

## Weak X-essential Ideals

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**Abstract-** Weak  $X - essential$  ideals are introduced in this paper which are generalizations of  $essential$  ideals and  $X - essential$  ideals. Some properties of weak  $X - essential$  ideals are investigated. In particular, we proved that the property of weak  $X - essential$  is preserved under finite intersection, inverse image and factor rings. We also found out conditions on Noetherian rings which ensure that direct sums of  $weak X - essential$  ideals are weak  $essential$  ideals and vice versa.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

All rings are commutative with identity unless mentioned otherwise. The notion of essential submodules were first introduced by Johnson [1] way back in 1951 and the name was given by Eckmann and Schopf in 1953[2]. We begin by recalling some of the definitions. A module  $N$  is said to be  $essential$ (or large) [1] in an  $R$  module  $M$ , abbreviated  $N \trianglelefteq M$ , in case for any submodule  $L$  of  $M$ , whenever  $N \cap L = 0$  we have  $L = 0$ . In this paper we generalize the concept of  $X - essential$  to the concept of  $weak X - essential$ . But in order for the definition to make sense, we introduce  $weak X - essential$  ideals which generalise  $essential$  and  $X - essential$  [4] on ideals. Let  $R$  be a ring and  $X, J$  be ideals of  $R$ . An ideal  $I$  of  $R$  contained in  $J$  is called  $weak X - essential$  in  $J$ (written as  $I \trianglelefteq_{X-weak} J$ ) if for each ideal  $\mu$  contained in  $J$ ,  $\mu \cap I \subseteq X$  we have  $\mu^n \subseteq X$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The purpose of this paper is to investigate the properties of weak  $X - essential$  ideals.

**Definition 1.1:** (S. Safaeeyan and N. Saboori Shirazi [4]) Let  $R$  be a ring. Let  $X$  and  $J$  be ideals of  $R$ . An ideal  $I$  of  $R$  contained in  $J$  is called  $X - essential$  in  $J$  (written  $I \trianglelefteq_X J$ ) if for each ideal  $\mu$  contained in  $J$ ,  $\mu \cap I = X$  implies  $\mu \subseteq X$ .

**Definition 1.2:** Let  $R$  be a ring. Let  $X$  and  $J$  be ideals of  $R$ . An ideal  $I$  of  $R$  contained in  $J$  is called  $weak X - essential$  in  $J$  (written  $I \trianglelefteq_{X-weak} J$ ) if for each ideal  $\mu$  contained in  $J$ ,  $\mu \cap I \subseteq X$  implies  $\mu^n \subseteq X$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Note that  $I \trianglelefteq_{X-weak} J$  is also equivalent to saying for every ideal  $\mu$  with  $\mu^n \not\subseteq X$  we have  $\mu \cap I \not\subseteq X$ .

**Definition 1.3:** Let  $I, X$  be (left)ideals of  $R$ . We say that  $I$  is  $weak X - essential$  if it is  $weak X - essential$  in  $R$ .

### II. X-ESSENTIAL AND WEAK X-ESSENTIAL

**Proposition 2.1:** Let  $X \subseteq I, J$  be sub-ideals of  $K$  and suppose that  $J$  is maximal with respect to the property  $I \cap J = X$ . Then  $I + J \trianglelefteq_X K$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\mu$  be sub ideal of  $K$  such that  $(I + J) \cap \mu \subseteq X$ , then  $I \cap (J + \mu) \subseteq X$ . But  $X = I \cap J \subseteq I \cap (J + \mu) \subseteq X$  so  $I \cap (J + \mu) = X$ . By maximality of  $J$  we have  $J + \mu = J$ , i.e.,  $\mu \subseteq J$  and therefore as  $(I + J) \cap \mu \subseteq X$  we have  $\mu \subseteq X$ .

**Proposition 2.2:** Let  $I, J \subseteq K, X$  be ideals of  $R$ . Then

1. For  $I \subseteq J \subseteq K$  we have  $I \trianglelefteq_{X-weak} J$  and  $J \trianglelefteq_{X-weak} K$  if  $I \trianglelefteq_{X-weak} K$ .
2.  $I \trianglelefteq_{X-weak} K$  and  $J \trianglelefteq_{X-weak} K$  if  $I \cap J \trianglelefteq_{X-weak} K$ .

**Proof:** Follows easily from definition.

**Lemma 2.3:** Let  $X \subseteq I \subseteq J$  be ideals of  $R$ . Then  $I \trianglelefteq_{X-weak} J$  if and only if  $\frac{I}{X} \trianglelefteq_{X-weak} \frac{J}{X}$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $I \trianglelefteq_{X-weak} J$ . Let  $\frac{\mu}{X}$  be an ideal of  $\frac{R}{X}$  contained in  $\frac{J}{X}$  such that  $\frac{\mu}{X} \cap \frac{I}{X} = 0$ , hence  $\mu \cap I = X$ . Now since  $I \trianglelefteq_{X-weak} J$ , we have  $\mu^n = X$  and hence  $(\frac{\mu}{X})^n = 0$ . Therefore  $\frac{I}{X} \trianglelefteq_{X-weak} \frac{J}{X}$ .

Conversely, let  $\mu$  be an ideal of  $R$  contained in  $J$  such that  $\mu \cap I \subseteq X$ , then  $\frac{\mu+X}{X} \cap \frac{I}{X} = 0$ . By hypothesis we get that  $(\frac{\mu+X}{X})^n = 0$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore  $(\mu + X)^n = X$ , i.e.,  $I \triangleleft_{X\text{-weak}} J$ .

**Proposition 2.4:** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I, J, X$  be ideals of  $R$  such that  $I, X \subseteq J$ . Then  $\frac{I+X}{X} \triangleleft_{0\text{-weak}} \frac{J}{X}$  if  $I \triangleleft_{X\text{-weak}} J$ .

**Proof:** Since,  $I \triangleleft_{X\text{-weak}} J$  and  $I \leq I + X \leq J$  we have by Proposition 2.2,  $I + X \triangleleft_{X\text{-weak}} J$ . Therefore by Lemma 2.3 it follows that  $\frac{I+X}{X} \triangleleft_{0\text{-weak}} \frac{J}{X}$  if  $I \triangleleft_{X\text{-weak}} J$ .

If  $R$  is a commutative ring and  $I$  an ideal, then the radical of  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  such that an element  $x$  is in radical of  $I$  if some power of  $x$  is in  $I$ . It is denoted by  $Rad(I)$ .

**Lemma 2.5:** Let  $R$  be a commutative noetherian ring. Let  $J$  be an ideal of  $R$  and  $I, X$  be sub-ideals of  $J$ . Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $I \triangleleft_{X\text{-weak}} J$ .
2. For every  $a \in J \setminus Rad(X)$ , there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $ra \in I \setminus X$ .

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $a \in J \setminus Rad(X)$ . Since  $I \triangleleft_{X\text{-weak}} J$  we have  $I \cap aR \not\subseteq X$ . Therefore, there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $ar \in I \setminus X$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $\mu$  be an ideal contained in  $J$  such that  $\mu \cap I \subseteq X$ . By definition, in order to show  $I \triangleleft_{X\text{-weak}} J$ , we have to show that  $\mu^n \subseteq X$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Claim that  $\mu \in Rad(X)$ . If claim is false, then there exists  $a \in \mu \setminus Rad(X)$ , by (2), there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $ra \in I \setminus X$ . But  $ra \in \mu \cap I \subseteq X$ , which is a contradiction. Hence the claim. Since  $R$  is a commutative noetherian ring, it can be proved that  $\mu^n \subseteq X$  for some  $\mu \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Proposition 2.6:** Let  $R$  be a commutative noetherian ring. Let  $J$  be an ideal of  $R$  and  $I, X$  be sub-ideals of  $J$ . Suppose that for each  $a \in J$ ,  $(I : a) \triangleleft_{(X:a)\text{-weak}} R$ , then  $I \triangleleft_{X\text{-weak}} J$ .

**Proof:** Let  $a \in J \setminus Rad(X)$ . By hypothesis,  $(I : a) \triangleleft_{(X:a)\text{-weak}} R$ , then by Lemma 2.5 there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $ra \in (I : a) \setminus (X : a)$ . Therefore,  $(ra)a \in I \setminus X$ . Thus showing that  $I \triangleleft_{X\text{-weak}} J$ .

**Corollary 2.7:** Let  $I, J$  be ideals of a commutative noetherian ring  $R$ , such that  $I \subseteq J$ . Then  $I \triangleleft_{0\text{-weak}} J$  if  $(I : a) \triangleleft_{ann(a)\text{-weak}} R$ , for all  $a \in J$ .

**Proposition 2.8:** Let  $I, J$  be ideals over a commutative noetherian ring  $R$  and  $P$  be a prime ideal. Then for each  $a \in J \setminus P$ , the following are equivalent:

1.  $(I : a) \triangleleft_{P\text{-weak}} R$ .
2.  $I \triangleleft_{P\text{-weak}} J$ .
3.  $(I : a) \triangleleft_P R$ .

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) : Suppose for each  $a \in J$ ,  $(I : a) \triangleleft_{P\text{-weak}} R$ . Let  $a \in J \setminus Rad(P)$ . Since  $P$  is prime  $P = Rad(P)$  then  $a \in J \setminus P$ , therefore by assumption, we have  $(I : a) \triangleleft_{P\text{-weak}} R$ . Also note that  $P = (P : a)$ . Therefore  $(I : a) \triangleleft_{(P:a)\text{-weak}} R$ . Hence by Proposition 2.6,  $I \triangleleft_{P\text{-weak}} J$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) : Suppose  $I \triangleleft_{P\text{-weak}} J$ . Let  $a \in J \setminus P$ , since  $P$  is prime we have  $a \notin Rad(P)$ . Therefore by Lemma 2.5 there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $ra \in I \setminus P$ , i.e.,  $(I : a) \not\subseteq P$ . Now let  $\mu$  be an ideal such that,  $\mu \cap (I : a) \subseteq P$ , then  $\mu(I : a) \subseteq \mu \cap (I : a) \subseteq P$ . But as  $P$  is prime, we have  $(I : a) \not\subseteq P$ , therefore  $\mu \subseteq P$ . Hence,  $(I : a) \triangleleft_{P\text{-weak}} R$ .

(i) or (ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii) : clear.

A set of ideals  $\{I_i\}_{i=1}^n$  of a ring  $R$  is said to be independent if  $I_j \cap \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^n I_i = 0$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Proposition 2.9:** Let  $\{I_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be a set of independent ideals and  $\{J_i\}_{i=1}^n$  another set of independent ideals over a commutative noetherian ring  $R$ . Let  $X$  be an ideal of  $R$  such that  $I_i \triangleleft_{X\text{-weak}} J_i$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n I_i \triangleleft_{X\text{-weak}} \bigoplus_{i=1}^n J_i$ .

**Proof:** Let  $a \in \bigoplus_{i=1}^n J_i \setminus Rad(X)$ , then  $a = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$  where each  $a_i \in J_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Therefore there exists at least one  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that  $a_i \notin Rad(X)$ . With out any loss  $a_1 \notin Rad(X)$ . Then  $a_1 a = a_1^2 \in J_1 \setminus Rad(X)$ . Since  $I_1 \triangleleft_{X\text{-weak}} J_1$ , by Lemma 2.5, there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $ra_1 a \in I_1 \setminus X$ . Therefore,  $ra_1 a \in \bigoplus_{i=1}^n I_i \setminus X$ . Hence  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n I_i \triangleleft_{X\text{-weak}} \bigoplus_{i=1}^n J_i$ .

**Proposition 2.10:** Let  $\{J_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be set of independent ideals and  $\{I_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be another set of ideals over a commutative noetherian ring  $R$  such that  $I_i \subseteq J_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Let  $X$  be an ideal of  $R$  then  $I_i \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J_i$  if and only if  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n I_i \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} \bigoplus_{i=1}^n J_i$ .

**Proof:** The direct part is done in the previous proposition.

Conversely, let  $a_1 \in J_1 \setminus \text{Rad}(X)$ . Then  $a_1 \in \bigoplus_{i=1}^n J_i$ . Therefore by Lemma 2.5, there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $ra_1 \in \bigoplus_{i=1}^n I_i \setminus X$ . Then  $ra_1 \in I_1 \setminus X$ , since  $\{J_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is independent set and  $I_i \subseteq J_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Hence  $I_1 \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J_1$ . Therefore, it follows that  $I_i \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J_i$  for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Proposition 2.11:** Let  $X$  be an ideal of a commutative noetherian ring  $R$ . Let  $\{J_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be the set of ideals satisfying  $J_i \cap \sum_{j \neq i, j=1}^n J_j \subseteq X$  and  $\{I_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be another set of ideals of  $R$  such that  $I_i \subseteq J_i$  and  $X \cap J_i \subseteq I_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $I_i \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J_i$  if and only if  $\sum_{i=1}^n I_i \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} \sum_{i=1}^n J_i$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $I_i \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Let  $a \in \sum_{i=1}^n J_i \setminus \text{Rad}(X)$ , then  $a = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$  where  $a_i \in J_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Therefore, there exists at least one  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that  $a_i \notin \text{Rad}(X)$ . Without any loss, let  $a_1 \notin \text{Rad}(X)$ . Clearly, since  $J_1 \cap \sum_{j=2}^n J_j \subseteq X$ , it follows that  $a_1 a \in J_1 \setminus \text{Rad}(X)$ . Since  $I_1 \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J_1$ , by Lemma 2.5, there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $ra_1 a \in I_1 \setminus X$ . Therefore,  $ra_1 a \in \sum_{i=1}^n I_i \setminus X$ . Hence,  $\sum_{i=1}^n I_i \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} \sum_{i=1}^n J_i$ .

Conversely, let  $a_1 \in J_1 \setminus \text{Rad}(X)$  then  $a_1 \in \sum_{i=1}^n J_i \setminus \text{Rad}(X)$ . Therefore by Lemma 2.5, since  $\sum_{i=1}^n I_i \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} \sum_{i=1}^n J_i$ , there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $ra_1 \in \sum_{i=1}^n I_i \setminus X$ . Then  $ra_1 \in I_1 \setminus X$ , since  $J_i \cap \sum_{j \neq i, j=1}^n J_j \subseteq X$ ,  $I_i \subseteq J_i$  and  $X \cap J_i \subseteq I_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Hence  $I_1 \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J_1$ . Therefore it follows that  $I_i \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J_i$  for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Proposition 2.12:** Let  $R$  be a commutative noetherian ring. Let  $X_1 \subseteq I_1 \subseteq J_1$  and  $X_2 \subseteq I_2 \subseteq J_2$  be ideals of  $R$  satisfying  $X_1 \cap X_2 = J_1 \cap J_2$ . Then  $I_1 + I_2 \preceq_{X_1+X_2\text{-weak}} J_1 + J_2$  if and only if  $I_1 \preceq_{X_1\text{-weak}} J_1$  and  $I_2 \preceq_{X_2\text{-weak}} J_2$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $I_1 + I_2 \preceq_{X_1+X_2\text{-weak}} J_1 + J_2$ . Let  $\mu$  be an ideal of  $R$  contained in  $J_1$  such that  $\mu \cap I_1 \subseteq X_1$ , then  $\mu \cap (I_1 + I_2) \subseteq X_1 + X_2$ . By assumption, we have  $\mu^n \subseteq X_1 + X_2$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , which can be easily proved that  $\mu^n \subseteq X_1$ . Hence,  $I_1 \preceq_{X_1\text{-weak}} J_1$  and similarly  $I_2 \preceq_{X_2\text{-weak}} J_2$ .

Conversely,  $I_1 \preceq_{X_1\text{-weak}} J_1$  and  $I_2 \preceq_{X_2\text{-weak}} J_2$ . Let  $a_1 \in J_1, a_2 \in J_2$  such that  $a_1 + a_2 \in J_1 + J_2 \setminus \text{Rad}(X_1 + X_2)$ , then either  $a_1 \notin \text{Rad}(X_1 + X_2)$  or  $a_2 \notin \text{Rad}(X_1 + X_2)$ . With out any loss,  $a_1 \notin \text{Rad}(X_1 + X_2)$ . As  $X_1 \cap X_2 = J_1 \cap J_2$  we can easily verify that  $a_1(a_1 + a_2) \notin \text{Rad}(X_1 + X_2)$  then  $a_1(a_1 + a_2) \notin \text{Rad}(X_1)$ . Also note that  $a_1(a_1 + a_2) \in J \setminus \text{Rad}(X_1)$ , therefore by Lemma 2.5 since  $I_1 \preceq_{X_1\text{-weak}} J_1$ , there exist  $r \in R$  such that  $ra_1(a_1 + a_2) \in I_1 \setminus X_1$ . Again by using  $X_1 \cap X_2 = J_1 \cap J_2$ , we get that  $ra_1(a_1 + a_2) \notin X_1 + X_2$ . Therefore  $ra_1(a_1 + a_2) \in I_1 + I_2 \setminus X_1 + X_2$ . Hence by Lemma 2.5, we have  $I_1 + I_2 \preceq_{X_1+X_2\text{-weak}} J_1 + J_2$ .

**Proposition 2.13:** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. Let  $I, J, X$  be ideals of  $R$  such that  $X \subseteq J$  and  $f \in \text{Hom}(I, J)$ . Then  $\text{Im}f \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J$  if and only if for each  $h \in \text{Hom}(J, \cdot)$ ,  $\text{ker}h \cap \text{Im}f \subseteq X$  we have  $(\text{Ker}h)^n \subseteq X$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Proof:** The direct part is clear. Conversely, let  $\mu$  be an ideal of  $R$  containing in  $J$  such that  $\text{Im}f \cap \mu \subseteq X$ . Now  $h : J \rightarrow \frac{J}{\mu}$  by  $h(x) = x + \mu$  for all  $x \in J$ , then clearly  $h \in \text{Hom}\left(J, \frac{J}{\mu}\right)$  with  $\text{Ker}h = \mu$ . Therefore we see that,  $\text{Im}f \cap \text{Ker}h \subseteq X$ , by hypothesis we get,  $\mu^n = (\text{Ker}h)^n \subseteq X$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore  $\text{Im}f \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J$ .

**Lemma 2.14:** Let  $I, J, K, X$  be ideals of a commutative ring  $R$ . Let  $f : R \rightarrow R$  be ring homomorphism such that  $f^{-1}(K) \subseteq I$ . Then  $f^{-1}(K) \preceq_{f^{-1}(X)\text{-weak}} I$  if  $K \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\mu$  be an ideal of  $R$  contain in  $I$  such that  $\mu \cap f^{-1}(K) \subseteq f^{-1}(X)$ . Then clearly  $f(\mu) \cap K \subseteq X$  and by hypothesis we get  $[f(\mu)]^n \subseteq X$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $f$  is a homomorphism  $\mu^n \subseteq f^{-1}(X)$ . Therefore  $f^{-1}(K) \preceq_{f^{-1}(X)\text{-weak}} I$ .

**Corollary 2.15:** Let  $I, J, K$  be ideals of a commutative ring  $R$  such that  $K \subseteq J$  and  $f : R \rightarrow R$  be ring homomorphism. Suppose that  $f^{-1}(K) \subseteq I$ , then if  $K \preceq_{0\text{-weak}} J$ , we have  $f^{-1}(K) \preceq_{\text{Ker}f\text{-weak}} I$ . Moreover, if  $f$  is an epimorphism, then  $K \preceq_{0\text{-weak}} J$  if and only if  $f^{-1}(K) \preceq_{\text{Ker}f\text{-weak}} I$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $K \preceq_{0\text{-weak}} J$ . By Lemma 2.14, we have  $f^{-1}(K) \preceq_{f^{-1}(0)\text{-weak}} I$ . But  $f^{-1}(0) = \text{Ker}f$ , therefore  $f^{-1}(K) \preceq_{\text{Ker}f\text{-weak}} I$ .

If  $f$  is an epimorphism, the direct part is done above. Conversely, let  $\mu$  be an ideal of  $R$  contained in  $J$  such that  $\mu \cap K = 0$ . Then  $f^{-1}(K) \cap f^{-1}(\mu) \subseteq \text{Ker}f$ . Since  $f^{-1}(K) \preceq_{\text{Ker}f\text{-weak}} I$  we have  $[f^{-1}(\mu)]^n \subseteq \text{Ker}f$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Again since  $f$  is an epimorphism we have  $\mu^n = 0$ . Therefore  $K \preceq_{0\text{-weak}} J$ .

**Proposition 2.16:** Let  $R$  be a commutative noetherian ring,  $F = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and for every  $i \in F$ ,  $I_i$  are non-zero independent ideals of  $R$ . Let  $I = \bigoplus_{i \in F} I_i$ , then for every non-empty subset  $F'$  of  $F$  we have  $\bigoplus_{i \in F'} I_i \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} I$  where  $X = \bigoplus_{i \in F \setminus F'} I_i$ .

**Proof:** Let  $a \in I \setminus \text{Rad}(X)$ . Then  $a = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$  where  $a_i \in I_i$  for every  $i \in F$ . Since  $a \notin \text{Rad}(X)$ , there exists  $a_i \in I_i$  for some  $i \in F$  such that  $a \notin \text{Rad}(X)$ , therefore  $i \in F'$ . Taking  $r = a_i$  we get  $ra = a_i^2 \in I_i \setminus X$ . Therefore  $ra = \bigoplus_{i \in F'} I_i \setminus X$ . Hence  $\bigoplus_{i \in F'} I_i \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} I$ .

**Proposition 2.17:** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. Let  $X$  be the nil-radical of  $R$ . Then for an ideal  $I$  with  $X \subseteq I$  we have  $I \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} R$  if and only if  $\frac{I}{X} \preceq \frac{R}{X}$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $I \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} R$ . Let  $\frac{\mu}{X}$  be an ideal of  $\frac{R}{X}$  such that  $\frac{\mu}{X} \cap \frac{I}{X} = 0$  then  $\mu \cap I = X$ . By hypothesis,  $\mu^n \subseteq X$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $X$  is nil-radical, therefore it follows that  $\mu \subseteq X$ . Thus  $\mu = X$  and therefore  $\frac{\mu}{X} = 0$ . Hence  $\frac{I}{X} \preceq \frac{R}{X}$ .

Conversely, suppose  $\frac{I}{X} \preceq \frac{R}{X}$ . Let  $\mu$  be an ideal such that  $\mu \cap I \subseteq X$ , then  $\frac{\mu+X}{X} \cap \frac{I}{X} = 0$ . By assumption,  $\frac{\mu+X}{X} = 0$ , therefore  $\mu + X = X$ . Then  $\mu \subseteq X$ . Hence  $I \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} R$ .

**Proposition 2.18:** Let  $I, J \subseteq K$  be ideals of a commutative ring  $R$  and  $X$  its nil-radical (or instead we can take the largest nil-ideal contain in  $K$ ). Then

1.  $I \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} K$  and  $J \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} K$  if and only if  $I \cap J \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} K$ .
2. Let  $I \subseteq J \subseteq K$ . Then  $I \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J$  and  $J \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} K$  if and only if  $I \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} K$ .

**Proof:** Proof follows easily from definition.

**Proposition 2.19:** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $X$  its nil-radical (or instead we can take the largest nil-ideal contain in  $J$ ). Let  $J$  be an ideal of  $R$  and  $I$  be sub-ideal of  $J$ . Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $I \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J$ .
2. For every  $a \in J \setminus X$ , there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $ra \in I \setminus X$ .
3. For each  $a \in J \setminus X$ ,  $(I : a) \preceq_{(X:a)\text{-weak}} R$ .

**Proof:** Similar to Lemma 2.5 and Proposition 2.6.

**Proposition 2.20:** Let  $I_1, I_2, J_1, J_2$  be ideals of a commutative ring  $R$  and  $X$  its nil-radical. If  $I_1 \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J_1$  and  $I_2 \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J_2$ , then  $I_1 \cap I_2 \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J_1 \cap J_2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\mu$  be a sub-ideal of  $J_1 \cap J_2$  such that  $\mu \cap (I_1 \cap I_2) \subseteq X$ . Then as  $X$  is nil-ideal and  $I_2 \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J_2$ , we have  $\mu \cap I_1 \subseteq X$ . Also since  $I_1 \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J_1$  we get that  $\mu \subseteq X$ .

**Proposition 2.21:** Let  $I, J, K$  be ideals of a commutative ring  $R, X$  the nil-radical and  $f : J \rightarrow K$  be homomorphism. If  $I \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} K$ , then  $f^{-1}(I) \preceq_{f^{-1}(X)\text{-weak}} J$ , infact  $f^{-1}(I) \preceq_{f^{-1}(X)} J$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\mu$  be a sub-ideal of  $J$  satisfying  $\mu \cap f^{-1}(I) \subseteq f^{-1}(X)$ , then  $I \cap f(\mu) \subseteq X$ . But as  $I \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} K$  and  $X$  is nil-ideal, we have  $f(\mu) \subseteq X$ . Therefore  $\mu \subseteq f^{-1}(X)$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(I) \preceq_{f^{-1}(X)\text{-weak}} J$ .

### III. SOME EXAMPLES

**Example 3.1:** An example of ideals which are weak 0-essential but not essential. Take  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & a & d \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}$ .

Then ideals of  $R$  are:  $I_1 = R, I_2 = 0, I_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid c \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}, I_4 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid b \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}, I_5 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid b, c \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}$ ,

$I_6 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & d \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid c, d \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}, I_7 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid b \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}, I_8 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b & c \\ 0 & 0 & d \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}, I_9 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b & c \\ 0 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid b, c \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}$ .

Here  $I_3$  and  $I_4$  are weak 0-essential but not essential.

**Example 3.2:**

1. If  $R = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p^2q^2\mathbb{Z}}, I = \frac{p^2\mathbb{Z}}{p^2q^2\mathbb{Z}}, J = \frac{p\mathbb{Z}}{p^2q^2\mathbb{Z}}, X = \frac{p^2q\mathbb{Z}}{p^2q^2\mathbb{Z}}$  where  $p, q$  are distinct primes. Then  $I \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J$  and also  $I \preceq_{0\text{-weak}} J$  but not  $X$ -essential in  $J$ .
2. Let  $R = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p^2qr\mathbb{Z}}, I = \frac{p^2\mathbb{Z}}{p^2qr\mathbb{Z}}, J = \frac{p\mathbb{Z}}{p^2qr\mathbb{Z}}, X = \frac{p^2q\mathbb{Z}}{p^2qr\mathbb{Z}}$ , where  $p, q, r$  are distinct primes. Then  $I \preceq_{X\text{-weak}} J$  but  $I$  is neither weak 0-essential nor  $X$ -essential in  $J$ .

3. Let  $R = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p^2 a \mathbb{Z}}$  where  $p$  is a prime number,  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  is a natural number not divisible by  $p$ . If  $a$  is composite and  $q$  is a prime number dividing  $a$  then take  $I = \frac{p^2 \mathbb{Z}}{p^2 a \mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $J = \frac{p \mathbb{Z}}{p^2 a \mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $X = \frac{p^2 q \mathbb{Z}}{p^2 a \mathbb{Z}}$ . Then  $I \trianglelefteq_{X\text{-weak}} J$  but  $I$  is neither weak 0-essential nor  $X$ -essential in  $J$ .
4. Let  $R = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{36\mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $I = \frac{2\mathbb{Z}}{36\mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $X = \frac{6\mathbb{Z}}{36\mathbb{Z}}$ . Then  $I \trianglelefteq_{X\text{-weak}} R$  and  $I$  is also  $X$ -essential but  $I \not\trianglelefteq_{0\text{-weak}} R$ .
5. Let  $R = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{36\mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $I = \frac{2\mathbb{Z}}{36\mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $X = \frac{9\mathbb{Z}}{36\mathbb{Z}}$ . Then  $I \trianglelefteq_{0\text{-weak}} R$  but  $I \not\trianglelefteq_{X\text{-weak}} R$  and  $I$  is not  $X$ -essential.

**Example 3.3:** For every  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have  $m\mathbb{Z} \trianglelefteq_{n\mathbb{Z}\text{-weak}} (m\mathbb{Z} + n\mathbb{Z})$ . In fact  $m\mathbb{Z} \trianglelefteq_{n\mathbb{Z}} (m\mathbb{Z} + n\mathbb{Z})$ .

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

With the generalisation of  $X$ -essential and essential ideals, we have found out that when  $R$  is a noetherian ring,  $I \trianglelefteq_{X\text{-weak}} J$  if and only if for every  $a \in J \setminus \text{Rad}(X)$ , there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $ra \in I \setminus X$ . This property helps us in determining if the ideal  $I$  is weak  $X$ -essential in  $J$  without the use of the definition, in other words without using any ideal  $\mu$ , instead we only needed to focus on an element  $a \in J \setminus \text{Rad}(X)$ . We have proved so many results on this paper with the help of this property. We also proved that if the ideal  $X$  is nilradical of the ring  $R$  with  $X$  containing in  $I$ , then  $I \trianglelefteq_{X\text{-weak}} R$  if and only if  $\frac{I}{X} \trianglelefteq \frac{R}{X}$ . Most results in this paper are based on a ring  $R$  which is assuming to be noetherian. So there are still questions to discuss and results to be found out for a ring  $R$  that is not necessarily be noetherian.

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