

## S-COHERENT PROPERTY IN TRIVIAL EXTENSION AND IN AMALGAMATED DUPLICATION

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ABSTRACT. Bennis and El Hajoui have defined a (commutative unital) ring  $R$  to be  $S$ -coherent if each finitely generated ideal of  $R$  is a  $S$ -finitely presented  $R$ -module. Any coherent ring is an  $S$ -coherent ring. Several examples of  $S$ -coherent rings that are not coherent rings are obtained as byproducts of our study of the transfer of the  $S$ -coherent property to trivial ring extensions and amalgamated duplications.

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, all rings are assumed to be commutative with non-zero identity and all modules are nonzero unital. Let  $R$  denote such a ring and  $S$  denote such a multiplicatively closed subset of  $R$  such that  $0 \notin S$ .  $Reg(R)$  denotes the set of regular elements of the ring  $R$  and  $Q(R) := R_{Reg(R)}$ , the total quotient ring of  $R$ . For a nonnegative integer  $n$ , an  $R$ -module  $E$  is called  $n$ -presented if there is an exact sequence of  $R$ -modules:

$$F_n \rightarrow F_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow E \rightarrow 0,$$

where each  $F_i$  is a finitely generated free  $R$ -module. In particular, 0-presented and 1-presented  $R$ -modules are, respectively, finitely generated and finitely presented  $R$ -modules. Recall that  $R$  is an  $n$ -coherent ring if each  $n$ -presented  $R$ -module is  $(n+1)$ -presented. Thus, the 1-coherent rings are just the coherent rings and an  $n$ -coherent ring is  $(n+1)$ -coherent for any positive integer  $n$ . For instance, any coherent ring is 2-coherent and the converse is false (for example  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Q}$  is a 2-coherent ring which is not coherent by [17, Theorem 3.1]).

A ring  $R$  is coherent if every finitely generated ideal of  $R$  is finitely presented; equivalently, if  $(0 : a)$  and  $I \cap J$  are finitely generated for every  $a \in R$  and any two finitely generated ideals  $I$  and  $J$  of  $R$ . Examples of coherent rings are Noetherian rings, Boolean algebras, von Neumann regular rings, valuation domains, and Prüfer domains/semihereditary rings. The concept of coherence

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first sprang up from the study of coherent sheaves in algebraic geometry, and then developed, under the influence of Noetherian ring theory and homology, towards a full-fledged topic in algebra. During the past 30 years, several (commutative) coherent-like notions grew out of coherence such as finite conductor, quasi-coherent,  $v$ -coherent, and  $n$ -coherent. See for instance [1, 5, 13, 15, 17].

In [2], Anderson and Dumitrescu introduced the concept of  $S$ -finite modules, where  $S$  is a multiplicatively subset as follows: an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called an  $S$ -finite module if there exist a finitely generated  $R$ -submodule  $N$  of  $M$  and  $s \in S$  such that  $sM \subseteq N$ . Also, they introduced the concept of  $S$ -Noetherian rings as follows: a ring  $R$  is called  $S$ -Noetherian if every ideal of  $R$  is  $S$ -finite. Recently, in [5], Bennis and El Hajoui investigated the  $S$ -versions of finitely presented modules and coherent modules which are called, respectively,  $S$ -finitely presented modules and  $S$ -coherent modules. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called an  $S$ -finitely presented module for some multiplicatively closed subset  $S$  of  $R$  if there exists an exact sequence of  $R$ -modules  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow F \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ , where  $F$  is a finitely generated free  $R$ -module and  $K$  is an  $S$ -finite  $R$ -module. Moreover, an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be  $S$ -coherent if it is finitely generated and every finitely generated submodule of  $M$  is  $S$ -finitely presented. They showed that the  $S$ -coherent rings have a characterization similar to the classical one given by Chase for coherent rings (see [5, Theorem 3.8]). Any coherent ring is  $S$ -coherent and any  $S$ -Noetherian ring is  $S$ -coherent. See for instance [2, 5].

Some of our results use the  $R \times M$  construction. Let  $R$  be a ring and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then  $R \times M$ , the *trivial (ring) extension of  $R$  by  $M$* , is the ring whose additive structure is that of the external direct sum  $R \oplus M$  and whose multiplication is defined by  $(r_1, m_1)(r_2, m_2) := (r_1r_2, r_1m_2 + r_2m_1)$  for all  $r_1, r_2 \in R$  and all  $m_1, m_2 \in M$ . The basic properties of trivial ring extensions are summarized in the books [13, 14]. Mainly, trivial ring extensions have been useful for solving many open problems and conjectures in both commutative and non-commutative ring theory. See for instance [3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16–18].

Let  $A$  be a ring and  $I$  an ideal of  $A$ . The following ring construction called the amalgamated duplication of  $A$  along  $I$  was introduced and investigated by D'Anna in [7] with the aim of applying it to curve singularities (over algebraic closed fields) where he proved that the amalgamated duplication of an algebroid curve along a regular canonical ideal yields a Gorenstein algebroid curve [7, Theorem 14 and Corollary 17]. It is the subring  $A \bowtie I$  of  $A \times A$  given by

$$A \bowtie I = \{(a, a + i) \mid a \in A \text{ and } i \in I\}.$$

This extension has been studied, in the general case, and from the different point of view of pullbacks, by D'anna and Fontana [9]. One main difference of this construction, with respect to the idealization, is that the ring  $A \bowtie I$  can be reduced (and it is always reduced if  $A$  is an integral domain). If  $J$  is an ideal of  $A$ , then  $J \bowtie I := \{(j, j + i) \mid j \in J, i \in I\}$  is an ideal of  $A \bowtie I$  with  $\frac{A \bowtie I}{J \bowtie I} \cong \frac{A}{J}$ . Under the natural injection  $A \hookrightarrow A \bowtie I$  defined by  $i(a) = (a, a)$ ,

we identify  $A$  with its respective image in  $A \bowtie I$ ; and the natural surjection  $A \bowtie I \rightarrow A$  yields the isomorphism  $\frac{A \bowtie I}{(0) \bowtie I} \cong A$ . See for instance [6–9, 12].

This paper investigates  $S$ -coherent condition that a trivial extension  $R := A \times E$  might inherit from the ring  $A$  for some classes of modules  $E$ . Also, we study the amalgamated duplication of a ring along an ideal to inherit the  $S$ -coherence. Our results generate new families of examples of non-coherent  $S$ -coherent rings.

## 2. $S$ -coherence property in trivial ring extension

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called  $S$ -coherent if every finitely generated ideal of  $R$  is  $S$ -finitely presented. Remark that if  $R$  is  $S$ -coherent, then  $S^{-1}R$  is a coherent ring. Also, any coherent ring is  $S$ -coherent for every multiplicative set.

First, we give an example of non-coherent  $S$ -coherent rings.

**Example 2.1.** Let  $R$  be any non-coherent domain and set  $S := R - \{0\}$  be a multiplicative set of  $R$ . Then  $R$  is  $S$ -Noetherian. In particular,  $R$  is  $S$ -coherent.

*Proof.* Let  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $R$  and let  $s \in I \setminus \{0\}$ . Hence,  $sI \subseteq Rs \subseteq I$  and so  $I$  is  $S$ -finite since  $Rs$  is a finitely generated ideal of  $R$ , as desired.  $\square$

Let  $R := A \times E$  be the trivial ring extension of a ring  $A$  by an  $A$ -module  $E$ . Remark that if  $S$  is a multiplicative set of  $R$ , then  $S_0 = \{a \in A \mid (a, e) \in S \text{ for some } e \in E\}$  is a multiplicative set of  $A$ . Conversely, if  $S_0$  is a multiplicative set of  $A$ , then  $S := S_0 \times N$  is a multiplicative set of  $R$  for every submodule  $N$  of  $E$  such that  $S_0 N \subseteq N$ . In particular,  $S_0 \times 0$  and  $S_0 \times E$  are multiplicative sets of  $R$ .

Now, we explore the transfer of  $S$ -coherent property to the trivial ring extension of a domain  $A$  by a  $K$ -vector space  $E$ , where  $K$  is a quotient field of  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $A$  be an integral domain which is not a field,  $K = qf(A)$ ,  $E$  be a  $K$ -vector space, and  $R := A \times E$  be the trivial ring extension of  $A$  by  $E$ . Then  $R$  is never  $S$ -coherent for every multiplicative set  $S$  of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $J = R(0, f)$ , where  $f \in E \setminus \{0\}$ , and consider the exact sequence of  $R$ -modules:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker}(u) \rightarrow R \xrightarrow{u} J \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $u(a, e) = (a, e)(0, f) = (0, af)$ . Hence,  $\text{Ker}(u) = 0 \times E$ . We claim that  $\text{Ker}(u) (= 0 \times E)$  is not  $S$ -finite. Deny. Then there exists a finitely generated ideal  $L := \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} R(a_i, e_i)$  for some positive integer  $n$  and  $(a_i, e_i) \in L$ , and  $(s, e') \in S$ , where  $s \neq 0$ , such that

$$(s, e')(0 \times E) \subseteq L \subseteq 0 \times E.$$

Hence,  $a_i = 0$  for every  $i = 1, \dots, n$  since  $L \subseteq 0 \times E$ . On the other hand,  $(s, e')(0 \times E) = 0 \times sE = 0 \times E$  since  $sE = E$  for every  $s \in K \setminus \{0\}$ . Therefore,

$0 \times E = L = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} R(0, e_i) = 0 \times \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} Ae_i$  and so  $E = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} Ae_i$ . Hence,  $K$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -module and so  $K = A$ , a desired contradiction since  $A$  is not a field. Then  $R := A \times E$  is not  $S$ -coherent.  $\square$

Using Theorem 2.2 in the case when  $S$  consists of unit elements, we regain the result [17, Theorem 2.1(1)].

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $A$  be an integral domain which is not a field,  $K = qf(A)$ ,  $E$  be a  $K$ -vector space, and  $R := A \times E$  be the trivial ring extension of  $A$  by  $E$ . Then  $R$  is never coherent.*

Next, we explore a different context, namely, the trivial ring extension of a local ring  $(A, M)$  by an  $A$ -module  $E$  such that  $ME = 0$ . If a multiplicative set  $S$  of  $R$  consists of unit elements of  $R$ ,  $S \subseteq U(R)$ , then  $R$  is  $S$ -coherent if and only if  $R$  is coherent and it is studied by S. Kabbaj and N. Mahdou in [17, Theorem 2.6(2)]. So, we may assume that  $S$  does not consist only of unit elements of  $R$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $(A, M)$  be a local ring,  $E$  an  $A$ -module with  $ME = 0$  and let  $R := A \times E$  be the trivial ring extension of  $A$  by  $E$ . Let  $S$  be a multiplicative set of  $R$  and set  $S_0 = \{a \in A \mid (a, e) \in S \text{ for some } e \in E\}$ . Then*

- (1) *If  $R$  is  $S$ -coherent, then  $A$  is  $S_0$ -coherent.*
- (2) *Assume that  $S \not\subseteq U(R)$ , that is, there exists  $(s_0, e) \in S$  such that  $s_0 \in M \setminus 0$ . Then  $R$  is  $S$ -coherent if and only if  $A$  is  $S_0$ -coherent.*

*Proof.* One may easily verify that  $R$  is local with maximal ideal  $M \times E$  and that each element of  $R$  is either a unit or a zero divisor.

(1) Assume that  $R$  is  $S$ -coherent and let  $I = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} Aa_i$ , where  $a_i \in M$  and set  $J := \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} R(a_i, 0)$ . Consider the exact sequence of  $R$ -modules:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker}(u) \rightarrow R^n = A^n \times E^n \xrightarrow{u} J \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $u((b_i, e_i)_{i=1, \dots, n}) = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} (b_i, e_i)(a_i, 0) = (\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} a_i b_i, 0)$  since  $a_i \in M$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . On the other hand, consider the exact sequence of  $A$ -modules:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker}(v) \rightarrow A^n \xrightarrow{v} I \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $u((b_i)_{i=1, \dots, n}) = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} a_i b_i$ . Then,  $\text{Ker}(u) = \text{Ker}(v) \times E^n$ . But  $J$  is  $S$ -finitely presented since  $R$  is  $S$ -coherent, so  $\text{Ker}(u)$  is an  $S$ -finite  $R$ -module. Then there exists a finitely generated ideal  $L := \sum_{i=1}^{i=m} R(x_i, e_i) \subseteq \text{Ker}(u)$  for some  $(x_i, e_i) \in L$  and a positive integer  $m$  such that

$$(s, e)\text{Ker}(u) \subseteq L \subseteq \text{Ker}(u).$$

Hence, for  $L_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} Ax_i$ , we have

$$s\text{Ker}(v) \subseteq L_0 \subseteq \text{Ker}(v)$$

and so  $\text{Ker}(v)$  is  $S_0$ -finite, as desired.

Hence,  $A$  is  $S_0$ -coherent.

(2) By (1) it remains to show that if  $A$  is  $S_0$ -coherent, then  $R$  is  $S$ -coherent, where  $S \not\subseteq U(R)$ .

Let  $J := \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} R(a_i, e_i)$  be a finitely generated ideal of  $R$ , where  $(a_i, e_i)_{i=1, \dots, n}$  is a minimal generating set of  $J$ ,  $a_i \in M$  and  $e_i \in E$ . Consider the exact sequence of  $R$ -modules:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker}(u) \rightarrow R^n \xrightarrow{u} J \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $u((b_i, f_i)_{i=1, \dots, n}) = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} (a_i, e_i)(b_i, f_i) = (\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} a_i b_i, \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} b_i e_i)$  since  $a_i \in M$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Further, the minimality of  $(a_i, e_i)_{i=1, \dots, n}$  yields  $\text{Ker}(u) = \{(b_i, f_i)_{i=1, \dots, n} \in R^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} a_i b_i = 0\}$ .

Set  $I := \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} Aa_i$  and consider the surjective homomorphism  $v$  defined above. Then  $\text{Ker}(v)$  is an  $S_0$ -finite  $A$ -module since  $A$  is  $S_0$ -coherent. Hence, there exists a finitely generated  $A$ -module  $L_0 := \sum_{i=1}^{i=m} Ax_i$  for some  $x_i \in L_0$  and a positive integer  $m$ , and  $s \in S_0$  such that

$$s\text{Ker}(v) \subseteq L_0 \subseteq \text{Ker}(v).$$

We may assume that  $s$  is not invertible since if  $s_0 \in S_0$  is not invertible (since  $S \not\subseteq U(R)$  and so  $S_0 \not\subseteq U(A)$ ), then we have  $ss_0\text{Ker}(v) \subseteq s\text{Ker}(v) \subseteq L_0 \subseteq \text{Ker}(v)$  and so  $ss_0$  is not invertible and we may replace  $s$  by  $ss_0$ .

Set  $G_0 := \sum_{i=1}^{i=m} R(x_i, 0) = L_0 \times 0$  (since  $L_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{i=m} Ax_i \subseteq M^m$ ). Hence,  $G_0 \subseteq \text{Ker}(u)$  and let  $e \in E$  such that  $(s, e) \in S$ . Then,  $(s, e)\text{Ker}(u) = (s, e)(\text{Ker}(v) \times E^n) = s\text{Ker}(v) \times 0$  (since  $\text{Ker}(v) \subseteq M^n$ ,  $s \in M$  and  $ME = 0$ )  $\subseteq L_0 \times 0 = G_0$ .

Therefore,  $\text{Ker}(u)$  is  $S$ -finite and so  $R$  is  $S$ -coherent. □

Now, we can construct non-coherent  $S$ -coherent rings.

**Example 2.5.** Let  $(A, M)$  be a local coherent domain which is not a field,  $E$  be an  $(A/M)$ -vector space with infinite rank,  $R := A \times E$  be the trivial ring extension of  $A$  by  $E$ , and let  $S$  be any multiplicative set of  $R$ . Then:

- (1)  $R$  is  $S$ -coherent by Theorem 2.4 since  $A$  is  $S_0$ -coherent (since  $A$  is coherent).
- (2)  $R$  is not coherent by [17, Theorem 2.6(2)] since  $E$  is an  $(A/M)$ -vector space with infinite rank.

**Example 2.6.** Let  $(A, M)$  be a non-coherent local domain which is not a field,  $E$  be an  $(A/M)$ -vector space,  $R := A \times E$  be the trivial ring extension of  $A$  by  $E$ , and let  $S = S_0 \times \{0\}$ , where  $S_0 = A - \{0\}$ . Then

- (1)  $R$  is  $S$ -coherent by Theorem 2.4 since  $A$  is  $S_0$ -coherent (by Example 2.1).
- (2)  $R$  is not coherent by [17, Theorem 2.6(2)] since  $A$  is not coherent.

Recall that any coherent ring is 2-coherent and the converse is false (for example  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Q}$  is a 2-coherent ring which is not coherent by [17, Theorem 3.1]) (see Figure 1). Hence, we have:

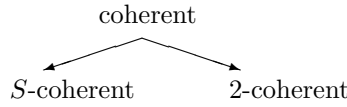


FIGURE 1.

The notions of  $S$ -coherent and 2-coherent in Figure 1 are not comparable as the following two examples show:

**Example 2.7.** Let  $(A, M)$  be a local coherent domain such that  $M$  is not finitely generated (for instance, take  $A = K[[X_1, \dots, X_n, \dots]]$  be the power series ring with countably infinite indeterminates  $\{X_i, i \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}\}$  over a field  $K$ ),  $E = A/M$ , and  $R := A \rtimes E$  be a trivial ring extension of  $A$  by  $E$ . Then

- (1)  $R$  is  $S$ -coherent for every multiplicative set  $S$  such that  $S \not\subseteq U(R) (= (A - M) \rtimes E)$ .
- (2)  $R$  is not 2-coherent.

*Proof.* (1)  $R$  is  $S$ -coherent by Theorem 2.4 since  $A$  is coherent and  $S \not\subseteq U(R)$ .

(2) Let  $J = R(m, 0)$ , where  $m \in M - \{0\}$ , and consider the exact sequence of  $R$ -modules:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker}(u) \rightarrow R \xrightarrow{u} J \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $u(a, e) = (a, e)(m, 0) = (am, 0)$ . Clearly,  $\text{Ker}(u) = 0 \rtimes A/M = R(0, \bar{1})$ . Now, consider the exact sequence of  $R$ -modules:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker}(v) \rightarrow R \xrightarrow{v} \text{Ker}(u) \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $v(a, e) = (a, e)(0, \bar{1}) = (0, \bar{a})$ . It is clear that  $\text{Ker}(v) = M \rtimes E$  which is not a finitely generated ideal of  $R$  since  $M$  is not a finitely generated ideal of  $A$ . Therefore, by the exact sequence of  $R$ -modules:

$$0 \rightarrow J \rightarrow R \rightarrow R/J \rightarrow 0$$

it is clear that  $R/J$  is a 2-presented  $R$ -module which is not 3-presented. Hence,  $R$  is not 2-coherent.  $\square$

**Example 2.8.** Let  $A$  be a coherent integral domain which is not a field,  $K = \text{qf}(A)$ ,  $R := A \rtimes K$  be the trivial ring extension of  $A$  by  $K$ , and let  $S$  be any multiplicative set of  $R$ . Then

- (1)  $R$  is 2-coherent by [17, Theorem 3.1(2)] since  $A$  is coherent.
- (2)  $R$  is not  $S$ -coherent by Theorem 2.2.

### 3. Amalgamation duplication of $S$ -coherent property

Let  $A$  be a ring,  $I$  be an ideal of  $A$ ,  $A \bowtie I$  be the amalgamation duplication of  $A$  along  $I$ ,  $S$  be a multiplicative set of  $A \bowtie I$  such that  $S_0 = \{s \in A \mid (s, s + i) \in S \text{ for some } i \in I\}$ . For instance,  $S = \{(s, s) \in A \bowtie I \mid s \in S_0\}$  and

$S = S \bowtie I = \{(s, s + i) \mid i \in I\}$  are multiplicative sets of  $A \bowtie I$  for every multiplicative set  $S_0$  of  $A$ .

Now, the main result of this section is the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $A$  be a ring,  $I$  be an ideal of  $A$ ,  $A \bowtie I$  be the amalgamation duplication of  $A$  along  $I$ ,  $S$  be a multiplicative set of  $A \bowtie I$  and set  $S_0 = \{s \in A \mid (s, s + i) \in S \text{ for some } i \in I\}$  which is a multiplicative set of  $A$ . Then:*

- (1) *If  $A \bowtie I$  is  $S$ -coherent, then  $A$  is  $S_0$ -coherent.*
- (2) *Assume that  $S = \{(s, s) \in A \bowtie I \mid s \in S_0\}$  and  $I$  is an  $S_0$ -finite ideal of  $A$ . Then  $A \bowtie I$  is  $S$ -coherent if and only if  $A$  is  $S_0$ -coherent.*

Before proving Theorem 3.1, we establish the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Under the hypothesis of Theorem 3.1(2), assume that  $A$  is  $S_0$ -coherent and  $I \times 0$  is an  $S$ -coherent  $(A \bowtie I)$ -module. Then,  $A \bowtie I$  is  $S$ -coherent.*

*Proof.* Recall that  $I \times 0$  is an ideal of  $A \bowtie I$  with  $\frac{A \bowtie I}{I \times 0} \cong A$  by [7, Remark 1(b)]. But  $(I \times 0) \cap S = \emptyset$  and  $T := \{(s, s) + (I \times 0) \mid s \in S\} \cong S_0$  which is a multiplicative set of  $A$ . Therefore,  $A \bowtie I$  is  $S$ -coherent by [5, Proposition 3.9 (2)] since  $A (\cong \frac{A \bowtie I}{I \times 0})$  is  $S_0$ -coherent and  $I \times 0$  is an  $S$ -coherent  $(A \bowtie I)$ -module, as desired.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 3.1.* (1) Assume that  $A \bowtie I$  is  $S$ -coherent and let  $J_0 := \sum_{i=1}^n Aa_i$  be a finitely generated proper ideal of  $A$ . Set  $J := \sum_{i=1}^n (A \bowtie I)(a_i, a_i)$  to be an ideal of  $A \bowtie I$  and consider the exact sequence of  $(A \bowtie I)$ -modules:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker}(u) \rightarrow (A \bowtie I)^n = A^n \bowtie I^n \xrightarrow{u} J \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $u((b_i, b_i + j_i)_{i=1, \dots, n}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i, b_i + j_i)(a_i, a_i) = (\sum_{i=1}^n b_i a_i, \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i + j_i) a_i)$ . On the other hand, consider the exact sequence of  $A$ -modules:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker}(v) \rightarrow A^n \xrightarrow{v} J_0 \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $v((b_i)_{i=1, \dots, n}) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ker}(u) &= \{((b_i, b_i + j_i)_{i=1, \dots, n}) \in A^n \bowtie I^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^n b_i a_i = \sum_{i=1}^n j_i a_i = 0\} \\ &= \text{Ker}(v) \bowtie G_0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $G_0 = \{j_i \in I^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^n j_i a_i = 0\}$ . But  $J$  is  $S$ -finitely presented since  $A \bowtie I$  is  $S$ -coherent, that is,  $\text{Ker}(u)$  is an  $S$ -finite  $(A \bowtie I)$ -module. Then, there exist  $(s, s + i) \in S$  and a finitely generated  $(A \bowtie I)$ -module  $L := \sum_{i=1}^n (A \bowtie I)(x_i, x_i + f_i) (\subseteq \text{Ker}(u))$  for some  $(x_i, x_i + f_i) \in L$  and a positive integer  $m$ , such that

$$(s, s + i)\text{Ker}(u) \subseteq L \subseteq \text{Ker}(u).$$

Hence, for  $L_0 := \sum_{i=1}^m Ax_i$ , we have

$$s\text{Ker}(v) \subseteq L_0 \subseteq \text{Ker}(v)$$

and so  $\text{Ker}(v)$  is  $S_0$ -finite, as desired. Hence,  $A$  is  $S_0$ -coherent.

(2) By (1) it remains to show that if  $A$  is  $S_0$ -coherent and  $I$  is  $S_0$ -finite, then  $A \bowtie I$  is  $S$ -coherent. Hence, it remains to show that  $I \times 0$  is an  $S$ -coherent  $(A \bowtie I)$ -module by Lemma 3.2.

Let  $H$  be a finitely generated subideal of  $I \times 0$  and we will show that  $H$  is  $S$ -finitely presented. Clearly,  $H = \sum_{i=1}^n (A \bowtie I)(a_i, 0)$  for some positive integer  $n$  and  $a_i \in I$ . Consider the exact sequence of  $(A \bowtie I)$ -modules:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker}(u) \rightarrow (A \bowtie I)^n = A^n \bowtie I^n \xrightarrow{u} H \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $u(b_i, b_i + j_i)_{i=1, \dots, n} = \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i, b_i + j_i)(a_i, 0) = (\sum_{i=1}^n b_i a_i, 0)$ . So that  $\text{Ker}(u) = \{(b_i, b_i + j_i)_{i=1, \dots, n} \in (A \bowtie I)^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^n b_i a_i = 0\}$ . Now, set  $J := \sum_{i=1}^n A a_i$  a finitely generated subideal of  $I$ , and consider the exact sequence of  $A$ -modules:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker}(v) \rightarrow A^n \xrightarrow{v} J \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $v((b_i)_{i=1, \dots, n}) = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i a_i$ . So under the  $(A \bowtie I)$ -module identification  $(A \bowtie I)^n = A^n \bowtie I^n$ , we have  $\text{Ker}(u) = \text{Ker}(v) \bowtie I^n$ . But  $J$  is  $S_0$ -finitely presented since  $A$  is  $S_0$ -coherent. Hence,  $\text{Ker}(v)$  is an  $S_0$ -finite  $A$ -module. Our aim is to show that  $\text{Ker}(u)$  is  $S$ -finite. Since  $\text{Ker}(v)$  is  $S_0$ -finite, there exist  $s \in S_0$  and a finitely generated  $A$ -module  $\sum_{i=1}^m A e_i (\subseteq \text{Ker}(v))$  for some positive integer  $m$  and  $e_i \in \text{Ker}(v)$  such that

$$(*) \quad s \text{Ker}(v) \subseteq \sum_{i=1}^m A e_i \subseteq \text{Ker}(v).$$

On the other hand, since  $I^n$  is  $S_0$ -finite (since  $I$  is  $S_0$ -finite), there exist  $s' \in S_0$  and a finitely generated  $A$ -module  $\sum_{i=1}^p A f_i$  for some positive integer  $p$  and  $f_i \in I^n$  such that

$$(**) \quad s' I^n \subseteq \sum_{i=1}^p A f_i \subseteq I^n.$$

We may assume that  $s = s'$  by replacing  $s$  and  $s'$  by  $ss'$ . Therefore, by (\*) and (\*\*), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (s, s)(\text{Ker}(v) \bowtie I^n) &\subseteq \sum_{i=1}^m (A \bowtie I)(e_i, e_i) + \sum_{i=1}^p (A \bowtie I)(0, f_i) \\ &\subseteq \text{Ker}(v) \bowtie I^n \end{aligned}$$

and so  $\text{Ker}(u) := \text{Ker}(v) \bowtie I^n$  is  $S$ -finite. Hence,  $I \times 0$  is an  $S$ -coherent  $(A \bowtie I)$ -module which completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

Using Theorem 3.1 in the case when  $S_0$  consists of units of  $A$  and  $S = \{(s, s) \mid s \in S_0\}$ , we regain the result [6, Lemma 4.2].

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $A$  be a ring,  $I$  be an ideal of  $A$ , and  $A \bowtie I$  be the amalgamation duplication of  $A$  along  $I$ . Then*

- (1) *If  $A \bowtie I$  is coherent, then so is  $A$ .*



- (2) Assume that  $I$  is a finitely generated ideal of  $A$ . Then  $A \bowtie I$  is coherent if and only if so is  $A$ .

We know that a coherent ring is an  $S$ -coherent ring for every multiplicative set. The converse is false as the following example shows.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $A$  be a non-coherent  $S_0$ -coherent ring (take for example  $A = \mathbb{Z} + X\mathbb{R}[[X]]$  which is not coherent by [13, Theorem 5.2.3] and an  $S_0$ -Noetherian ring by Example 2.1, where  $S_0 = A - \{0\}$ ) for some multiplicative set  $S_0$  of  $A$  and let  $I$  be an  $S_0$ -finite ideal of  $A$  (take for example  $A$  to be an integral domain and  $S_0 = A - \{0\}$ ). Then

- (1)  $A \bowtie I$  is an  $S$ -coherent ring by Theorem 3.1, where  $S = \{(s, s) \in A \bowtie I \mid s \in S_0\}$ .
- (2)  $A \bowtie I$  is not a coherent ring by [1, Corollary 2.8(1)] since  $A$  is not coherent.

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