_{i_1, \dots, i_n} x_1^{i_1} \cdots x_n^{i_n} \in \gamma_o(A[X_\alpha]) \right\}.$$

Denote by  $I^\alpha$  the ideal of  $A$  generated by  $I_\alpha$ . Then clearly

$$\gamma_o(A[X_\alpha]) \subseteq I^\alpha[X_\alpha] \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_i(I^\alpha[X_\alpha]) \neq 0 \text{ for every } i \in \Lambda.$$

We set  $J_i = I^\alpha \cap \gamma_i(I^\alpha[X_\alpha])$  and by the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property,

$$\gamma_i(I^\alpha[X_\alpha]) = J_i[X_\alpha].$$

Since  $I^\alpha \trianglelefteq A$  we have  $J_i \trianglelefteq A$ .

Now we claim that  $I^\alpha = J_i$  for all  $i \in \Lambda$ . Clearly  $J_i \subseteq I^\alpha$  and suppose  $I^\alpha \neq J_i$  for some  $i$ . Since  $J_i \trianglelefteq A$ , there exists  $a_{i_1, \dots, i_n} \in I^\alpha \setminus J_i$ . Thus there is some  $0 \neq f(X_\alpha) \in \gamma_i(I^\alpha[X_\alpha])$  such that  $f(X_\alpha) = a_{i_1, \dots, i_n} x_1^{i_1} \cdots x_n^{i_n} + g(X_\alpha)$  where  $g(X_\alpha)$  has no member of  $x_1^{i_1} \cdots x_n^{i_n}$ .

Since  $\gamma_o(A[X_\alpha]) \subseteq \gamma_i(I^\alpha[X_\alpha]) = J_i[X_\alpha]$ , all coefficients of  $f(X_\alpha)$  are in  $J_i$ , a contradiction. Thus  $I^\alpha = J_i$ , for all  $i$ . Hence by Lemma 2.1,  $I^\alpha[X_\alpha] \subseteq \gamma_i(I^\alpha[X_\alpha])$ . From this we have  $\gamma_o(I^\alpha[X_\alpha]) = I^\alpha[X_\alpha]$ . Since  $\gamma_o(A[X_\alpha]) \neq 0$ , also  $I^\alpha \neq 0$  and so  $0 \neq I^\alpha \cap I^\alpha[X_\alpha] \subseteq A \cap \gamma(A[X_\alpha])$ . By Corollary 2.5,  $\gamma_o$  has the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property. □

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $\alpha$  be a cardinal.*

- (i) *Any radical contains a unique largest subradical with the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property.*
- (ii) *For any radical  $\gamma$  there exists a unique minimal radical  $\sigma$  with  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property such that  $\gamma \subseteq \sigma$ .*

**Remark 3.3.** Denote by  $\mathbb{L}_\alpha$  the lattice of radicals with the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property. Then, by Corollary 2.7, we have the ascending chain

$$\mathbb{L}_1 \subseteq \mathbb{L}_2 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \mathbb{L}_\alpha \subseteq \cdots.$$

A radical  $\gamma$  is said to be *hereditary* (*left, right, strongly hereditary*), if  $I \trianglelefteq \gamma(A)$  ( $L \trianglelefteq_l \gamma(A)$ ,  $R \trianglelefteq_r \gamma(A)$ , subring  $S \subseteq \gamma(A)$ ) implies  $I \in \gamma$  ( $L \in \gamma$ ,  $R \in \gamma$ ,  $S \in \gamma$ ), respectively (see [5]).

We note the following (see [2, 5, 13, 16] and [15]).

**Proposition 3.4.** *The class of all (left, right, strongly) hereditary radicals is a complete sublattice in the lattice of all radical classes.*

**Corollary 3.5.** *The class of all (left, right, strongly) hereditary radicals with the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property is a complete sublattice in the lattice of all radical classes.*

**Proof.** This follows from the Propositions 3.1 and 3.4. □

**Proposition 3.6.** *The class of all strong Amitsur radicals is a complete sublattice.*

**Proof.** A radical  $\gamma$  is strongly Amitsur if and only if  $S\gamma$  and  $\gamma$  are polynomially extensible. Thus the assertion follows from Theorem 2.4 and the Propositions 3.1 and 2.14. □

**Proposition 3.7.** *The class of all (left, right, strongly) hereditary radicals with the strong Amitsur property is a complete sublattice in the lattice of all radical classes.*

**Proof.** This is a consequence of the Propositions 3.4 and 3.6. □

From the above results it is natural to ask which of the radicals are coatomic. We will give an answer to this question. Let  $X$  be an infinite set of indeterminates and denote by  $|M|$  the cardinality of any set  $M$ .

**Lemma 3.8.** *Let  $A$  be a semiprime ring. Then there exists a nonzero ideal  $I_J$  of  $A$  such that  $|I_J| \leq |J|$  for  $0 \neq J \trianglelefteq A[X]$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $0 \neq J \trianglelefteq A[X]$ . Then there exists  $0 \neq f(X) \in J$  such that the degree of  $f(X)$  is minimal. From those elements, we can choose an element  $f_0(X) = \sum a_{i_1, \dots, i_n} x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_n^{\alpha_n}$  with minimal length. Since  $f_0(X) \neq 0$ , there exists  $b = a_{i_1, \dots, i_n} \neq 0$ . We consider the ideal  $I_J = A^1 b A^1 \trianglelefteq A$  and the map

$$\phi : I_J \rightarrow J, \quad c = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i b b_i \mapsto \bar{c} = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i f_0(X) b_i.$$

Indeed if  $c, d \in I_J$  such that  $c \neq d$  then  $\bar{c} \neq \bar{d}$  because the length of  $f_0(X)$  is minimal. Clearly that if  $c = d$  then  $\bar{c} = \bar{d}$ . Thus  $|I_J| \leq |J|$ . □

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $X$  be an infinite set of indeterminates. Then the lower radical  $\gamma = \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle)$  determined by the free ring  $\mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle$  is strongly hereditary and has the strong Amitsur property.*

**Proof.** First we show that  $\gamma$  has the strong Amitsur property. We claim that if a ring  $A \in S\gamma$ , then  $A[x] \in S\gamma$ . Suppose  $A \in S\gamma$  and  $J = \gamma(A[x]) \neq 0$ . Since  $J \in \gamma$ ,  $J$  has a nonzero accessible subring  $J_1$  (that is,  $J_1 \trianglelefteq J_2 \trianglelefteq \dots \trianglelefteq J_n = J \trianglelefteq A[x]$ ) such that  $J_1 \cong \mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle / I$  for some ideal  $I$  of  $\mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle$ . Hence

$$|J_1| = |\mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle / I| \leq |\mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle|.$$

Denoting by  $\langle J_1 \rangle$  the ideal of  $J_3$  generated by  $J_1$ , we have

$$\langle J_1 \rangle \trianglelefteq J_3 \trianglelefteq \dots \trianglelefteq J_n = J \trianglelefteq A[x],$$

and by Andrunakievich’s Lemma,  $\langle J_1 \rangle^3 \subseteq J_1$ . Continuing this procedure we get that  $J_0 = \langle \dots \langle \langle J_1 \rangle^3 \rangle^3 \dots \rangle^3$  is an ideal of  $A[x]$  and  $J_0 \subseteq J_1$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore  $|J_0| \leq |J_1| \leq |\mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle|$ .

It is easy to see that the Baer radical  $\beta \subseteq \gamma$ . Since  $A \in S\gamma$ ,  $A$  is a semiprime ring. Hence  $J_0 \neq 0$ . By Lemma 3.8, there exists a nonzero ideal  $I_0$  of  $A$  such that  $|I_0| \leq |J_0|$ . Hence  $I_0$  is a homomorphic image of  $\mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle$ . Since  $A \in S\gamma$  and  $I_0 \trianglelefteq A$ ,  $I_0 \in S\gamma \cap \gamma = 0$ . This is a contradiction.

Next we show that  $A \in \gamma$  implies  $A[x] \in \gamma$ . We may assume that  $A$  is a semiprime ring. Since  $A \in \gamma$  there exists an accessible subring  $J_1$  such that  $J_1$  is a homomorphic image of  $\mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle$ . In the same way as above we can find a nonzero ideal  $I_\lambda$  of  $A$  such that  $I_\lambda \cong \mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle / I_\lambda^0$  for some  $I_\lambda^0 \trianglelefteq \mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle$ . Therefore  $I_\lambda[x] \in \gamma$ .

Put  $I = \sum \{ I_\lambda \trianglelefteq A \mid \text{such that } I_\lambda[x] \in \gamma \}$ . Then  $I[x] = (\sum I_\lambda)[x] = \sum (I_\lambda[x]) \in \gamma$ . Suppose that  $I \neq A$ . Then  $A[x] / I[x] \cong (A/I)[x] = \bar{A}[x]$  and  $0 \neq \bar{A} \in \gamma$ . Thus, as above, there exists  $0 \neq \bar{B} \trianglelefteq \bar{A}$  such that  $\bar{B}[x] \in \gamma$  where  $\bar{B} = B/I$  for some  $B \trianglelefteq A$ . Therefore  $B[x] \in \gamma$ , a contradiction. Hence we have  $\gamma(A[x]) = A[x]$  and, by Proposition 2.22,  $\gamma$  has the strong Amitsur property. The hereditariness follows from [16, Proposition 8]. □

**Theorem 3.10.** *There is no coatom in the lattice of all radicals with the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property (which are hereditary, left hereditary, or strongly hereditary).*

*Moreover, there is no coatom in the lattice of all strong Amitsur radicals (which are hereditary, left hereditary, strongly hereditary).*

**Proof.** Let  $\gamma$  be a coatom in the lattice of radicals with the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property radicals. Then there exists a free ring  $\mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle \notin \gamma$  with  $|X|$  infinite. We consider the lower radical  $\sigma$  generated by  $\gamma$  and  $\mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle$ . Then, by Corollary 1 in [6],  $\sigma \neq$  all rings. Hence, by Theorems 3.1 and 3.9, it has the  $\alpha$ -Amitsur property.

The other cases are covered by Corollary 3.5. □

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