

## Characterization of Prime and Maximal Ideals of Product Rings by $\mathcal{F}$ -lim

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ABSTRACT. Let  $\{R_i\}_{i \in I}$  be an infinite family of rings and  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$  their product. In this paper, we investigate the prime spectrum of  $R$  by  $\mathcal{F}$ -limits. Special attention is paid to relationship between the elements of  $\text{Spec}(R_i)$  and the elements of  $\text{Spec}(\prod_{i \in I} R_i)$  use  $\mathcal{F}$ -lim, also we give a new condition so that  $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$  is a zero dimensional ring.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with an identity element. We also denote by  $\text{Max}(R)$ ,  $\beta(I)$ , respectively the collection of all Maximal ideals of  $R$ , the set of all ultrafilters on  $I$ . We recall that  $R$  is a zero-dimensional ring if all prime ideals are maximal.

Let  $\{\mathbf{R}_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a nonempty family of rings and  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$  their product. Several articles in the literature have dealt with the problem of characterization of the prime ideals of  $R$  with purely algebraic methods [2]. Particularly, it investigated the ultraproducts of  $\{\mathbf{R}_i\}_{i \in I}$ . There has been a great deal of work concerning the relationship between ultrafilter on  $I$  and maximal ideals in products of  $\{R_i\}_{i \in I}$  (see [3]). On the other hand, the notion of  $\mathcal{F}$ -lim of a sequence of prime ideals is related to a construction proposed by S. Garcia-Ferreira and L. M. Ruza-Montilla in [4] by giving some properties on the prime spectrum of a commutative ring. The purpose of the present work is to give a characterization of the ideals on  $\text{Spec}(\prod_{i \in I} R_i)$  by  $\mathcal{F}$ -lim, and give a relationship between the elements of  $\text{Spec}(R_i)$  and the elements of  $\text{Spec}(\prod_{i \in I} R_i)$  use  $\mathcal{F}$ -lim, we finish by giving a new condition for a product of zero-dimensional rings to be a zero-dimensional ring.

The paper is organized as follows, in the first section, we define the  $\mathcal{F}$ -lim of a collection of ideals for a commutative ring  $R$  and give some basic properties.

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Thereby, we characterize the maximal ideals of  $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$  with  $\mathcal{F}$ -lim. While in the second section, we give a relation between the maximal and prime ideals of  $R_i$  and the maximal ideals of  $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$  use  $\mathcal{F}$ -lim.

Now we state without proof some well-known properties (see [3]).

## 2. Notation and Preliminaries

We begin by giving some notation and preliminary results. If  $\{R_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a nonempty family of rings indexed by a set  $I$ , their product will be denoted by  $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$ . Elements of this product are frequently considered in two different ways. The most rigorous way is to consider  $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$  as the set of all functions  $f : I \rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} R_i$  such that  $f(i) \in R_i$  for each  $i \in I$ . An alternate approach is to regard elements of  $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$  as tuples  $\{r_i\}_{i \in I}$ , where  $r_i \in R_i$  for each  $i$ . We are interested in the first perspective.

We will work in at least ZFC, that is, Zermelo-Frankel set theory with the axiom of choice. We will in certain cases use additional axioms. We recall that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a filter on  $I$  if it is a subset of the power set of  $I$  that satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{F}$  and  $I \in \mathcal{F}$ ;
2. If  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $A \cap B \in \mathcal{F}$ ;
3. If  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $A \subset A' \subset I$ , then  $A' \in \mathcal{F}$ ;

A filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $I$  is called an ultrafilter if  $\mathcal{F}$  is maximal with respect to being a filter, or equivalently, if whenever  $A \subset I$ , then either  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  or  $I \setminus A \in \mathcal{F}$ . An ultrafilter  $\mathcal{F}$  is called principal if there exists an element  $i_0 \in I$  such that  $\mathcal{F}$  consist of all subsets of  $I$  that contain  $i_0$ . Other ultrafilters are called non-principal. We denote the collection of all ultrafilters on a set  $I$  by  $\beta(I)$ . Now we state without proof some well-known properties (see [3]).

**Remark 2.1.** Let  $\{R_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a nonempty family of commutative unitary rings indexed by a set  $I$  and let  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ . For  $f \in R$ , let  $\mathcal{Y}(f) := \{i \in I : f(i) \in R_i \setminus U(R_i)\}$ , where  $U(R_i)$  denotes the set of all unit elements of  $R_i$ . For an ideal  $J$  of  $R$ , let  $\mathcal{Y}(J) = \{\mathcal{Y}(f) : f \in J\}$ .

1. If  $J$  is a proper ideal of  $R$ , then  $\mathcal{Y}(J)$  is a filter on  $I$ ; if  $J$  is prime,  $\mathcal{Y}(J)$  is an ultrafilter on  $I$ ;
2. If each  $R_i$  is quasilocal and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a filter on  $I$ , then  $J_{\mathcal{F}} = \{f \in R : \mathcal{Y}(f) \in \mathcal{F}\}$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $\mathcal{Y}(J_{\mathcal{F}}) = \mathcal{F}$ . Thus  $J_{\mathcal{F}}$  is the unique largest ideal of  $R$  such that  $\mathcal{Y}(J) = \mathcal{F}$ ;
3. If each  $R_i$  is quasilocal, then the map  $M \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}(M)$  is a bijection between the set of maximal ideals of  $R$  and the set of ultrafilter on  $I$ , this map restricts to a bijection between the set of maximal ideals of  $R$  that contain an ideal  $P$  and the set of free ultrafilter on  $I$ . Moreover, each  $P \in \text{Spec}(R)$  is contained in a unique maximal ideal of  $R$ .

In the following definition, we give a construction of the ideals of  $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$  starting from the ideals of  $R_i$  using the ultrafilters.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ , where  $I$  is an infinite set and each  $R_i$  is nonzero rings, recall  $\hat{i}$  denotes the principal ultrafilter on  $I$  generated by  $\{i\}$ , we define for any ideal  $N_i$  of  $R_i$  the set  $(\hat{i}, N_i) := \{r \in R : r_i \in N_i\}$ .

It is easy to show that  $(\hat{i}, N_i)$  is also an ideal of  $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$ . Notice that

$$(\hat{i}, N_i) = \{r \in R : \{j \in I : r_j \in N_j\} \in \hat{i}\}.$$

**Example 2.3.** Let  $f \in \prod_{i \in I} R_i$  such that  $f(k) = 1$  if  $k \neq i$  and  $f(i) = 0$ . Then  $(\hat{i}, 0) = (f)$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $A$  be a set,  $S(A)$  be the set of all subsets of  $A$  and let  $I$  be a set,  $\mathcal{F}$  an ultrafilter on  $I$ , and  $\{S_i : i \in I\} \subseteq S(A)$ , we define

$$\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} S_i := \{a \in A : \{i \in I : a \in S_i\} \in \mathcal{F}\}.$$

We note that the set  $\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} S_i$  is a subset of  $A$ .

**Example 2.5.**

1. Let  $R$  be ring and let  $I$  be an infinite set. If  $P_i \in \text{Spec}(R)$ , for each  $i \in I$ , and  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter on  $I$ , then

$$\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} P_i := \{a \in \mathbf{R} : \{i \in I : a \in P_i\} \in \mathcal{F}\}.$$

is a prime ideal. We check the prime property.

Let  $P_i \in \text{Spec}(R)$  and suppose that  $ab \in \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} P_i$ , then  $A = \{i \in I : ab \in P_i\} \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Then  $A = \{i \in I : a \in P_i\} \cup \{i \in I : b \in P_i\}$  and, since  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter, then  $a \in \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} P_i$  or  $b \in \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} P_i$ , then  $\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} P_i$  is a prime ideal.

2. Let  $K$  be a field, let  $A$  be a ring contained in  $K$ , and let  $Zar(K|A)$  denote the set of valuation domains containing  $A$  with quotient field  $K$ , suppose that  $Zar(K|A) = \{V_i : i \in I\}$  and that  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter on  $I$ , then

$$\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} V_i := \{a \in \mathbf{R} : \{i \in I : a \in V_i\} \in \mathcal{F}\}.$$

is a valuation ring.

Indeed, let  $x \in K$ . If  $x \notin \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} V_i$ , then  $\{i \in I : x \in V_i\} \notin \mathcal{F}$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter and each  $V_i$  is a valuation ring with quotient field  $K$ , then  $I \setminus \{i \in I : x \in V_i\} = \{i \in I : x \notin V_i\} = \{i \in I : x^{-1} \in V_i\} \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $x^{-1} \in \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} V_i$ , form where  $\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} V_i$  is a valuation ring.

Next, we start by the basic theorem of the  $\mathcal{F}$  – lim of a collection of subsets.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $I$  be a set,  $\mathcal{F}$  an ultrafilter on  $I$ , and  $\{S_i : i \in I\} \subseteq S(A)$ , then:*

1.  $\hat{k} - \lim_{i \in I} S_i = S_k$  for each  $k \in I$ , with  $\hat{k} = \{X \subseteq I : k \in X\}$ ;
2. If  $J \in \mathcal{F}$ , then

$$\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} S_i = \mathcal{F} \upharpoonright_J - \lim_{i \in J} S_i.$$

3. Let  $\Gamma$  be an infinite set, and let  $\sigma : \Delta \rightarrow \Gamma$  be a surjective function. For each  $j \in \Gamma$  put  $T_j = S_i$  if  $\sigma(i) = j$ . Then,

$$\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in \Delta} S_i = \mathcal{C} - \lim_{j \in \Gamma} T_j.$$

where  $\sigma(\mathcal{F}) = \{\sigma[F] : F \in \mathcal{F}\} = \mathcal{C}$ .

*Proof.*

1. Is immediate form definition of principal ultrafilter;
2.  $a \in \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} S_i \Rightarrow \{i \in I : a \in S_i\} \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \{i \in I : a \in S_i\} \in \mathcal{F} \upharpoonright_J$ .

$$\Rightarrow a \in \mathcal{F} \upharpoonright_J - \lim_{i \in J} S_i.$$

Thus,  $\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} S_i \subseteq \mathcal{F} \upharpoonright_J - \lim_{i \in J} S_i$ .

Suppose that  $a \in \mathcal{F} \upharpoonright_J - \lim_{i \in J} S_i$  and that  $\{i \in I : a \notin S_i\} \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Then  $\{i \in J : a \in S_i\} \in \mathcal{F} \upharpoonright_J$  and  $\{i \in J : a \notin S_i\} \in \mathcal{F} \upharpoonright_J$  which is impossible. Therefore,

$$\mathcal{F} \upharpoonright_J - \lim_{i \in J} S_i \subseteq \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} S_i;$$

3.  $a \in \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in \Delta} S_i \Leftrightarrow \{i \in \Delta : a \in S_i\} \in \mathcal{F} \Leftrightarrow \{j \in \Gamma : a \in T_j\} \in \mathcal{C}$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \in \mathcal{C} - \lim_{j \in \Gamma} T_j.$$

□

In the following proprieties, we give a characterization of the ideals by ultrafilter that allows us to give results already known with a simpler method.

**Definition 2.7.** If  $\mathcal{J}$  and  $\mathcal{I}$  are ideals in  $R$ , their ideal quotient is  $(\mathcal{J} : \mathcal{I}) = \{x \in R : x\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{J}\}$ .

In particular,  $(0 : \mathcal{J})$  is called the annihilator of  $\mathcal{J}$  and it is also denoted by  $Ann(\mathcal{J})$ .

In this notation, the set of all zero-divisors in  $R$  is  $D = \bigcup_{x \neq 0} Ann(x)$ (see [1, Chapter.1])

**Proposition 2.8.** *Let  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ , where  $I$  is infinite and each  $R_i$  is nonzero quasilocal rings and  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter on  $I$ , then*

1. For  $(f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R$ , we have

$$((f_1, \dots, f_n)R_{J_{\mathcal{F}}} : R_{J_{\mathcal{F}}}) = \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I}(\hat{a}, (f_1(i), \dots, f_n(i))R_i);$$

2. An prime ideal  $P$  in  $R$  is contained in a unique maximal ideal  $J_{\mathcal{F}}$  if only if  $\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I}(\hat{i}, 0) \subset P$ ;
3.  $(0 : R_{J_{\mathcal{F}}}) = \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I}(\hat{i}, 0)$ ;
4.  $J_{\mathcal{F}} = \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I}(\hat{i}, R_i \setminus U(R_i))$ .

*Proof.*

1.

$$\begin{aligned} h \notin J_{\mathcal{F}} &\Leftrightarrow \{i \in I, h(i) \text{ is a nonunit of } R_i\} \notin \mathcal{F} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \{i \in I, h(i) \text{ is a unit of } R_i\} \in \mathcal{F} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$g \in ((f_1, \dots, f_n)R_{J_{\mathcal{F}}} : R_{J_{\mathcal{F}}}) \Leftrightarrow \exists r \in R \setminus J_{\mathcal{F}}$  such that  $gr \in (f_1, \dots, f_n)R$ . Then  $g(i) \in (f_1(i), \dots, f_n(i))R_i$  for each  $i$  such that  $r(i)$  is a unit of  $R_i$  and  $X = \{i \in I; g(i) \in (f_1(i), \dots, f_n(i))R_i\} \in \mathcal{F}$ , form where  $g \in \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I}(\hat{i}, (f_1(i), \dots, f_n(i))R_i)$ .

Conversely, if  $g \in \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I}(\hat{i}, (f_1(i), \dots, f_n(i))R_i)$ , then  $X \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $X = \{i \in I; g(i) \in (f_1(i), \dots, f_n(i))R_i\}$ . Let  $r(i) = 1$  if  $i \in X$  and  $r(i) = 0$  if  $i \notin X$ . Then  $r \in R \setminus J_{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $(gr)(i) = 0$  for each  $i \in I \setminus X$ . Therefore  $g(i)r(i) \in (f_1(i), \dots, f_n(i))R_i$  for each  $i \in I$ , which means  $gr \in (f_1, \dots, f_n)R$ . Then  $g \in ((f_1, \dots, f_n)R_{J_{\mathcal{F}}} : R_{J_{\mathcal{F}}})$ .

2. If  $P \in \text{Spec}(R)$  is not contained in  $J_{\mathcal{F}}$ , then exist an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $I$  distinct from  $\mathcal{F}$  ( $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{U}(P)$ ). Hence there exist a subset  $X$  of  $I$  such that  $X \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $I \setminus X \in \mathcal{G}$ . The characteristic function  $e_X \in \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I}(\hat{i}, 0) \setminus P$ , so  $\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I}(\hat{i}, 0)$  is not contained in  $P$ .
3. Is immediate form (1) following by taking  $(f_1, \dots, f_n)R = (0)$ .
4. Is immediate from the Definition 2.2, Definition 2.4 and Remark 2.1.

□

**Corollary 2.9.** Let  $\mathbb{Q}$  the field of rational numbers and  $\mathbb{N}$  the natural number, then  $\mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{N}}$  is a zero dimensional ring.

*Proof.* In Proposition 2.8(4) Let  $R_i = \mathbb{Q}$  and  $I = \mathbb{N}$ , we have that  $R_i \setminus U(R_i) = 0$ . Then

$$J_{\mathcal{F}} = \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I}(\hat{i}, 0).$$

According to Proposition 2.8(2) and [5, Theorem 1.3] the ring  $\mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{N}}$  is a zero dimensional ring □

**Corollary 2.10.** *Let  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ , where  $A$  is infinite and  $R_i$  is nonzero quasilocal ring and  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter on  $I$ . If  $B \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $R_b$  is a fields for each  $b \in B$ , then*

$$J_{\mathcal{F}} = \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} (\hat{i}, 0).$$

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{F}$  an ultrafilter on  $I$  and  $B \in \mathcal{F}$ , then by Theorem 2.6 we have :

$$\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} (\hat{i}, 0) = \mathcal{F} \upharpoonright_B - \lim_{b \in B} (\hat{b}, 0).$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} J_{\mathcal{F}} &= \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} (\hat{i}, R_i \setminus U(R_i)) \\ &= \mathcal{F} \upharpoonright_B - \lim_{b \in B} (\hat{b}, R_b \setminus U(R_b)) \\ &= \mathcal{F} \upharpoonright_B - \lim_{b \in B} (\hat{b}, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Then:

$$J_{\mathcal{F}} = \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} (\hat{i}, 0).$$

□

**Remark 2.11.** We do not necessarily have that an  $\mathcal{F}$ -lim of maximal ideals will be a maximal ideal. For example, for each  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $Spec(\mathbb{Z})$ , one has  $\mathcal{F} - \lim_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} (p) = (0)$  is a prime ideal but not maximal.

In the following property, we give a type of maximal ideal which is stable by the  $\mathcal{F}$ -lim.

**Proposition 2.12.** *Let  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ , where  $I$  is infinite set and each  $R_i$  is quasilocal rings and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be an ultrafilter on  $I$ . If  $(J_{\mathcal{F}_i})_{i \in I}$  is a collection of maximal ideal of  $R$ , then*

$$\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} J_{\mathcal{F}_i} = J_{\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}_i}$$

*Proof.* If  $a \in \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} J_{\mathcal{F}_i}$ , then:

$$A = \{i \in I : a \in J_{\mathcal{F}_i}\} = \{i \in I : \{j \in I : a(j) \in R_j \setminus U(R_j)\} \in \mathcal{F}_i\} \in \mathcal{F}.$$

If  $a \notin J_{\mathcal{F}_i}$ , then  $\{j \in I : a(j) \in R_j \setminus U(R_j)\} \notin \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}_i$ , hence  $B = \{i \in I : \{j \in I : f(j) \in R_j \setminus U(R_j)\} \in \mathcal{F}_i\} \in \mathcal{F}$ ; but if  $i \in A \cap B$ , then  $\{j \in I : a(j) \in R_j \setminus U(R_j)\} \in \mathcal{F}_i$  and  $\{j \in I : a(j) \in R_j \setminus U(R_j)\} \notin \mathcal{F}_i$ , which is a contradiction. Thus, we must have that  $a \in J_{\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}_i}$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} J_{\mathcal{F}_i} \subseteq J_{\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}_i}$ . Now, we suppose that  $f \in J_{\mathcal{F}_i}$ . Then,  $\{j \in I : a(j) \in R_j \setminus U(R_j)\} \in \mathcal{F}$ . By the previous definition of maximal ideal, we have that:

$$\{i \in I : \{j \in I : a(j) \in R_j \setminus U(R_j)\} \in \mathcal{F}_i\} = \{i \in I : a \in J_{\mathcal{F}_i}\} \in \mathcal{F}$$

That is  $a \in \mathcal{F} - \lim J_{\mathcal{F}_i}$ . Thus, we get that  $J_{\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}_i} \subseteq \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} J_{\mathcal{F}_i}$ .  $\square$

### 3. Relationship Between $Max(R_i)$ and $Max(\prod_{i \in I} R_i)$

In this section, we will give some theorems that allow you to find the maximum ideals of  $R_i$  from the maximum ideals of  $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$  and vice versa using the notion of  $\mathcal{F}$ -lim

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ , where  $I$  is infinite and each  $R_i$  is nonzero commutative ring and  $P$  is a prime ideal of  $R$ , then there is an infinite set  $K$  and an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{E}$  on  $K$  such that for each  $k \in K$ , there are prime ideals of  $R$  of the form  $J_i = \mathcal{F}_k - \lim_{i \in I} (\hat{i}, J_{i,k})$  where  $\mathcal{F}_k$  is an ultrafilter on  $I$  and  $J_{i,k}$  are prime ideals in  $R_i$ , such that:*

$$P = \mathcal{E} - \lim_{k \in K} J_k.$$

To prove this result, we need the following Lemma.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ . For  $a_1, \dots, a_p \in R$  and  $x \in R$ , if  $x \notin (a_1, \dots, a_p)$ , then there is an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $I$  and ideals  $\{P_i\}_{i \in X}$  for some  $X \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $(a_1, \dots, a_p) \subseteq \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} (\hat{i}, P_i)$  and  $x \notin \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} (\hat{i}, P_i)$ .*

*Proof.* Clearly,  $x \in (a_1, \dots, a_p)$  if and only if there are  $r_1, \dots, r_p \in R$  such that  $\{i \in I : x(i) = r_1 a_1(i) + \dots + a_1 y_1(i)\} = I$  if and only if  $\{i \in I : x(i) \in (a_1(i), \dots, a_p(i))\} = I$ . Thus, by hypothesis  $X = \{i \in I : x(i) \in (a_1(i), \dots, a_p(i))\} \neq I$ . On the other hand,  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter, then  $Y = I \setminus X \in \mathcal{F}$ . Now for  $i \in Y$  we can by our remark find ideals  $P_i$  of  $R_i$  maximal with respect to the property that  $x(i) \notin P_i$  and  $(a_1(i), \dots, a_p(i)) \subseteq P_i$ . So  $\mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} (\hat{i}, P_i)$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $(a_1, \dots, a_p) \subseteq \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} (\hat{i}, P_i)$  and  $x \notin \mathcal{F} - \lim_{i \in I} (\hat{i}, P_i)$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 3.1.*

Let  $P$  be a prime ideal of  $R$  and define  $T = P \times (R \setminus P)$ . Let  $K$  be the set of all nonempty finite of  $T$ . For  $k \in K$ , say  $k = \{(y_1, x_1), \dots, (y_p, x_p)\}$ , where  $y_i \in P$  and  $x_i \notin P$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, p$ . Clearly,  $x = x_1 \dots x_p \notin (y_1, \dots, y_p) \subseteq P$  and by Lemma 3.2 we can find an ideal  $J_i = \mathcal{F}_k - \lim_{i \in I} (\hat{i}, J_{i,k})$  where  $\mathcal{F}_k$  is an ultrafilter on  $I$  and  $J_{i,k}$  are ideals of  $R_i$  for all  $i$  in  $I$  such that  $(y_1, \dots, y_p) \subseteq J_i$  and  $x \notin J_i$ . On the other hand, for  $t \in T$  let  $\hat{t} = \{k \in K : t \in k\}$  and let  $G = \{\hat{t} : t \in T\}$ . Obviously,  $G$  has finite intersection property. Thus,  $G$  can be extended to a nonprincipal ultrafilter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $J$ . We claim that  $P = \mathcal{E} - \lim_{k \in K} J_k$ . For let  $y \in P$ . So  $(y, 1) \in T$  and hence  $(\hat{y}, 1) \in G$  with  $(\hat{y}, 1) = \{k \in K : (y, 1) \in k\}$ . So for  $k \in (\hat{y}, 1)$  we have that  $y \in J_k$ . Thus,  $\{k \in K : y \in J_k\} \in \mathcal{F}$ . Hence  $y \in \mathcal{E} - \lim_{k \in K} J_k$ . Then  $P \subseteq \mathcal{E} - \lim_{k \in K} J_k$ . Now, suppose  $x \notin P$  and so  $(0, x) \in T$ . Let  $k \in (0, x)$  then  $x \notin J_k$ . Thus,  $\{k \in K : x \in J_k\} \cap (0, x) = \emptyset$ . But  $(0, x) \in \mathcal{F}$  and so  $\{k \in K : y \in J_k\} \notin \mathcal{F}$ . Then,  $x \notin \mathcal{E} - \lim_{k \in K} J_k$ . Thus  $\mathcal{E} - \lim_{k \in K} J_k \subseteq P$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ , where  $I$  is infinite and each  $R_i$  is nonzero commutative rings. If  $J_{i,k}$  are maximal ideals for all  $i \in I$  and  $k \in K$  such that*

for some  $Y \subseteq I$ , for  $i \in Y$  and all  $a \in R_i$ , if  $O_i = \{M \in \text{Max}(R_i) : a_i \notin M\} \neq \emptyset$ . Then, for some  $t_i \in \bigcap O_i$  and  $r_i \in R_i$ ,  $r_i a_i + t_i = 1$  in  $R_i$ , and let  $\mathcal{F}_k$  are nonprincipal ultrafilters on  $I$  for each  $k \in K$ ,  $\mathcal{E}$  is a nonprincipal ultrafilter on  $K$ , then there are ideals of  $R_i$  of the form  $J_k = \mathcal{F}_k - \lim_{i \in I} J_{i,k}$  such that  $\mathcal{E} - \lim_{k \in K} (\hat{k}, J_k)$  is maximal ideal of  $R$ .

*Proof.* According to the above results,  $\mathcal{E} - \lim_{k \in K} (\hat{k}, J_k)$  is an ideal of  $R$ . Suppose  $a \notin \mathcal{E} - \lim_{k \in K} (\hat{k}, J_k)$ . Then  $\{k \in K : a \in \mathcal{F}_k - \lim_{i \in I} J_{i,k}\} \notin \mathcal{E}$  and so  $Y = \{k \in K : a \notin \mathcal{F}_k - \lim_{i \in I} J_{i,k}\} \in \mathcal{E}$ . Now, for  $k \in Y$ ,  $\{i \in Y : a_i \in J_{i,k}\} \notin \mathcal{F}_k$ . So, for  $k \in Y$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_k \setminus \{i \in Y : a_i \in J_{i,k}\} \in \mathcal{F}_k$  (because  $\mathcal{F}_k$  is an ultrafilter), then  $\{i \in Y : a_i \notin J_{i,k}\} \in \mathcal{F}_k$ . We choose  $Z \subseteq I$ , then for  $i \in Z$ , we can find a  $t_i \in \bigcap \{J_{i,k} : a_i \notin J_{i,k} \wedge k \in K\}$  if  $\{J_{i,k} : a_i \notin J_{i,k} \wedge k \in K\} \neq \emptyset$  and  $r_i \in R_i$  such that  $r_i a_i + t_i = 1$ . If  $i \notin Z$  or  $\{J_{i,k} : a_i \notin J_{i,k} \wedge k \in K\} = \emptyset$ , then we set  $t_i = 1$  and  $r_i = 0$ . Let  $k \in Y$ . So for  $i \in \{i \in Y : a_i \notin J_{i,k}\} \cap Z$ ,  $t_i \in J_{i,k}$  and hence  $t_i \in \mathcal{F}_k - \lim_{i \in I} J_{i,k}$  since  $r_i a_i + t_i = 1$  for all  $i \in I$ . Then  $(ra - 1) \in \mathcal{E} - \lim_{k \in K} (\hat{k}, J_k)$  and  $\mathcal{E} - \lim_{k \in K} (\hat{k}, J_k)$  is a maximal ideal of  $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.4.** Suppose  $\{R_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a nonempty family of zero dimensional rings and let  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$  such that for some  $Y \subseteq I$ , for  $i \in Y$  and all  $a_i \in R_i$ , if  $O_i = \{M \in \text{Max}(R_i) : a_i \notin M\} \neq \emptyset$ , then for some  $t_i \in \bigcap O_i$  and  $r_i \in R_i$ ,  $r_i a_i + t_i = 1$  in  $R_i$ , then  $\dim(R) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $P$  be a prime ideal of  $R$ , then by Theorem 3.1  $P = \mathcal{E} - \lim_{k \in K} J_k$  such that  $J_i = \mathcal{F}_k - \lim_{i \in I} (i, J_{i,k})$  and  $J_{i,k}$  are prime ideals of  $R_i$ , as  $R_i$ 's are zero dimensional rings  $J_{i,k}$  are maximal ideals, according to the Theorem 3.3  $P$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ . From where, the ring  $R$  is a zero dimensional ring.

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