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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, our research sheds new light on generalized ideals, significantly advancing the state of knowledge in ring theory. We introduce an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal which unifies an almost prime ideal and an almost primary ideal. We also define and study the concept of a  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary ideal in a commutative ring. Some characterizations of almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal and  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal are proved.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Anderson and Bataineh [1], studied generalizations of prime ideals in a commutative ring. Anderson and Smith [2], defined weakly prime ideals. Bataineh and S. Kuhail [4], studied generalizations of primary ideals and submodules. Generalizations of primary ideals in commutative rings are done by Darani and Yousefian [5]. Zhao Dongsheng [9] studied expansion of ideals and  $\delta$ -primary ideals in a commutative ring where  $\delta$  is a mapping with some

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additional properties. Zhao and Fahid [6], defined 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary ideals in a commutative ring. Badawi and Fahid [3], defined weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideals and weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary ideals in a commutative ring. They defined expansion of ideals in the product of rings. Also, they defined  $\delta$ -twin zero and  $\delta$ -triple zero. Anderson and M. Bataineh [1], generalized prime ideals in a commutative ring. Darani and Yousefian [5], have generalized primary ideals in commutative rings. Manjrekar and Bingi [7] introduced almost prime, almost primary, 2-potent prime and 2-potent primary elements in a compactly generated multiplicative lattice. Also, they introduced the concept of  $\phi$ -prime and  $\phi$ -primary elements in multiplicative lattices. Nimbhorkar and Nehete [8] introduced almost  $\delta$ -primary, 2-potent  $\delta$ -primary elements in a compactly generated multiplicative lattice. Also, they introduced the concept of  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary elements in multiplicative lattices.

This motivates us to define these concepts using expansion of ideals. In this paper we use expansion of ideals to define an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal which unifies the concept of an almost prime ideal and an almost primary ideal in one frame. Some results on an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal and  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal are proved. Also, we define a 2-potent  $\delta$ -primary ideal.

Also, we introduced a  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary ideal in a commutative ring. Also, we study some results on studied  $\delta$ -primary ideal. We prove some results using expansion of ideals of the product of rings.

In this paper,  $R$  denotes a commutative ring. We shall use  $Id(R)$  to denote the set of all ideals of  $R$ .

An ideal  $P$  is called a proper ideal of  $R$  if  $P \neq R$ .

**Definition 1.1.** A proper ideal  $P$  of  $R$  is called a prime ideal if for  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab \in P$  implies that either  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$ .

**Definition 1.2.** The radical of an ideal  $I$  is defined as,  
 $\sqrt{I} = \{x \in R \mid x^n \in I, n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$

**Definition 1.3.** A proper ideal  $P$  of  $R$  is called a primary ideal if for  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab \in P$  implies that either  $a \in P$  or  $b \in \sqrt{P}$ .

The following definitions are from Zhao Dongsheng [9].

**Definition 1.4.** An expansion of ideals, or an ideal expansion, is a function  $\delta : Id(R) \rightarrow Id(R)$ , satisfying the conditions

- (i)  $I \subseteq \delta(I)$  and (ii)  $J \subseteq K$  implies  $\delta(J) \subseteq \delta(K)$ , for all  $I, J, K \in Id(R)$ .

*Example 1.5.* (1) The identity function  $\delta_0 : Id(R) \rightarrow Id(R)$ , where  $\delta_0(I) = I$  for every  $I \in Id(R)$ , is an expansion of ideals.

(2) The function  $\mathbf{B}$  that assigns the biggest ideal  $R$  to each ideal is an expansion of ideals.

(3) For each proper ideal  $P$ , the mapping  $\mathbf{M} : Id(R) \rightarrow Id(R)$ , defined by  $\mathbf{M}(P) = \cap \{I \in Id(R) \mid P \subseteq I, I \text{ is a maximal ideal other than } R\}$ , and  $\mathbf{M}(R) = R$ . Then  $\mathbf{M}$  is an expansion of ideals.

(4) For each ideal  $I$  define  $\delta_1(I) = \sqrt{I}$ , the radical of  $I$ . Then  $\delta_1(I)$  is an expansion of ideals.

- (5) Let  $J$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . If  $\delta(I) = I + J$  for every ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , then  $\delta$  is an expansion function of ideals of  $R$ , such a function is denoted by  $\delta^+$ .
- (6) Assume that  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  are expansion functions of ideals of  $R$ . Let  $\delta : I(R) \rightarrow I(R)$  such that  $\delta(I) = \delta_1(I) + \delta_2(I)$ . Then  $\delta$  is an expansion function of ideals of  $R$ , such a function is denoted by  $\delta_\oplus$ .
- (7) Assume that  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  are expansion functions of ideals of  $R$ . Let  $\delta : I(R) \rightarrow I(R)$  such that  $\delta(I) = \delta_1(I) \cap \delta_2(I)$ . Then  $\delta$  is an expansion function of ideals of  $R$ , such a function is denoted by  $\delta_\cap$ .
- (8) Assume that  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  are expansion functions of ideals of  $R$ . Let  $\delta : I(R) \rightarrow I(R)$  such that  $\delta(I) = (\delta_1 \circ \delta_2)(I) = \delta_1(\delta_2(I))$ . Then  $\delta$  is an expansion function of ideals of  $R$ , such a function is denoted by  $\delta_\circ$ .

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $\delta$  be an expansion of ideals of  $L$ . A proper ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is called  $\delta$ -primary if  $ab \in I$ , then either  $a \in I$  or  $b \in \delta(I)$  for all  $a, b \in R$ .

**Definition 1.7.** An expansion is said to be global if, for any ring homomorphism,  $f : R \rightarrow K$ ,  $\delta(f^{-1}(I)) = f^{-1}(\delta(I))$  for all  $I \in Id(K)$ .

The following definitions are from Badawi and Fahid [3]

**Definition 1.8.** Let  $\delta$  be an expansion of ideals, an ideal  $W$  of  $R$  is called weakly  $\delta$ -primary if for all  $x, y \in R$ ,  $0 \neq xy \in W$ , then either  $x \in W$  or  $y \in \delta(W)$ .

*Remark 1.9.* Every  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$  is a weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal.

**Definition 1.10.** Let  $W$  be a weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . Then  $(x, y)$  is called a  $\delta$ -twin-zero of  $W$ , if  $xy = 0$ ,  $x \notin W$  and  $y \notin \delta(W)$ .

**Lemma 1.11.** Let  $W$  be a weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$  and suppose that for some  $x, y \in R$ ,  $(x, y)$  is a  $\delta$ -twin-zero of  $W$ . Then  $xW = yW = \{0\}$ .

**Lemma 1.12.** Let  $W$  be a weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . If  $W$  is not a  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ , then  $W^2 = \{0\}$ .

## 2. WEAKLY $\delta$ -PRIMARY IDEALS

In this section, we prove some properties of the weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal in a commutative ring.

*Example 2.1.* Consider the ideal  $\langle 2 \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}_8$ . Then  $\langle 2 \rangle$  is a weakly  $\delta_1$ -primary, weakly  $\delta_0$ -primary and weakly  $\mathbf{M}$ -primary ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_8$ ,

where  $\delta_0(\langle 2 \rangle) = \delta_1(\langle 2 \rangle) = \mathbf{M}(\langle 2 \rangle) = \langle 2 \rangle$ .

However, consider the ideal  $\langle 10 \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}_{20}$ . Then  $\langle 10 \rangle$  is not a weakly  $\delta_1$ -primary, not a weakly  $\delta_0$ -primary and not a  $\mathbf{M}$ -primary ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_{20}$ , we have

$\delta_0(\langle 10 \rangle) = \delta_1(\langle 10 \rangle) = \mathbf{M}(\langle 10 \rangle) = \langle 10 \rangle$ . Since for  $2.5 \in \mathbb{Z}_{20}$ ,

$2 \otimes_{20} 5 = 10 \in \langle 10 \rangle$  but neither  $2 \in \langle 10 \rangle$  nor

$5 \in \delta_1(\langle 10 \rangle) = \delta_0(\langle 10 \rangle) = \mathbf{M}(\langle 10 \rangle)$ .

*Remark 2.2.* The converse of the Remark 1.9, is not true.

By definition,  $I = \{0\}$  is a weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_{20}$  that is not a  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_{20}$ , since for  $4.5 \in \mathbb{Z}_{20}$ ,  $4 \otimes_{20} 5 = 0 \in \{0\}$  but neither  $4 \in \{0\}$  nor  $5 \in \delta_0(\{0\}) = \{0\}$  nor  $5 \in \delta_1(\{0\}) = \mathbf{M}(\{0\}) = \langle 10 \rangle$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $W$  be a weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$  and suppose that  $(p, q)$  is a  $\delta$ -twin-zero of  $W$ . If  $pr \in W$  for some  $r \in R$ , then  $pr = 0$*

*Proof.* Suppose  $0 \neq pr \in W$  for some  $r \in R$ . Consider  $pq + pr \neq 0$  implies that  $0 \neq [p(q+r)] \in W$  and  $p \notin W$ . As  $W$  is a weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ , we get  $q+r \in \delta(W)$ . So we conclude that  $q \in \delta(W)$ , which is a contradiction to  $(p, q)$ , is a  $\delta$ -twin-zero of  $W$ . Thus,  $pr = 0$ . □

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $W$  and  $\delta(W)$  be weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$  and suppose that  $PQ \subseteq W$  for some ideals  $P, Q$  of  $R$ . If  $(p, q)$  is a  $\delta$ -twin-zero of  $\delta(W)$  for some  $p \in P$  and  $q \in Q$ , then  $PQ = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $(p, q)$  is a  $\delta$ -twin-zero of  $\delta(W)$  for some  $p \in P$  and  $q \in Q$ . Assume  $rs \neq 0$  for some  $r \in P$  and  $s \in Q$ . Then  $rs \in PQ \subseteq W$  implies that  $0 \neq rs \in W$ , as  $W$  is weakly  $\delta$ -primary we get  $r \in W$  or  $s \in \delta(W)$ . Without loss of generality, we assume that  $r \in W$ , then  $r \in W \subseteq \delta(W)$ . If  $s \in \delta(W)$  and  $r \in \delta(W)$ , it implies that  $rs \in \delta(W)^2 = 0$ . Hence,  $rs = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Thus,  $s \notin \delta(W)$ . Since  $ps \in W$ , then  $ps = 0$ , by Theorem 2.3. Now  $0 \neq (p+r)s = rs \in W$ , as  $W$  is weakly  $\delta$ - the primary ideal of  $R$  and  $s \notin \delta(W)$ , we get  $p+r \in W$ . Hence,  $p \in W$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $PQ = 0$ . □

The following lemma is from Anderson and Bataineh [1]

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $A, B$  and  $P$  be arbitrary ideals of a commutative ring  $R$ . If  $P \subseteq A \cup B$ , then either  $P \subseteq A$  or  $P \subseteq B$ . In particular, if  $P = A \cup B$ , then  $P = A$  or  $P = B$ .*

**Definition 2.6.** (Zhao Dongsheng [9])

Let  $J$  and  $K$  be ideals of a ring  $R$ , the residual division of  $J$  and  $K$  is defined as the set  $(J : K) = \{x \in R | xy \in J \text{ for all } y \in K\}$ .

Similarly, we can define  $(J : a) = \{x \in R | ax \in J\}$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $W$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . Then  $W$  is a weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$  if and only if either  $(W : p) = W$  or  $(W : p) = (\{0\} : p)$ , for every  $p \notin \delta(W)$ .*

*Proof.* First suppose that  $W$  is a weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . Let  $q \in R$  be such that  $q \in (W : p)$  for some  $p \notin \delta(W)$ . Then  $pq \in W$ . If  $pq = 0$ , then  $q \in (\{0\} : p)$ . If  $pq \neq 0$ ,  $p \notin \delta(W)$ , then  $q \in W$ , as  $W$  is weakly  $\delta$ -primary. Hence, we conclude that  $(W : p) \subseteq W \cup (\{0\} : p)$ .

Now let  $b \in R$  be such that  $b \in W$  or  $b \in (\{0\} : p)$ . If  $b \in (\{0\} : p)$ , then  $bp \in \{0\} \subseteq W$  implies that  $b \in (W : p)$ , so we get  $(\{0\} : p) \subseteq (W : p)$ . If  $b \in W$ , then  $bp \in pW \subseteq W$  implies that  $b \in (W : p)$ , so we get  $W \subseteq (W : p)$ . Hence,  $W \cup (\{0\} : p) \subseteq (W : p)$ . Thus,  $(W : p) = W \cup (\{0\} : p)$  for every  $p \notin \delta(W)$ . Since  $W, (W : p)$  and  $(\{0\} : p)$  are ideals of  $R$ , so by Lemma 2.5, either  $(W : p) = W$  or  $(W : p) = (\{0\} : p)$ .

Conversely, suppose that the condition holds. Let  $x, y \in R$  be such that  $0 \neq xy \in W$ . Suppose  $x \notin \delta(W)$ . Since  $xy \in W$ , we have  $y \in (W : x)$ . Hence,  $(W : x) = W$  and so  $y \in W$ .

If  $(W : x) = (\{0\} : x)$ , then  $xy = 0$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $W$  is a weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.8.** *Let  $W$  be a weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . Suppose  $0 \neq IJ \subseteq W$  for some ideals  $I, J$  of  $R$ , then  $I \subseteq W$  or  $J \subseteq \delta(W)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $W$  be a weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal. Suppose that  $0 \neq IJ \subseteq W$  and  $I \not\subseteq W$ , now suppose, on the contrary,  $J \not\subseteq \delta(W)$ , then we can choose  $i \in I - W$  and  $j \in J - \delta(W)$ , then we get  $0 \neq ij \in IJ \subseteq W$  but  $i \notin W$  and  $j \notin \delta(W)$ , which contradicts  $W$  is a weakly  $\delta$ -primary. Thus,  $J \subseteq \delta(W)$ .  $\square$

### 3. ALMOST $\delta$ -PRIMARY AND 2-POTENT $\delta$ -PRIMARY IDEALS

In this section, we introduce and study an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal and a 2-ideal  $\delta$ -primary ideal in a commutative ring.

**Definition 3.1.** A proper ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is called an  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal if  $xy \in I$  and  $xy \notin I^n$  implies either  $x \in I$  or  $y \in \delta(I)$ , for  $x, y \in R$  and  $n \geq 2$ . If  $n = 2$ , then  $I$  is called an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .

**Definition 3.2.** An ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is said to be 2-potent  $\delta$ -primary if  $xy \in I^2$  implies  $x \in I$  or  $y \in \delta(I)$ .

*Example 3.3.* (i) Consider the ideal  $\langle 2 \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}_8$ . Then  $\langle 2 \rangle$  is an almost  $\delta_1$ -primary, an almost  $\delta_0$ -primary and an almost  $\mathbf{M}$ -primary ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_8$ , where  $\delta_0(\langle 2 \rangle) = \delta_1(\langle 2 \rangle) = \mathbf{M}(\langle 2 \rangle) = \langle 2 \rangle$ .

(ii) The ideal  $\langle 6 \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}_{30}$  is not an almost  $\delta_1$ -primary, not an almost  $\delta_0$ -primary and not an almost  $\mathbf{M}$ -primary ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_{30}$ .

(iii) In  $\mathbb{Z}_{20}$ , the ideal  $\langle 5 \rangle$  is a 2-potent  $\delta_1$ -primary, 2-potent  $\delta_0$ -primary and 2-potent  $\mathbf{M}$ -primary ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_{20}$ .

(iv) Here  $\delta_0(\langle 6 \rangle) = \delta_1(\langle 6 \rangle) = \mathbf{M}(\langle 6 \rangle) = \langle 6 \rangle$ . For  $2, 3 \in \mathbb{Z}_{30}$ ,  $2 \otimes_{30} 3 = 6 \in \langle 6 \rangle$ ,  $2 \otimes_{30} 3 = 6 \notin \langle 6 \rangle^2 = \{0\}$  but neither  $2 \in \langle 6 \rangle$  nor  $3 \in \delta_1(\langle 6 \rangle) = \delta_0(\langle 6 \rangle) = \mathbf{M}(\langle 6 \rangle)$ . Also,  $\langle 6 \rangle$  is not a 2-potent  $\delta_1$ -primary, not a 2-potent  $\delta_0$ -primary and not a 2-potent  $\mathbf{M}$ -primary ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_{30}$ . We note that  $15 \otimes_{30} 2 = 0 \in \langle 6 \rangle^2 = 0$  but neither  $15 \in \langle 6 \rangle$  nor  $2 \in \delta_1(\langle 6 \rangle) = \delta_0(\langle 6 \rangle) = \mathbf{M}(\langle 6 \rangle)$ .

We provide the following characterization.

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $D$  be a 2-potent  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . Then  $D$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$  if and only if it is a  $\delta$ -primary ideal.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $D$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . Let  $x, y \in R$  be such that  $xy \in D$  but  $x \notin nD$ . If  $xy \in D^2$ , then as  $D$  is 2-potent  $\delta$ -primary, we get  $y \in \delta(D)$ . If  $xy \notin nD^2$ , then as  $D$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ , we get  $y \in \delta(D)$ . Thus,  $D$  is a  $\delta$ -primary ideal

of  $R$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $D$  is a  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . Let  $a, b \in R$  be such that  $ab \in D$  and  $ab \notin D^2$ . As  $D$  is  $\delta$ -primary and  $a \notin D$ , we get  $b \in \delta(D)$ . Hence,  $D$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . □

The following theorem gives a characterization of an  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $D$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $D$  is an  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .
- (ii)  $(D : x) = D \cup (D^n : x)$ , for every  $x \in R - \delta(D)$ .
- (iii) Either  $(D : x) = D$  or  $(D : x) = (D^n : x)$ , for every  $x \in R - \delta(D)$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): First suppose that  $D$  is an  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . Let  $y \in R$  be such that  $y \in (D : x)$  for some  $x \in R - \delta(D)$ . Then  $xy \in D$ . If  $xy \in D^n$ , then  $y \in (D^n : x)$ . If  $xy \notin D^n$  and  $x \notin \delta(D)$ , then  $y \in D$ , as  $D$  is  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary. Hence, we conclude that  $(D : x) \subseteq D \cup (D^n : x)$ .

Now, let  $z \in D \cup (D^n : x)$ . Then  $z \in D$  or  $z \in (D^n : x)$ . If  $z \in (D^n : x)$ , then  $xz \in D^n \subseteq D$  implies that  $z \in (D : x)$ , so we get  $(D^n : x) \subseteq (D : x)$ . If  $z \in D$ , then  $xz \in xD \subseteq D$  implies that  $z \in (D : x)$ , so we get  $D \subseteq (D : x)$ . Hence,  $D \cup (D^n : x) \subseteq (D : x)$ . Thus,  $(D : x) = D \cup (D^n : x)$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): Suppose that  $(D : x) = D \cup (D^n : x)$ , for every  $x \in R - \delta(D)$ . Since  $D, (D : x)$  and  $(D^n : x)$  all are ideals of  $R$ . So, by Lemma 2.5,  $(D : x) = D$  or  $(D : x) = (D^n : x)$ .

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Let  $x, y \in R$  be such that  $xy \in D - D^n$ . Suppose  $x \notin \delta(D)$ . Since  $xy \in D$ , we have  $y \in (D : x)$ . If  $(D : x) = D$ , then  $y \in D$ . If  $(D : x) = (D^n : x)$ , then  $xy \in D^n$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $D$  is an  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . □

We characterize an  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal.

**Theorem 3.6.** *A proper ideal  $D$  is an  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$  if and only if either  $(D : a) = (D^n : a)$  or  $(D : a) \subseteq \delta(D)$ , for every  $a \in R - D$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $D$  is an  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .

Let  $b \in (D : a)$  for some  $a \in R - D$ . Then  $ab \in D$ . If  $ab \in D^n$ , then  $b \in (D^n : a)$ .

Thus,  $(D : a) \subseteq (D^n : a)$ . Now, let  $c \in (D^n : a)$ , then  $ac \in D^n \subseteq D$  implies that  $c \in (D : a)$ . So we get  $(D^n : a) \subseteq (D : a)$ . Hence,  $(D : a) = (D^n : a)$ .

If  $ab \notin D^n$ ,  $a \notin D$ , then  $b \in \delta(D)$ , as  $D$  is  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary. Hence, we conclude that either  $(D : a) = (D^n : a)$  or  $(D : a) \subseteq \delta(D)$ .

Conversely, suppose that the given condition holds. Let  $ab \in D - D^n$  for every  $a \in R - D$ , then we get  $b \in (D : a)$ . But the given condition, so  $b \in (D : a) = (D^n : a)$  or  $b \in (D : a) \subseteq \delta(D)$ .

If  $b \in (D : a) = (D^n : a)$ , then,  $ab \in D^n$ , a contradiction.

If  $b \in (D : a) \subseteq \delta(D)$ , then  $b \in \delta(D)$ . Hence,  $D$  is an  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

The proof of the following two results is similar to that of Theorem 3.5 and Theorem 3.6.

**Theorem 3.7.** *If  $D$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$  if and only if either  $(D : a) = (D^2 : a)$  or  $(D : a) \subseteq \delta(D)$ , for every  $a \in R - D$ .*

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $D$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $D$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ ;
- (ii)  $(D : x) = D \cup (D^2 : x)$ , for every  $x \in R - \delta(D)$ .
- (iii) Either  $(D : x) = D$  or  $(D : x) = (D^2 : x)$ , for every  $x \in R - \delta(D)$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $\delta$  be a global expansion of ideals. Let  $f$  be a surjective ring homomorphism from  $R_1$  into the ring  $R_2$ . If  $D$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R_1$  with  $\ker f \subseteq D$ , then  $f(D)$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R_2$ .*

*Proof.* Clearly,  $f(D)$  is a proper ideal of  $R_2$ , as  $D$  is a proper ideal of  $R_1$ . Now let  $a, b \in R_2$  such that  $ab \in f(D) - (f(D))^2$ , then there exists  $a = f(x)$  and  $b = f(y)$  for some  $x, y \in R_1$ . So that  $f(xy) = f(x)f(y) = ab \in f(D) - (f(D))^2$ , which gives  $xy \in D$ . If  $xy \in D^2$ , then  $ab = f(xy) \in f(D^2) = (f(D))^2$ , which is a contradiction so that  $xy \notin D^2$ . Hence,  $x \in D$  or  $y \in \delta(D)$ . It implies that  $a = f(x) \in f(D)$  or  $b = f(y) \in f(\delta(D))$ . Now  $\delta(D) = \delta(f^{-1}(f(D))) = f^{-1}(\delta(f(D)))$ , which implies  $f(\delta(D)) = \delta(f(D))$ .

Therefore,  $f(D)$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R_2$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.10.** *An ideal  $D$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $AB \subseteq D - D^2$ , then  $A \subseteq D$  or  $B \subseteq \delta(D)$ , where  $A, B$  are ideals of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $D$  be an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . Let  $AB \subseteq D - D^2$  and  $B \not\subseteq \delta(D)$ . Let  $b \in B$  be such that  $b \notin \delta(D)$ . If  $a \in A$  is arbitrary, then  $ab \in D - D^2$  and  $b \notin \delta(D)$ . As  $D$  is almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ , we get  $a \in D$ . So  $A \subseteq D$ .

Conversely, let  $ab \in D - D^2$ . Then  $\langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle \subseteq D - D^2$ . Hence,  $\langle a \rangle \subseteq D$  or  $\langle b \rangle \subseteq \delta(D)$ , which means  $a \in D$  or  $b \in \delta(D)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.11.** *Let  $\delta$  be an expansion of ideals such that  $\delta(I)/P = \delta(I/P)$ , for every ideal  $I$  of  $R$  satisfying  $P \subseteq I$ . If  $D$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$  and  $Q \subseteq D$ , for any proper ideal  $Q$  of  $R$ , then  $D/Q$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R/Q$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(x + Q)(y + Q) \in D/Q - (D/Q)^2$  and  $x + Q \notin D/Q$ . Then we get  $xy \in D$  and  $xy \notin D^2$  and  $x \notin D$ . As  $D$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ , we get  $y \in \delta(D)$  and so  $y + Q \in \delta(D)/Q = \delta(D/Q)$ . Hence,  $D/Q$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R/Q$ .  $\square$

We prove a characterization for almost  $\delta$ -primary ideals.

**Theorem 3.12.** *Let  $\delta$  be an expansion of ideals such that  $\delta(I)/P = \delta(I/P)$ , for every ideal  $I$  of  $R$  satisfying  $P \subseteq I$ .*

A proper ideal  $D$  of  $R$  is almost  $\delta$ -primary if and only if  $D/D^2$  is a weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R/D^2$ .

*Proof.* First suppose that  $D$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .

Let  $0 + D^2 \neq (x + D^2)(y + D^2) \in D/D^2$  and  $(y + D^2) \notin \delta(D/D^2) = \delta(D)/D^2$ , where  $(x + D^2), (y + D^2) \in R/D^2$ . Then  $xy \in D - D^2$  but  $D$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$  and  $y \notin \delta(D)$ , so  $x \in D$ . Then  $(x + D^2) \in D/D^2$ . Thus,  $D/D^2$  is a weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R/D^2$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $D/D^2$  is a weakly  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R/D^2$ . Let  $p, q \in R$  be such that  $pq \in D - D^2$ . Then  $pq + D^2 \in D/D^2$  and so  $pq + D^2 \neq D^2$ , it follows that  $(p + D^2)(q + D^2) \in D/D^2$ . So either  $(p + D^2) \in D/D^2$  or  $(q + D^2) \in \delta(D/D^2)$ , which implies that either  $p \in D$  or  $q \in \delta(D)$ . Therefore,  $D$  is an almost  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

Badawi and B. Fahid [3], introduced expansion of ideals  $\delta_\times$  in a commutative ring.

Let  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$ , where  $n \geq 2$ , be commutative rings with  $1 \neq 0$ . Assume that  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n$  are expansion of ideals of  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$  respectively.

Let  $R = R_1 \times R_2 \times \dots \times R_n$ . Define a function  $\delta_\times : Id(R) \rightarrow Id(R)$  such that  $\delta_\times(I_1 \times I_2 \times \dots \times I_n) = \delta_1(I_1) \times \delta_2(I_2) \times \dots \times \delta_n(I_n)$

For every  $I_i \in Id(R_i)$ , are  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Clearly,  $\delta_\times$  is an expansion of ideals of  $R$ . Note that every ideal of  $R$  is of the form  $I_1 \times I_2 \times \dots \times I_n$ ,

where each  $I_i$  is an ideal of  $R_i$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Now we have two results on almost  $\delta$ -primary ideals in the product of commutative rings.

**Theorem 3.13.** Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be commutative rings with identity. Let  $R = R_1 \times R_2$  and  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  and  $\delta_\times$  be expansion of ideals of  $R_1, R_2$  and  $R$  respectively. Then

(i) A proper ideal  $I$  of  $R_1$  is an almost  $\delta_1$ -primary ideal if and only if  $I \times R_2$  is an almost  $\delta_\times$ -primary ideal of  $R_1 \times R_2$ .

(ii) A proper ideal  $J$  of  $R_2$  is an almost  $\delta_2$ -primary ideal if and only if  $R_1 \times J$  is an almost  $\delta_\times$ -primary ideal of  $R_1 \times R_2$ .

*Proof.* (i)

Suppose that  $I$  is an almost  $\delta_1$ -primary ideal at  $R_1$ . As  $I$  is a proper ideal in  $R_1$ , we get  $I \times R_2$  is a proper ideal at  $R_1 \times R_2$ . Now let  $(a, x), (b, y) \in R_1 \times R_2$  be such that  $(a, x)(b, y) \in I \times R_2$  and  $(a, x)(b, y) \notin (I \times R_2)^2$ , where  $a, b \in R_1$  and  $x, y \in R_2$ . Since  $(a, x)(b, y) \in (I \times R_2) - (I \times R_2)^2$  and suppose that  $(a, x) \notin I \times R_2$ . Then we get  $(ab, xy) \in (I \times R_2) - (I \times R_2)^2 = (I - I^2) \times R_2$  it implies that  $ab \in I - I^2$ . As  $I$  is an almost  $\delta_1$ -primary ideal in  $R_1$ , we get  $b \in \delta_1(I)$ . Hence,  $(b, y) \in \delta_1(I) \times \delta_2(R_2) = \delta_\times(I \times R_2)$ . Therefore,  $I \times R_2$  is an almost  $\delta_\times$ -primary ideal of  $R_1 \times R_2$ .

Conversely, let  $I \times R_2$  be an almost  $\delta_\times$ -primary ideal of  $R_1 \times R_2$ .

Let  $xy \in I - I^2$  and  $x \notin I$ . So  $(xy, 1_{R_2}) \in (I - I^2) \times R_2 = (I \times R_2) - (I \times R_2)^2$  and  $(x, 1_{R_2}) \notin I \times R_2$ , where  $x, y \in R_1$ . As  $I \times R_2$  is an almost  $\delta_\times$ -primary ideal in  $R_1 \times R_2$ , then we get  $(y, 1_{R_2}) \in \delta_\times(I \times R_2) = \delta_1(I) \times \delta_2(R_2)$ . Hence,  $y \in \delta_1(I)$ . Therefore,  $I$  is an almost



$\delta_1$ -primary ideal in  $R_1$ .

(ii) can be proved by using techniques, as in (i).  $\square$

#### 4. $\phi$ - $\delta$ -PRIMARY IDEALS

In this section we introduce and study  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary ideals.  $Id(R)$  denotes the set of ideals of  $R$ .

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $\delta$  be an expansion of ideals of  $R$ . Let  $\phi : Id(R) \rightarrow Id(R) \cup \{\emptyset\}$  be a function such that  $\phi(I) \subseteq I$ , for every  $I$  of  $R$ . A proper ideal  $D$  of  $R$  is called  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary if for  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab \in D - \phi(D)$  implies either  $a \in D$  or  $b \in \delta(D)$ .

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $\delta$  be an expansion of ideals of  $R$ . Let  $\phi : Id(R) \rightarrow Id(R) \cup \{\emptyset\}$  be a function such that  $\phi(I) \subseteq I$ , for every  $I$  of  $R$ . A proper ideal  $D$  of  $R$  is called  $\phi_\omega$ - $\delta$ -primary ( $\omega$ - $\delta$ -primary) if for  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab \in D$  and  $ab \notin \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} D^n$ , then either  $a \in D$  or  $b \in \delta(D)$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $D$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . Consider the following statements:

- (i) If  $D$  is  $\delta$ -primary, then  $D$  is weakly  $\delta$ -primary.
- (ii) If  $D$  is weakly  $\delta$ -primary, then  $D$  is  $\omega$ - $\delta$ -primary.
- (iii) If  $D$  is  $\omega$ - $\delta$ -primary, then  $D$  is  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary.
- (iv) If  $D$  is  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary, then  $D$  is almost  $\delta$ -primary.

*Proof.* (i) Follows from Remark 1.9.

(ii) Suppose that  $D$  is not a  $\omega$ - $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . Then there exist  $a, b \in R$  such that  $ab \in D - \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} D^n$  and  $a \notin D$  or  $b \notin \delta(D)$ . Since  $D$  is weakly  $\delta$ -primary, it follows that  $a \in D$  or  $b \in \delta(D)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $ab = 0$ , this contradicts to  $ab \notin \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} D^n$ . Hence,  $D$  is a  $\omega$ - $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .

(iii) Suppose that  $D$  is  $\omega$ - $\delta$ -primary and  $(n \geq 2)$ . Let  $pq \in D - D^n$  for some  $p, q \in R$ . Then  $pq \in D - \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} D^n$ . Since  $D$  is  $\omega$ - $\delta$ -primary, it follows that either  $p \in D$  or  $q \in \delta(D)$ . Hence,  $D$  is  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary ( $n \geq 2$ ).

(iv) The last implication is obvious for  $n = 2$ .  $\square$

The following theorem gives a characterization of a  $\omega$ - $\delta$ -primary ideal at  $R$ .

**Corollary 4.4.** Let  $D$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . Then  $D$  is  $\omega$ - $\delta$ -primary if and only if  $D$  is  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary for every  $n \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $D$  be an  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary for every  $n \geq 2$ . Suppose that  $ab \in D - \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} D^n$  for some  $a, b \in R$ , then  $ab \in D - D^m$  for some  $m \geq 2$  but for every  $n \geq 2$ ,  $D$  is  $n$ -almost  $\delta$ -primary, we get either  $a \in D$  or  $b \in \delta(D)$ . Hence,  $D$  is  $\omega$ - $\delta$ -primary.

The converse follows from the Theorem 4.3(iii).  $\square$

Next we show that the radical of a  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $L$  is again a  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary ideal.

**Proposition 4.5.** *Let  $D$  be a  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$  such that  $\sqrt{\phi(D)} = \phi(\sqrt{D})$  and  $\delta$  be an expansion of ideals of  $R$  such that  $\sqrt{\delta(D)} = \delta(\sqrt{D})$ . Then  $\sqrt{D}$  is a  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary ideal in  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that for some  $x, y \in R$ ,  $xy \in \sqrt{D} - \phi(\sqrt{D})$  but  $x \notin \sqrt{D}$ . Then there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $(xy)^n \in D$ . If  $(xy)^n \in \phi(D)$ , then by hypothesis  $xy \in \sqrt{\phi(D)} = \phi(\sqrt{D})$ , a contradiction. So assume that  $(xy)^n \notin \phi(D)$  and  $x^n \notin D$ . Then we get  $y^n \in \delta(D)$ , as  $D$  is  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary. Hence,  $y \in \sqrt{\delta(D)} = \delta(\sqrt{D})$ . Therefore,  $\sqrt{D}$  is a  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary ideal in  $R$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.6.** *Let  $\phi_1, \phi_2 : Id(R) \rightarrow Id(R) \cup \{\emptyset\}$  are functions with  $\phi_1(I) \subseteq \phi_2(I)$  for every  $I$  of  $R$ . If  $D$  is  $\phi_1$ - $\delta$ -primary, then  $D$  is also  $\phi_2$ - $\delta$ -primary.*

*Proof.* Let  $p, q \in R$  be such that  $pq \in D - \phi_2(D)$ . Then  $pq \notin \phi_1(D)$ . Since  $D$  is  $\phi_1$ - $\delta$ -primary, we get  $p \in D$  or  $q \in \delta(D)$ . Thus,  $D$  is  $\phi_2$ - $\delta$ -primary.  $\square$

The following theorem gives a characterization of a  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** *Let  $D$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $D$  is a  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ ;
- (ii) For every  $p \in R - \delta(D)$ ,  $(D : p) = D \cup (\phi(D) : p)$ .
- (iii) For every  $p \in R - \delta(D)$ , either  $(D : p) = D$  or  $(D : p) = (\phi(D) : p)$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Suppose that  $D$  is a  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ . Let  $q \in R$  be such that  $q \in (D : p)$  for some  $p \in R - \delta(D)$ . Then  $pq \in D$ . If  $pq \in \phi(D)$ , then  $q \in (\phi(D) : p)$ . If  $pq \notin \phi(D)$  and  $p \notin \delta(D)$ , then  $q \in D$ , as  $D$  is  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary. Hence, we conclude that  $(D : p) \subseteq D \cup (\phi(D) : p)$ .

Now let  $r \in D \cup (\phi(D) : p)$ . Then  $r \in D$  or  $r \in (\phi(D) : p)$ . If  $r \in (\phi(D) : p)$ , then  $pr \in \phi(D) \subseteq D$  implies that  $r \in (D : p)$ , so we get  $(\phi(D) : p) \subseteq (D : p)$ . If  $r \in D$ , then  $pr \in Dr \subseteq D$  implies that  $r \in (D : p)$ , so we get  $D \subseteq (D : p)$ . Hence,  $D \cup (\phi(D) : p) \subseteq (D : p)$ . Thus,  $(D : p) = D \cup (\phi(D) : p)$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): Suppose  $(D : p) = D \cup (\phi(D) : p)$ , for every  $p \in R - \delta(D)$ . Since  $D, (D : p)$  and  $(\phi(D) : p)$  are ideals of  $R$ , so by Lemma 2.5,  $(D : p) = D$  or  $(D : p) = (\phi(D) : p)$ .

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Suppose that (iii) holds. Let  $ab \in R$  be such that  $ab \in D - \phi(D)$  but suppose that  $a \notin \delta(D)$ . Since  $ab \in D$ , we have  $b \in (D : a)$ . Hence,  $(D : a) = D$ . Then  $b \in D$ . If  $(D : a) = (\phi(D) : a)$ , then  $ab \in \phi(D)$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $D$  is a  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.8.** *Let  $\phi : Id(R) \rightarrow Id(R) \cup \{\emptyset\}$  be a function such that  $\phi(I) \subseteq I$ , for every ideal  $I$  of  $R$ . Let  $D$  be a  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$ .*

- (i) If  $D^2 \not\subseteq \phi(D)$ , then  $D$  is  $\delta$ -primary.
- (ii) If  $D$  is not a  $\delta$ -primary ideal of  $R$  and  $\delta(D^2) = \delta(D)$ , then  $\delta(D) = \delta(\phi(D))$ .

*Proof.* (i) Assume that  $x, y \in R$  and  $xy \in D$ . If  $xy \notin \phi(D)$ , since  $D$  is a  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary, then either  $x \in D$  or  $y \in \delta(D)$ . Hence, we may assume that  $xy \in \phi(D)$ . If  $xD \not\subseteq \phi(D)$ , then there exists an element  $d_1 \in D$  such that  $xd_1 \notin \phi(D)$ . Now  $x(d_1 + y) = xd_1 + xy \in D$ ,

$x(d_1 + y) \notin \phi(D)$ . As  $D$  is  $\phi$ - $\delta$ -primary, we get either  $x \in D$  or  $(d_1 + y) \in \delta(D)$ . Similarly, if  $yd_2 \notin \phi(D)$ . So we assume that  $xd_1 \in \phi(D)$  and  $yd_2 \in \phi(D)$ . Since  $D^2 \notin \phi(D)$ , there exists  $p, q \in D$  with  $pq \notin \phi(D)$ . Now  $(x + p)(y + q) = xy + xq + py + pq \in D$ ,  $(x + p)(y + q) \notin \phi(D)$ , implies that either  $(x + p) \in D$  or  $(y + q) \in \delta(D)$ . Therefore, either  $x \in D$  or  $y \in \delta(D)$ .

(ii) Since  $\phi(D) \subseteq D$ , we have  $\delta(\phi(D)) \subseteq \delta(D)$ . It follows that from part (1)  $D^2 \subseteq \phi(D)$ . Hence,  $\delta(D) = \delta(D^2) \subseteq \delta(\phi(D))$ , so  $\delta(D) = \delta(\phi(D))$ .

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