

## On A Generalization of Weak M-Armendariz Rings

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**Abstract.** For a ring  $R$  and a monoid  $M$ , we introduce J-M-Armendariz rings which are a generalization of weak M-Armendariz and J-Armendariz rings, and we investigate their properties. We prove that if  $\frac{R}{J(R)}$  is a reduced ring and  $R$  is a J-M-Armendariz ring, then  $R$  is J- $M \times N$ -Armendariz, where  $N$  is a unique product monoid. It is also shown that a finitely generated Abelian group  $G$  is torsion free if and only if there exists a ring  $R$  such that  $R$  is J-G-Armendariz.

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### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper  $R$  denotes an associative ring with identity. For a ring  $R$ , use the symbol  $T_n(R)$ ,  $J(R)$ ,  $Nil(R)$  to denote upper triangular matrix  $n \times n$  over  $R$ , the Jacobson radical of  $R$ , and the set of all nilpotent elements of  $R$ , respectively. For a ring  $R$ ,  $R$  is said to be Armendariz

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ring if for nonzero polynomials  $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x^i$  and  $g(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j x^j$ ,  $f(x)g(x) = 0$ , implies that  $a_i b_j = 0$  for each  $i, j$ . In [1] E.Armendariz had noted that a reduced ring satisfies this condition so this name is chosen. A ring  $R$  is called weak Armendariz if nonzero polynomials  $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x^i$  and  $g(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j x^j \in R[x]$  with  $f(x)g(x) = 0$ , implies that  $a_i b_j \in Nil(R)$  for each  $i, j$ , [6]. A ring  $R$  is called J-Armendariz [10], if for any polynomials  $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x^i$ ,  $g(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j x^j \in R[x] - \{0\}$  satisfy  $f(x)g(x) = 0$ , implies that  $a_i b_j \in J(R)$  for each  $i, j$ . It has shown that weak Armendariz rings are J-Armendariz [10], but the converse is not true. Let  $M$  be a monoid. Liu [5] introduced another generalization of Armendariz ring which is called M-Armendariz ring, if for elements  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i$ ,  $\beta = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j h_j \in R[M] - \{0\}$  with  $\alpha\beta = 0$ , implies that  $a_i b_j = 0$  for each  $i, j$ . If  $M = \{e\}$ , then every ring is Armendariz. Zhang and Chen [11] defined a ring  $R$ , weak M-Armendariz if for two nonzero elements  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i$ ,  $\beta = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j h_j \in R[M]$  with  $\alpha\beta = 0$ , implies that  $a_i b_j \in Nil(R)$  for each  $i, j$ .

Motivated by the above results we introduce J-M-Armendariz rings. We define a ring  $R$ , J-M-Armendariz if whenever  $\alpha = a_1 g_1 + \dots + a_n g_n$ ,  $\beta = b_1 h_1 + \dots + b_m h_m \in R[M] - \{0\}$  satisfy  $\alpha\beta = 0$ , then  $a_i b_j \in J(R)$  for each  $i, j$ .

## 2. Different Conditions on Monoids

We start this section by the definition of J-M-Armendariz rings and then we investigate the properties of them by different conditions on monoid.

**Definition 2.1.** For a monoid  $M$ , a ring  $R$  is said to be J-M-Armendariz if whenever elements  $\alpha = a_1 g_1 + \dots + a_n g_n$ ,  $\beta = b_1 h_1 + \dots + b_m h_m \in R[M] - \{0\}$  satisfy  $\alpha\beta = 0$ , then  $a_i b_j \in J(R)$  for each  $i, j$ .

Weak M-Armendariz rings are J-M-Armendariz, because for  $\alpha = a_1 g_1 + \dots + a_n g_n$ ,  $\beta = b_1 h_1 + \dots + b_m h_m \in R[M] - \{0\}$  with  $\alpha\beta = 0$ , we have for each  $x \in R$ ,  $x a_i b_j \in Nil(R)$  since  $R$  is a Weak M-Armendariz ring, then  $1 - x a_i b_j \in U(R)$ , therefore  $a_i b_j \in J(R)$ . Hence  $R$  is J-M-Armendariz. Now we consider  $M = (\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, +)$  and  $D = M_3(\mathbb{Z}_2[[t]])$ . Assume  $B = \{(m_{ij}) \in D \mid m_{ij} \in t\mathbb{Z}_2[[t]] \text{ for } 1 \leq i, j \leq 2 \text{ and } m_{ij} = 0 \text{ for } i = 3 \text{ or } j = 3\}$  and  $C = \{(m_{ij}) \in D \mid m_{ij} = 0 \text{ for } i \neq j\}$ . Let  $R = \langle B, C \rangle$ .

Therefore,  $R$  is J-M-Armendariz, but it is not weak M-Armendariz by ([10], Example 2.2) and this shows that J-M-Armendariz rings are not necessary weak M-Armendariz.

Clearly, if  $\bar{R} = \frac{R}{J(R)}$  is M-Armendariz then  $R$  is J-M-Armendariz, but the following example shows that the converse is not true.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $R$  denote the localization of the ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  of integers at the prime ideal  $\langle 3 \rangle$ . Consider the quaternions  $Q$  over  $R$ , that is a free  $R$ -module with basis  $1, i, j, k$  and multiplication satisfying  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$ ,  $ij = k = -ji$ . Also, set  $M = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Then  $Q$  is a non-commutative domain with  $J(Q) = 3Q$ , and so is J-M-Armendariz. But  $\frac{Q}{J(Q)}$  is isomorphic to the  $2 - by - 2$  full matrix ring over  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  and is not M-Armendariz by ([9], Remark 3.1).

**Lemma 2.3.** For a ring  $R$  and a cyclic group  $M$  of order  $n \geq 2$ ,  $R$  is not a J-M-Armendariz ring.

**Proof.** Let  $M = \{e, g, g^2, \dots, g^{n-1}\}$ . If  $a = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 1.g^k$  and  $b = 1e + (-1)g$ . Then  $ab = 0$ , but  $1.1$  is not in  $J(R)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4.** For a monoid  $M$  and submonoid  $N$  of  $M$ , we have  $R$  is J-N-Armendariz if  $R$  is J-M-Armendariz.

**Proof.** Let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i$ ,  $\beta = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j h_j \in R[N] - \{0\}$  such that  $\alpha\beta = 0$ . Since  $g_i, h_j \in N \subseteq M$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m$ , then  $\alpha, \beta \in R[M]$ , so  $a_i b_j \in J(R)$  since  $R$  is J-M-Armendariz. Therefore,  $R$  is J-N-Armendariz ring.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** For a finitely generated Abelian group  $G$ ,  $G$  is torsion-free (i.e. The set of elements of finite order in  $G$  is  $\{e\}$ ) iff there exists J-G-Armendariz ring  $R$  with  $|R| \geq 2$ .

**Proof.** If  $G$  is not torsion-free, then there exists  $e \neq g \in G$ , such that  $g$  has finite order. Set  $N = \langle g \rangle$ . If  $R(|R| \geq 2)$  is J-G-Armendariz, then  $R$  is J-N-Armendariz by Lemma 2.4. But by Lemma 2.3,  $R$  is not J-N-Armendariz, contradiction. The converse is clear by ([5], Theorem 1.14).  $\square$

An element  $a$  of a monoid  $M$  is *left cancellative* if  $ax = ay$  implies  $x = y$  for all  $x, y$ , and is *right cancellative* if  $xa = ya$  implies  $x = y$

for all  $x, y$ . It is cancellative if it is both left and right cancellative. A monoid  $M$  is *cancellative* if all of its elements are.

**Proposition 2.6.** *For a cancellative monoid  $M$  and an ideal  $N$  of  $M$ . We have  $R$  is  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz if  $R$  is  $J$ - $N$ -Armendariz.*

**Proof.** Let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i$ ,  $\beta = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j h_j$  be nonzero elements of  $R[M]$  such that  $\alpha\beta = 0$ . Since  $M$  is cancellative, then  $g_i g_j \neq g_j g_i$  and  $h_i g \neq h_j g$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $g \in N$ . Clearly,  $(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i) (\sum_{j=1}^m b_j h_j g) = 0$  and  $g_i g_j, h_j g \in N$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$ ) since  $N$  is an ideal. Therefore,  $a_i b_j \in J(R)$ , since  $R$  is  $J$ - $N$ -Armendariz and the proof is done.  $\square$

For a monoid  $M$  recall that a monoid  $M$  is said to be a unique product monoid (u.p.-monoid) if for any two nonempty finite subset  $A, B \subseteq M$  there exists an element  $g \in M$  uniquely in the form  $ab$  where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$  ( $A, B$  are finite).

**Proposition 2.7.** *For a u.p.-monoid  $M$ ,  $R$  is  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz if  $\bar{R} = \frac{R}{J(R)}$  is a reduced ring.*

**Proof.** Since  $\bar{R}$  is reduced, then  $\bar{R}$  is  $M$ -Armendariz by ([5], Proposition 1.1) and so  $R$  is  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.8.** *For a monoid  $M$  and a u.p.-monoid  $N$ ,  $R[M]$  is  $J$ - $N$ -Armendariz if  $\bar{R} = \frac{R}{J(R)}$  is reduced and  $R$  is  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz.*

**Proof.** Clearly,  $\bar{R}[M]$  is  $N$ -Armendariz by ([5], Proposition 2.1). Now since  $\frac{R[M]}{J(R[M])} \cong \frac{R}{J(R)}[M]$ , then  $R[M]$  is  $J$ - $N$ -Armendariz.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.9.** *For a monoid  $M$  and an u.p.-monoid  $N$ , we have  $R[N]$  is  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz if  $\bar{R} = \frac{R}{J(R)}$  is reduced and  $R$  is  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz.*

**Proof.** By Proposition 2.9,  $R$  is  $J$ - $N$ -Armendariz and so the proof is done by ([5], Proposition 2.2).  $\square$

**Proposition 2.10.** *For a monoid  $M$  and an u.p.-monoid  $N$ , we have  $R$  is  $J$ - $M \times N$ -Armendariz if  $\bar{R} = \frac{R}{J(R)}$  is a reduced,  $J(R[M]) \subseteq J(R)[M]$  and  $R$  is  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz.*

**Proof.** suppose  $\sum_{i=1}^s a_i(m_i, n_i) \in R[M \times N]$ . Without loss of generality, we assume that  $\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_s\} = \{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t\}$  with  $n_i \neq n_j$  when  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq t$ , For any  $1 \leq p \leq t$ , denote  $A_p = \{i \mid 1 \leq i \leq s, n_i =$

$n_p\}$ . Then  $\sum_{p=1}^t (\sum_{i \in A_p} a_i m_i) n_p \in R[M][N]$ . Note that  $m_i \neq m_p$  for any  $i, i' \in A_p$  with  $i \neq i'$ . Now it is easy to see that exists an isomorphism of rings  $R[M \times N] \longrightarrow R[M][N]$  defined by

$$\sum_{i=1}^s a_i(m_i, n_i) \mapsto \sum_{p=1}^t (\sum_{i \in A_p} a_i m_i) n_p.$$

Let  $(\sum_{i=1}^s a_i(m_i, n_i) (\sum_{j=1}^{s'} b_j(m'_j, n'_j))) = 0$  in  $R[M \times N]$ . So

$$(\sum_{p=1}^t (\sum_{i \in A_p} a_i m_i) n_p) (\sum_{q=1}^{t'} (\sum_{j \in B_q} b_j m'_j) n'_j) = 0,$$

because of the above isomorphism. Hence  $R[M]$  is J-M-Armendariz, by Proposition 2.9. Therefore we have  $(\sum_{i \in A \in p} a_i m_i) (\sum_{j \in B \in q} b_j m'_j) \in J(R[M]) \subseteq J(R)[M]$  for any  $p$  and  $q$ . Then we have  $a_i b_j \in J(R)$  for any  $i \in A_p$  and  $j \in B_q$ , since  $R$  is J-M-Armendariz. So  $a_i b_j \in J(R)$  for all  $i, j, 1 \leq i \leq s, 1 \leq j \leq s'$ . This means that  $R$  is J- $M \times N$ -Armendariz.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.11.** *For a u.p.-monoid  $M_i, i \in I$  and a reduced ring  $\bar{R} = \frac{R}{J(R)}$ , we have  $R$  is J- $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$ -Armendariz if  $R$  is J- $M_{i_0}$ -Armendariz for some  $i_0 \in I$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\alpha = \sum_i a_i g_i, \beta = \sum_j b_j h_j \in R[\prod_{i \in I} M_i]$  with  $\alpha\beta = 0$ . So  $\alpha, \beta \in R[M_1 \times M_2 \times \dots, \times M_n]$  for some finite subset  $\{M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n\} \subseteq \{M_i | i \in I\}$ . Therefore,  $\alpha, \beta \in R[M_{i_0} \times M_1 \times \dots \times M_n]$ . The ring  $R$ , by Proposition 2.10 and induction on  $i$ , is J- $M_{i_0} \times M_1 \times \dots \times M_n$ -Armendariz. Therefore,  $a_i b_j \in J(R)$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ . Hence  $R$  is J- $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$ -Armendariz.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.12.** *For a commutative and cancellative monoid  $M$ , we have  $R[M]$  is J-Armendariz if the largest subgroup of  $M$  is  $\{e\}$ ,  $J(R)[M] \subseteq J(R[M])$ ,  $R$  is J-Armendariz and J-M-Armendariz.*

**Proof.** Let  $(\sum_i \alpha_i x^i) (\sum_j \beta_j x^j) = 0$  for  $\alpha_i = \sum a_{ip} g_{ip}, \beta_j = \sum b_{jq} h_{jq} \in R[M] - \{0\}$ . If  $g = (\prod_i \prod_p g_{ip}) (\prod_j \prod_q h_{jq})$ , then  $(rh)(1g^2) = (1g^2)(rh)$  for each  $h \in M$  and  $r \in R$ . Therefore,  $(\sum_i \alpha_i (1g^2)^i) (\sum_j \beta_j (1g^2)^j) = 0$ . Also  $(\sum_i \sum_p a_{ip} g_{ip} g^{2i}) (\sum_j \sum_q b_{jq} h_{jq} g^{2j}) = 0$ . Since  $M$  is cancellative,

then  $g_{ip}$  and  $h_{jq}$  are in the largest subgroup of  $M$  for each  $i, j, p, q$ . Therefore,  $g_{ip} = h_{jq} = e$  by the hypothesis and then we may assume that  $\alpha_i = a_i e$  and  $\beta_j = b_j e$  for all  $i, j$ . So we have  $(\sum (a_i e)x^i)(\sum (b_j e)x^j) = 0$  from which it follows that  $(\sum a_i x^i)(\sum b_j x^j) = 0$ . Thus  $a_i b_j \in J(R)$  for all  $i, j$ , since  $R$  is J-Armendariz. Hence  $(a_i e)(b_j e) \in J(R)[M] \subseteq J(R[M])$ . By the same discussion in the above, it follows that  $(a_i e)(b_j e) \in J(R[M])$  for all  $i, j$ . Now suppose that each pair of  $h_{jq}g^{2j}$ 's is distinct,  $a_{ip}b_{jq} \in J(R)$  for all  $i, p, j, q$  since  $R$  is J-M-Armendariz. Therefore  $\alpha_i \beta_j = \sum_i \sum_j (a_{ip}b_{jq})(g_{ip}h_{jq}) = 0$ . Hence  $R[M]$  is J-Armendariz.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.13.** *For a monoid  $M$  and a reduced ring  $\bar{R} = \frac{R}{J(R)}$ , we have  $R[x, x^{-1}]$  is J-M-Armendariz if  $R$  is J-M-Armendariz.*

**Proof.** Since  $R[x, x^{-1}] \cong R[\mathbb{Z}]$  the proof is done.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.14.** *For a commutative and cancellative monoid  $M$ , we have  $R[x]$  is J-Armendariz if the largest subgroup of  $M$  is  $\{e\}$ ,  $J(R)[M] \subseteq J(R[M])$ ,  $R$  is J-Armendariz and J-M-Armendariz.*

**Proof.** It is easy to see that there exists an isomorphism  $R[x][M] \rightarrow R[M][x]$  via  $\sum_i (\sum_p a_{ip}x^p)g_i \mapsto \sum_p (\sum_i a_{ip}g_i)x^p$ . Hence the result follows from Proposition 2.12.  $\square$

### 3. Different Conditions on Rings

In this section we consider different conditions on rings and we investigate the properties of J-M-Armendariz rings.

**Theorem 3.1.** *For a ring  $R$  and a monoid  $M$ , let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . If  $\frac{R}{I}$  is J-M-Armendariz and  $I \subseteq J(R)$  then  $R$  is J-M-Armendariz.*

**Proof.** Let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i$ ,  $\beta = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j h_j$  be two nonzero elements in  $R[M]$  with  $\alpha\beta = 0$ . Therefore,  $(\sum_{i=1}^n ((a_i + I)g_i))(\sum_{j=1}^m ((b_j + I)h_j)) = 0 \in \frac{R}{I}[M]$ . Thus  $(a_i + I)(b_j + I) \in J(\frac{R}{I})$  since  $\frac{R}{I}$  is J-M-Armendariz. Therefore,  $a_i b_j \in J(R)$ , this implies that  $R$  is J-M-Armendariz.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** *For a ring  $R$ , a monoid  $M$  and an idempotent element  $e$  of  $R$ .*

1. *If  $R$  is J-M-Armendariz, then  $eRe$  is J-M-Armendariz.*

2. If  $R$  is an abelain ring (i.e. every idempotent element of  $R$  is central), then  $R$  is a  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz ring if and only if  $eRe$  is a  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz ring.

**Proof.**

1. let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n ea_i e g_i, \beta = \sum_{j=1}^m eb_j e h_j$  be nonzero elements of  $(eRe)[M]$  such that  $\alpha\beta = 0$ . Since  $R$  is  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz and  $a_i, b_j \in eRe \subseteq R$ , so  $a_i b_j \in J(R) \cap eRe = J(eRe)$ . Therefore  $eRe$  is  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz.
2. One direction is clear by part 1. For converse assume that  $eRe$  is a  $J - M - Armendariz$  ring and  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i, \beta = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j h_j$  be two nonzero elements of  $R[M]$  with  $\alpha\beta = 0$ . Since  $e$  is a central idempotent element of  $R$ , then  $0 = (e\alpha e)(e\beta e)$ , where  $e\alpha e, e\beta e$  are nonzero elements of  $(eRe)[M]$ . Therefore,  $e a_i b_j e \in J(eRe) = J(R) \cap eRe$ , since  $eRe$  is  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz ring and so  $R$  is  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz ring, as desired.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** For a ring  $R$  and a monoid  $M, R[[x]]$  is  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz ring if and only if  $R$  is  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz ring.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $R$  be a  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz ring, since  $R = \frac{R[[x]]}{\langle x \rangle}$  and  $\langle x \rangle \subseteq J(R[[x]])$ , then by Theorem 3.1,  $R[[x]]$  is  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz. For converse, let  $R[[x]]$  be a  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz ring. Let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i, \beta = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j h_j \in R[M] - \{0\}$  such that  $\alpha\beta = 0$  in  $R$ . Since  $R \subseteq R[[x]]$ , then  $\alpha\beta = 0$  in  $R[[x]][M]$ . By the hypothesis, we have  $a_i b_j \in J(R[[x]]) = J(R) \cap R[[x]]$ , so  $a_i b_j \in J(R)$  for each  $i, j$ , and the proof is done.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** For a ring  $R$  and a monoid  $M$ , if  $R[x]$  is a  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz ring, then  $R$  is weak  $M$ -Armendariz.

**Proof.** Let  $R[x]$  be a  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz ring, and  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_i, \beta = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j h_j \in R[M] - \{0\}$  such that  $\alpha\beta = 0$ . Since  $R[M] \subseteq R[x][M]$ , then  $\alpha\beta = 0$  in  $R[x][M]$ . Therefore,  $a_i b_j \in J(R[x])$  for every  $i, j$ , by hypothesis. On the other hand,  $J(R[x]) = I[x]$  for some nil ideal of  $R$  by ([4]). Therefore,  $a_i b_j \in R \cap I[x] \subseteq Nil(R)$  and so  $R$  is weak  $M$ -Armendariz.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.5.** For a ring  $R$  and a monoid  $M$ , we have the upper triangular matrix ring  $T_n(R)$  is  $J$ - $M$ -Armendariz.

**Proof.** The upper triangular matrix  $T_n(R)$  is weak M-Armendariz ring by ([11], Proposition 2.12). Hence it is J-M-Armendariz.  $\square$

Although M-Armendariz rings for  $|M| \leq 2$  are abelian, but Proposition 3.5 shows that J-M-Armendariz rings are not abelian in general. Now, we generalize the above Proposition to triangular ring  $T = \begin{pmatrix} R & M \\ 0 & S \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $R$  and  $S$  are two rings and  $M$  is an  $(R, S)$ -bimodule.

**Theorem 3.6.** *For two rings  $R$  and  $S$ , a monoid  $N$ , an  $(R, S)$ -bimodule  $M$  and  $T = \begin{pmatrix} R & M \\ 0 & S \end{pmatrix}$ . We have the rings  $R$  and  $S$  are J-N-Armendariz rings if and only if  $T$  is J-N-Armendariz ring.*

**Proof.** Assume that  $R$  and  $S$  are two J-N-Armendariz rings. Take  $I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , so  $\frac{T}{I} \simeq \begin{pmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & S \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & 0 \\ 0 & s_1 \end{pmatrix} g_1 + \cdots + \begin{pmatrix} r_n & 0 \\ 0 & s_n \end{pmatrix} g_n$  and  $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} r'_1 & 0 \\ 0 & s'_1 \end{pmatrix} h_1 + \cdots + \begin{pmatrix} r'_m & 0 \\ 0 & s'_m \end{pmatrix} h_m \in \frac{T}{I}[N]$  satisfy  $\alpha\beta = 0$ . Define  $\alpha_r = r_1 g_1 + \cdots + r_n g_n$ ,  $\beta_r = r'_1 h_1 + \cdots + r'_m h_m \in R[N]$  and  $\alpha_s = s_1 g_1 + \cdots + s_n g_n$ ,  $\beta_s = s'_1 h_1 + \cdots + s'_m h_m \in S[N]$ . From  $\alpha\beta = 0$ , we have  $\alpha_r \beta_r = \alpha_s \beta_s = 0$ . Since  $R$  and  $S$  are two J-N-Armendariz rings, then we have  $r_i r'_i \in J(R)$  and  $s_j s'_j \in J(S)$  for any  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m$ . Since  $I \subseteq J(T) = \begin{pmatrix} J(R) & M \\ 0 & J(S) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $T$  is J-M-Armendariz, by Theorem 3.1. For converse, suppose that  $T$  be a J-N-Armendariz ring,  $\alpha_r = r_1 g_1 + \cdots + r_n g_n$ ,  $\beta_r = r'_1 h_1 + \cdots + r'_m h_m \in R[N]$  such that  $\alpha_r \beta_r = 0$  and  $\alpha_s = s_1 g_1 + \cdots + s_n g_n$ ,  $\beta_s = s'_1 h_1 + \cdots + s'_m h_m \in S[N]$  such that  $\alpha_s \beta_s = 0$ . Let  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & 0 \\ 0 & s_1 \end{pmatrix} g_1 + \cdots + \begin{pmatrix} r_n & 0 \\ 0 & s_n \end{pmatrix} g_n$  and  $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} r'_1 & 0 \\ 0 & s'_1 \end{pmatrix} h_1 + \cdots + \begin{pmatrix} r'_m & 0 \\ 0 & s'_m \end{pmatrix} h_m \in T[N]$ . Whence  $\alpha_r \beta_r = 0$  and  $\alpha_s \beta_s = 0$  implies that  $\alpha\beta = 0$ . Since  $T$  is J-N-Armendariz ring then we have  $\begin{pmatrix} r_i & 0 \\ 0 & s_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r'_j & 0 \\ 0 & s'_j \end{pmatrix} \in J(T) = \begin{pmatrix} J(R) & M \\ 0 & J(S) \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $r_i r'_j \in J(R)$  and  $s_i s'_j \in J(S)$  for all  $i, j$ , as desired.  $\square$

Although for a J-M-Armendariz ring  $R$  the corner ring of  $R$  is J-M-Armendariz by Proposition 3.2, but the following example shows that,



$M_n(R)$  is not J-M-Armendariz for  $n \geq 2$ , i.e. the J-M-Armendariz property is not Morita invariant.

**Example 3.7.** For a ring  $R$ ,  $S = M_2(R)$  and  $M = (\mathbb{N} \cap \{0\}, +)$ , if  $f(x) = e_{12} - e_{11}x$  and  $g(x) = e_{11} + e_{12} - (e_{21} + e_{22})x$ , then  $e_{11}(e_{11} + e_{12}) = e_{11} + e_{12}$  is not in  $J(R)$  however,  $f(x)g(x) = 0$ . Thus  $S$  is not J-M-Armendariz.

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