### AMALGAMATED DUPLICATION OF SOME SPECIAL RINGS

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ABSTRACT. Let R be a commutative Noetherian ring and let I be an ideal of R. In this paper we study the amalgamated duplication ring  $R\bowtie I$  which is introduced by D'Anna and Fontana. It is shown that if R is generically Cohen-Macaulay (resp. generically Gorenstein) and I is generically maximal Cohen-Macaulay (resp. generically canonical module), then  $R\bowtie I$  is generically Cohen-Macaulay (resp. generically Gorenstein). We also defined generically quasi-Gorenstein ring and we investigate when  $R\bowtie I$  is generically quasi-Gorenstein. In addition, it is shown that  $R\bowtie I$  is approximately Cohen-Macaulay if and only if R is approximately Cohen-Macaulay, provided some special conditions. Finally it is shown that if R is approximately Gorenstein, then  $R\bowtie I$  is approximately Gorenstein.

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper all rings are considered commutative with identity element and all ring homomorphisms are unital. In [8], D'Anna and Fontana considered a different type of construction obtained involving a ring R and an ideal  $I \subset R$  that is denoted by  $R \bowtie I$ , called amalgamated duplication, and it is defined as the following subring of  $R \times R$ :

$$R\bowtie I=\{(r,r+i)\mid r\in R, i\in I\}\cdot$$

In [6] D'Anna showed that if R is a Noetherian local ring, then  $R\bowtie I$  is Cohen-Macaulay if and only if R is Cohen-Macaulay and I is maximal Cohen-Macaulay. In [1] it is shown that if R is a Noetherian local ring, then  $R\bowtie I$  is Gorenstein if and only if R is Cohen-Macaulay and I is a canonical module for R, and then R/I is Cohen-Macaulay of dimension  $\dim(R)-1$ . In this paper it is shown that if  $R\bowtie I$  is a Gorenstein ring where I is a non-zero flat ideal of Noetherian zero dimensional ring R, then R is Gorenstein (see Proposition 2.2). Recently, the authors in [4] showed that if R is a Noetherian local ring and I is a proper ideal of R such that  $\operatorname{Ann}_R(I)=0$ , then  $R\bowtie I$  is a quasi-Gorenstein

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ring if and only if  $\widehat{R}$  satisfies Serre's condition  $(S_2)$  and I is a canonical ideal of R.

Recall that a Noetherian ring R is called generically Cohen-Macaulay (resp. generically Gorenstein) if the ring  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is Cohen-Macaulay (resp. Gorenstein) for all  $\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Ass}(R)$ . Every Cohen-Macaulay (resp. Gorenstein) ring is also generically Cohen-Macaulay (resp. generically Gorenstein) and every Artinian generically Cohen-Macaulay (resp. generically Gorenstein) ring is Cohen-Macaulay (resp. Gorenstein). In Section 2 we define a generically quasi-Gorenstein ring and we investigate when  $R \bowtie I$  is a generically Cohen-Macaulay (resp. generically Gorenstein, generically quasi-Gorenstein) ring (see Theorem 2.8 and Proposition 2.9).

In [9] Goto defined approximately Cohen-Macaulay ring and in [13] the authors examined how this property transfers under flat maps and tensor product operations. In [10] Hochster defined approximately Gorenstein ring. In Section 3 we provide necessary and sufficient conditions which led  $R \bowtie I$  be an approximately Cohen-Macaulay (resp. approximately Gorenstein) ring (see Proposition 3.2 and Theorem 3.4).

# 2. Generically Cohen-Macaulay, generically Gorenstein and generically quasi-Gorenstein rings

As general reference for terminology and well-known results, we refer the reader to [5]. This section deals with some general results about generically Cohen-Macaulay, generically Gorenstein and generically quasi-Gorenstein properties of a general construction, introduced in [8], called amalgamated duplication of a ring along an ideal.

Let R be a commutative ring with unit element 1 and let I be a proper ideal of R. Set

$$R \bowtie I = \{(r, s) \mid r, s \in R, s - r \in I\}$$

It is easy to check that  $R \bowtie I$  is a subring, with unit element (1,1), of  $R \times R$  (with the usual componentwise operations) and that  $R \bowtie I = \{(r,r+i) \mid r \in R, i \in I\}$ . In the following we bring some main properties of the ring  $R \bowtie I$  from [6].

**Proposition 2.1.** Let R be a ring and let I be an ideal of R. Then the following statements hold.

(1) The map  $f: R \oplus I \to R \bowtie I$  defined by f((r,i)) = (r,r+i) is an R-isomorphism. Moreover, there is a split exact sequence of R-modules

(a) 
$$0 \to R \xrightarrow{\varphi} R \bowtie I \xrightarrow{\psi} I \to 0,$$

where  $\varphi(r) = (r, r)$  for all  $r \in R$ , and  $\psi((r, s)) = s - r$  for all  $(r, s) \in R \bowtie I$ . We also have the short exact sequence of R-modules:

(b) 
$$0 \to I \xrightarrow{\psi'} R \bowtie I \xrightarrow{\varphi'} R \to 0,$$

where  $\psi'(i) = (0, i)$  and  $\varphi'((r, s)) = r$  for every  $r \in R$  and  $(r, s) \in R \bowtie I$ . Note that the exact sequence (b) is also a sequence of  $R \bowtie I$ -module, while the other one is not.

(2) Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime ideal of R and set:

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathfrak{p}_0 = \{(p, p+i) \mid p \in \mathfrak{p}, i \in I \cap \mathfrak{p}\}, \\ &\mathfrak{p}_1 = \{(p, p+i) \mid p \in \mathfrak{p}, i \in I\}, \ and \\ &\mathfrak{p}_2 = \{(p+i, p) \mid p \in \mathfrak{p}, i \in I\}. \end{aligned}$$

- (a) If  $I \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ , then  $\mathfrak{p}_0 = \mathfrak{p}_1 = \mathfrak{p}_2$  is a prime ideal of  $R \bowtie I$  and it is the unique prime ideal of  $R \bowtie I$  lying over  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $(R \bowtie I)_{\mathfrak{p}_0} \cong R_{\mathfrak{p}} \bowtie I_{\mathfrak{p}}$ .
- (b) If  $I \nsubseteq \mathfrak{p}$ , then  $\mathfrak{p}_1 \neq \mathfrak{p}_2$  and  $\mathfrak{p}_1 \cap \mathfrak{p}_2 = \mathfrak{p}_0$ . Moreover,  $\mathfrak{p}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{p}_2$  are the only prime ideals of  $R \bowtie I$  lying over  $\mathfrak{p}$ , and  $(R \bowtie I)_{\mathfrak{p}_1} \cong R_{\mathfrak{p}} \cong (R \bowtie I)_{\mathfrak{p}_2}$ .
- (3) R and  $R \bowtie I$  have the same Krull dimension and if R is a local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ , then  $R \bowtie I$  is local with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}_0 = \{(r,r+i) \mid r \in \mathfrak{m}, i \in I\}$ . Also, if R is a Noetherian ring, then  $R \bowtie I$  is a finitely generated R-module.

In [6, Discussion 10], D'Anna showed that if R is a local ring of dimension d and I is a non-unit ideal of R, then the ring  $R\bowtie I$  is Cohen-Macaulay if and only if R is Cohen-Macaulay and I is a maximal Cohen-Macaulay R-module. Recently in [1, Theorem 1.8], it is shown that if R is a Noetherian local ring, then  $R\bowtie I$  is Gorenstein if and only if R is Cohen-Macaulay and I is a canonical module for R, and then R/I is Cohen-Macaulay of dimension  $\dim(R)-1$ . In the following proposition we suppose that  $R\bowtie I$  is Gorenstein and we would like to know when R is Gorenstein.

**Proposition 2.2.** Let I be a non-zero flat ideal of Noetherian zero dimensional ring R. If  $R \bowtie I$  is a Gorenstein ring, then R is Gorenstein.

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.1(3),  $\dim(R\bowtie I)=\dim(R)=0$  and so  $R\bowtie I$  is self-injective. Hence by [14, Corollary 3.4],  $\operatorname{id}_R(R\bowtie I)=\operatorname{fd}_R(R\bowtie I)$ . Now by assumption I is a flat ideal of R, so  $R\bowtie I$  is a flat R-module. Therefore  $R\bowtie I$  is an injective R-module and hence for every R-module M and every integer  $i\geq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{array}{ll} 0 & = \operatorname{Ext}^i_R(M, R \bowtie I) \\ & \cong \operatorname{Ext}^i_R(M, R) \oplus \operatorname{Ext}^i_R(M, I). \end{array}$$

So for every R-module M and for all  $i \geq 1$ , we have  $\operatorname{Ext}_R^i(M,R) = 0$ . Hence R is self-injective and therefore R is Gorenstein, since  $\dim(R) = 0$ .

We recall the notion of quasi-Gorenstein ring due to Platte and Storch in [12].

**Definition 2.3.** A local ring R is said to be a quasi-Gorenstein ring if a canonical module of R exists and is a free R-module (of rank one). This is equivalent to saying that  $H^d_{\mathfrak{m}}(R) \cong E_R(R/\mathfrak{m})$ , where  $d = \dim R$  and  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the maximal ideal of R.

The ring R is Gorenstein if and only if it is quasi-Gorenstein and Cohen-Macaulay. In [4, Theorem 3.3], it is shown that if R is a Noetherian local ring and I is a proper ideal of R such that  $\operatorname{Ann}_R(I) = 0$ , then  $R \bowtie I$  is a quasi-Gorenstein ring if and only if  $\widehat{R}$  satisfies Serre's condition  $(S_2)$  and I is a canonical ideal of R.

Recall that a Noetherian ring R is called generically Cohen-Macaulay (resp. generically Gorenstein) if the ring  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is Cohen-Macaulay (resp. Gorenstein) for all  $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathrm{Ass}(R)$ . Every Cohen-Macaulay (resp. Gorenstein) ring is also generically Cohen-Macaulay (resp. generically Gorenstein) and every Artinian generically Cohen-Macaulay (resp. generically Gorenstein) ring is Cohen-Macaulay (resp. Gorenstein). We are ready now to introduce generically quasi-Gorenstein ring.

**Definition 2.4.** Let R be a Noetherian local ring. Then R is called generically quasi-Gorenstein if the ring  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is quasi-Gorenstein for all  $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathrm{Ass}(R)$ .

According to [2, Corollary 2.4], the localization of every quasi-Gorenstein ring is quasi-Gorenstein. Therefore every quasi-Gorenstein ring is generically quasi-Gorenstein. It is straightforward to see that if R is a zero dimensional local ring, then R is quasi-Gorenstein if and only if R is generically quasi-Gorenstein. It is routine to show that a Noetherian local ring R is generically Gorenstein if and only if R is generically quasi-Gorenstein and generically Cohen-Macaulay.

We are interested in understanding when  $R \bowtie I$  is generically Cohen-Macaulay (resp. generically Gorenstein, generically quasi-Gorenstein). In the following lemma we investigate the associated prime ideals of the ring  $R \bowtie I$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** Let R be a Noetherian ring and let I be a proper ideal of R. Consider the ring homomorphism  $\varphi: R \to R \bowtie I$ , where  $\varphi(r) = (r, r)$ . Then the following statements hold.

- (i) If  $\mathfrak{p} \in Ass(R \bowtie I)$ , then  $\varphi^{-1}(\mathfrak{p}) \in Ass(R)$ .
- (ii) If  $\mathfrak{q} \in Ass(R)$ , then there exists  $\mathfrak{p} \in Ass(R \bowtie I)$  such that  $\varphi^{-1}(\mathfrak{p}) = \mathfrak{q}$ .

*Proof.* (i) The exact sequence  $0 \to I \to R \bowtie I \to R \to 0$  of  $R \bowtie I$ -modules implies that

$$\operatorname{Ass}(R \bowtie I) \subseteq \operatorname{Ass}_{R\bowtie I}(I) \cup \operatorname{Ass}_{R\bowtie I}(R)$$
$$= \operatorname{Ass}_{R\bowtie I}(R).$$

So by assumption  $\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Ass}_{R\bowtie I}(R)$ . By [11, Exercise 6.7] we have  $\varphi^{-1}(\mathfrak{p}) \in \operatorname{Ass}(R)$ , since R is a finitely generated  $R\bowtie I$ -module.

(ii) From the R-monomorphism  $\varphi: R \to R \bowtie I$ , we have  $\operatorname{Ass}_R(R) \subseteq \operatorname{Ass}_R(R\bowtie I)$ . So by assumption  $\mathfrak{q}\in\operatorname{Ass}_R(R\bowtie I)$  and by [11, Exercise 6.7] there exists  $\mathfrak{p}\in\operatorname{Ass}_{R\bowtie I}(R\bowtie I)$  such that  $\varphi^{-1}(\mathfrak{p})=\mathfrak{q}$ .

**Definition 2.6.** A finitely generated R-module M is called generically maximal Cohen-Macaulay (resp. generically canonical module) if the  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -module  $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is maximal Cohen-Macaulay (resp. canonical module) for all  $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathrm{Ass}(R)$ .

**Definition 2.7.** The ring R is called generically  $(S_n)$  if  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  satisfies Serre's condition  $(S_n)$  for all  $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathrm{Ass}(R)$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** Let R be a Noetherian ring and let I be a proper ideal of R. Then the following statements hold.

- (i) If  $R \bowtie I$  is generically Cohen-Macaulay, then R is generically Cohen-Macaulay.
- (ii) If R is generically Cohen-Macaulay (resp. generically Gorenstein) and I is generically maximal Cohen-Macaulay (resp. generically canonical module), then  $R \bowtie I$  is generically Cohen-Macaulay (resp. generically Gorenstein).
- (iii) If R is generically quasi-Gorenstein and I is a generically canonical ideal of R, then  $R\bowtie I$  is generically quasi-Gorenstein.
- (iv) If  $Ann_R(I) = 0$ , then R is generically  $(S_2)$  provided that  $R \bowtie I$  is generically quasi-Gorenstein.

*Proof.* We prove items (iii) and (iv). The proof of the others is similar.

- (iii) Let  $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathrm{Ass}(R \bowtie I)$ . By Lemma 2.5,  $\mathfrak{q} = \varphi^{-1}(\mathfrak{p}) \in \mathrm{Ass}(R)$ . According to Proposition 2.1(2), we have the following two cases:
- Case (1). If  $I \subseteq \mathfrak{q}$ , then  $(R \bowtie I)_{\mathfrak{p}} \cong R_{\mathfrak{q}} \bowtie I_{\mathfrak{q}}$ . By assumption  $I_{\mathfrak{q}}$  is a canonical ideal and  $R_{\mathfrak{q}}$  is quasi-Gorenstein. Therefore  $R_{\mathfrak{q}}$  satisfies Serre's condition  $(S_2)$  by [3, Remark 1.4]. Hence  $\widehat{R_{\mathfrak{q}}}$  satisfies Serre's condition  $(S_2)$  by [3, Proposition 1.2]. Now according to [4, Theorem 3.3],  $(R \bowtie I)_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is quasi-Gorenstein.
- Case (2). If  $I \nsubseteq \mathfrak{q}$ , then  $(R \bowtie I)_{\mathfrak{p}} \cong R_{\mathfrak{q}}$ . So  $(R \bowtie I)_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is quasi-Gorenstein.
- (iv) Let  $\mathfrak{q} \in \mathrm{Ass}(R)$ . By Lemma 2.5, there exists  $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathrm{Ass}(R \bowtie I)$  such that  $\varphi^{-1}(\mathfrak{p}) = \mathfrak{q}$  and, by Proposition 2.1(2), we have the following two cases:
- Case (1). If  $I \subseteq \mathfrak{q}$ , then  $(R \bowtie I)_{\mathfrak{p}} \cong R_{\mathfrak{q}} \bowtie I_{\mathfrak{q}}$ . So by assumption  $R_{\mathfrak{q}} \bowtie I_{\mathfrak{q}}$  is quasi-Gorenstein. Therefore by [4, Theorem 3.3],  $\widehat{R}_{\mathfrak{q}}$  satisfies Serre's condition  $(S_2)$  and so  $R_{\mathfrak{q}}$  satisfies Serre's condition  $(S_2)$  by [3, Proposition 1.2].
- Case (2). If  $I \nsubseteq \mathfrak{q}$ , then  $(R \bowtie I)_{\mathfrak{p}} \cong R_{\mathfrak{q}}$ . So  $R_{\mathfrak{q}}$  satisfies Serre's condition  $(S_2)$ , by [3, Remark 1.4].

**Proposition 2.9.** Let R be a Cohen-Macaulay ring and let I be a non-zero ideal of R such that  $I_{\mathfrak{q}}$  is a flat  $R_{\mathfrak{q}}$ -module for all  $\mathfrak{q} \in Ass(R)$ . If  $R \bowtie I$  is generically Gorenstein, then R is generically Gorenstein.

*Proof.* Note that dim  $(R_{\mathfrak{q}}) = 0$  for all  $\mathfrak{q} \in \mathrm{Ass}(R)$ , since R is Cohen-Macaulay. The assertion follows by Propositions 2.2 and 2.1(3).

## 3. Approximately Cohen-Macaulay and approximately Gorenstein rings

In this section we study when  $R \bowtie I$  is approximately Cohen-Macaulay and when it is approximately Gorenstein. To state the first result of this section, we need the notion of approximately Cohen-Macaulay ring due to Goto in [9].

**Definition 3.1.** The local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  is called an approximately Cohen-Macaulay ring if either dim (R) = 0 or there exists an element a of  $\mathfrak{m}$  such that  $R/a^nR$  is a Cohen-Macaulay ring of dimension dim (R) - 1 for every integer n > 0.

It is straightforward to see that a Cohen-Macaulay local ring R is approximately Cohen-Macaulay and the converse is true when  $\dim(R)=0$ . Also Goto in [9, Corollary 2.8], showed that if  $(R,\mathfrak{m})$  is an approximately Cohen-Macaulay local ring such that  $\dim(R)\geq 2$  and that  $H^i_{\mathfrak{m}}(R)$  is finitely generated R-module for all  $i\neq \dim(R)$ , then R is Cohen-Macaulay.

The next result shows that  $R \bowtie I$  is approximately Cohen-Macaulay if and only if R is approximately Cohen-Macaulay provided some special conditions.

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a Noetherian local ring and let I be a nonzero flat ideal of R. Assume that R is not a Cohen-Macaulay ring such that R is a homomorphic image of a Cohen-Macaulay local ring. Then  $R \bowtie I$  is approximately Cohen-Macaulay if and only if R is approximately Cohen-Macaulay.

*Proof.* Note that  $\varphi: R \to R \bowtie I$  is a flat ring homomorphism. By [7, Proposition 5.1], we have  $R \bowtie I/\mathfrak{m}_0 \cong R/\mathfrak{m}$ , where  $\mathfrak{m}_0 = \{(r, r+i) \mid r \in \mathfrak{m}, i \in I\}$  is the maximal ideal of  $R \bowtie I$ . So  $R \bowtie I/\mathfrak{m}_0$  is a Cohen-Macaulay ring. Now the assertion follows from [13, Theorem 6].

Before stating our main results of this section, we recall the definition of approximately Gorenstein ring due to Hochster in [10].

**Definition 3.3.** A Notherian local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  is called approximately Gorenstein, if for every integer n > 0 there is an ideal  $I \subseteq \mathfrak{m}^n$  such that R/I is Gorenstein.

It is routine to see that every Gorenstein ring is approximately Gorenstein, and a zero dimensional ring is approximately Gorenstein if and only if it is Gorenstein. While approximately Gorenstein rings must have positive depth, they need not to be Cohen-Macaulay. In fact, every complete Noetherian domain is approximately Gorenstein [10, Theorem 1.6].

The next result shows that  $R\bowtie I$  is approximately Gorenstein provided some special conditions.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a Notherian local ring and let I be a proper ideal of R. Then the following statements hold.

- (i) If R is approximately Gorenstein, then  $R \bowtie I$  is approximately Gorenstein.
- (ii) If  $R \bowtie I$  is Gorenstein and R is generically Gorenstein, then R is approximately Gorenstein.

*Proof.* (i) According to Proposition 2.1(3),  $(R \bowtie I, \mathfrak{m}_0)$  is a Notherian local ring. Let n > 0 be an integer. By assumption there exists an ideal  $J \subseteq \mathfrak{m}^n$  such that R/J is Gorenstein. By [7, Proposition 5.1],  $J \bowtie I$  is an ideal of  $R \bowtie I$  and

$$\frac{R\bowtie I}{J\bowtie I}\cong \frac{R}{J}.$$

It is straightforward to see that  $J \bowtie I \subseteq \mathfrak{m}^n \bowtie I = \mathfrak{m}_0^n$  and so  $(R \bowtie I)/(J \bowtie I)$  is Gorenstein, therefore the assertion is proved.

(ii) By [1, Theorem 1.8], R is Cohen-Macaulay and I is a canonical ideal of R. The assertion follows from [10, Remarks (4.8b)].

**Corollary 3.5.** Let R be a generically Gorenstein local ring and let I be a proper ideal of R. Assume that R is Cohen-Macaulay with canonical module. Then  $R \bowtie I$  is approximately Gorenstein.

*Proof.* According to [10, Remarks (4.8b)], R is approximately Gorenstein, so  $R \bowtie I$  is approximately Gorenstein by Theorem 3.4(i).

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