

A NOTE ON PRIMENESS IN NEAR-RINGS AND MATRIX NEAR-RINGS

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Strictly equiprime, j th row strictly equiprime concepts were introduced in Near-rings and obtained that (i) if N is a strictly equiprime near-ring then the matrix near-ring $M_n(N)$ is the j th row strictly equiprime for $1 \leq j \leq n$; (ii) if I is a prime left ideal of a near-ring N then the corresponding ideal I^* is a prime left ideal in $M_n(N)$.

INTRODUCTION

Many authors^{2, 7-14} studied different types of prime ideals and related concepts in Near-rings, Gamma near-rings, rings and gammarings. Booth and Groenewald¹, Groenewald^{3,4} and Meldrum and Van der Walt⁵ studied prime ideals and related concepts in matrix near-rings.

In section 1, we introduce the concept 'prime left ideal' in Near-rings, and obtain some equivalent conditions for a left ideal of N to be a prime left ideal. In section 2, we introduce the notion j th row equivalence of two matrices in matrix near-rings and obtain few related results. In section 3, we prove the two main theorems.

Throughout this paper N -stands for a zero symmetric right near-ring. For standard definitions and notations which are not mentioned here, we refer to Booth and Groenewald¹, Groenewald^{3, 4}, Meldrum and Van der Walt⁵ and Pilz⁶. For any subset X of a near-ring N , the ideal (left ideal) generated by X is denoted by $\langle X \rangle$ ($\langle X \rangle_1$ respectively). If $X = \{a\}$ then $\langle X \rangle$ ($\langle X \rangle_1$) is denoted by $\langle a \rangle$ ($\langle a \rangle_1$).

Meldrum and Van der Walt⁵ introduced the concept of matrix near-ring. The definition is as follows :

Consider N with identity 1. N^n denotes the direct sum of n -copies of $(N, +)$. For any $r \in N$, $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq n$ define $f_{ij} : N^n \rightarrow N^n$ as $f_{ij}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ where $b_k = 0$ if $k \neq i$ and $b_k = ra_j$ if $k = i$. If (i) $f : N \rightarrow N$ defined by $f(x) = rx$ for all $x \in N$; (ii) $I_i : R \rightarrow R^n$ is the canonical monomorphism; and (iii)

$\pi_j: R^n \rightarrow R$ is the canonical epimorphism; then it is clear that $f_{ij} = I_i f \pi_j$, and $f_{ij} \in M(N^n)$ where $M(N^n)$ is the set of all mappings from N^n to N^n . It is a known fact that $M(N^n)$ is a near-ring. The subnear-ring $M_n(N)$ of $M(N^n)$ generated by $\{f_{ij} / r \in N, 1 \leq i, j \leq n\}$ is called the near-ring of $n \times n$ matrices over N . $M_n(N)$ is called a matrix near-ring.

If I is an ideal of N then the related ideal I^* in $M_n(N)$ is defined as : $I^* = \{A \in M_n(N) / Ap \in I^n \text{ for all } p \in N^n\}$. Meldrum and Van der Walt⁵ have proved that $(I_1)^* \subseteq (I_2)^*$ for any two ideals I_1 and I_2 of N with $I_1 \subseteq I_2$. They have also proved that if N is a prime near-ring then so is $M_n(N)$.

Now we state some definitions from the literature which are used in this paper.

Definitions (Booth and Groenewald¹) — (i) A near-ring N is said to be equiprime if for all $0 \neq a \in N$ and $x, y \in N$, $a r x = a r y$ for all $r \in N$ implies $x = y$.

(ii) An ideal P of N is called an equiprime ideal of N if N/P is an equiprime near-ring.

(iii) A near-ring N is called strongly equiprime if for all $0 \neq a \in N$, there exists a finite subset F of N such that $x, y \in N$, $a f x = a f y$ for all $f \in F$ implies $x = y$.

Definition (Groenewald⁴) — An ideal P of N is said to be 3-prime ideal if $a, b \in N$, $aNb \subseteq P$ implies $a \in P$ or $b \in P$. If (0) is a 3-prime ideal in N then N is called a 3-prime Near-ring.

Definition (Meldrum and Van der Walt⁵) — An element $A \in M_n(N)$ is called a diagonal matrix if $A = f_{11} + f_{22} + \dots + f_{nn}$ where $r_i \in N$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

1. PRIME LEFT IDEALS IN NEAR-RINGS

Now we introduce the notion "prime left ideal" in near-rings.

Definition 1.1 — A left ideal P of N is said to be a prime left ideal if it satisfies the following condition :

I, J are two left ideals of N such that $IJ \subseteq P$ implies $I \subseteq P$ or $J \subseteq P$.

Proposition 1.2 — The following conditions are equivalent :

- (i) P is prime left ideal;
- (ii) $\langle a \rangle_1 \langle b \rangle_1 \subseteq P \Rightarrow a \in P$ or $b \in P$;
- (iii) $a \langle b \rangle_1 \subseteq P \Rightarrow a \in P$ or $b \in P$;
- (iv) $\langle a \rangle_1 (P + \langle b \rangle_1) \subseteq P \Rightarrow a \in P$ or $b \in P$; and
- (v) $A(P + B) \subseteq P \Rightarrow A \subseteq P$ or $B \subseteq P$, where $a, \cdot b \in N$ and A, B are left ideals of N .

PROOF : (i) \Rightarrow (ii) : Follows from the definition.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) : Suppose $a \langle b \rangle_1 \subseteq P$. By Proposition 1.42 of Pilz⁶, we have that $\langle a \rangle_1 \langle b \rangle_1 \subseteq P$. Now by (ii), we have that either $a \in P$ or $b \in P$.

(iii) \Rightarrow (iv) : Suppose $\langle a \rangle_1(P + \langle b \rangle_1) \subseteq P$.

Now $\langle a \rangle_1 \langle b \rangle_1 \subseteq \langle a \rangle_1(P + \langle b \rangle_1) \subseteq P \Rightarrow a \in P$ or $b \in P$.

(iv) \Rightarrow (v) : Suppose $A(P + B) \subseteq P$. In a contrary way assume that $A \not\subseteq P$ and $B \not\subseteq P$. Then there exist $a \in A \setminus P$ and $b \in B \setminus P$. Now $\langle a \rangle_1(P + \langle b \rangle_1) \subseteq A(P + B) \subseteq P$. By (iv), we have that either $a \in P$ or $b \in P$, a contradiction. Therefore $A \subseteq P$ or $B \subseteq P$.

(v) \Rightarrow (i) : Suppose A and B are two left ideals such that $AB \subseteq P$. Let $a \in A$, $p \in P$ and $b \in B$. Then $a(p + b) - ab \in P$ (since P is a left ideal), $ab \in P$. So $a(p + b) - ab + ab \in P$ and so $A(P + B) \subseteq P$. Now by (v), we have that either $A \subseteq P$ or $B \subseteq P$.

Now the proof of the following Remark is clear.

Remark 1.3 : Suppose P is a left ideal which is not right ideal. For any $b \in N$ such that $Pb \not\subseteq P$, the following are equivalent :

- (i) $\langle a \rangle_1 \langle b \rangle_1 \subseteq P \Rightarrow a \in P$;
- (ii) $\langle a \rangle_1(P + \langle b \rangle_1) \subseteq P \Rightarrow a \in P$; and
- (iii) A, B are left ideals, $A(P + B) \subseteq P, b \in B \Rightarrow A \subseteq P$.

Note 1.4 : If P is a left ideal then the following conditions are equivalent :

- (i) $PL \subseteq P, L$ is a left ideal $\Rightarrow L \subseteq P$;
- (ii) $P \langle b \rangle_1 \subseteq P, b \in N \Rightarrow b \in P$; and
- (iii) P is the largest left ideal contained in the set X where

$$X = \{x \in N/P \mid \langle x \rangle_1 \subseteq P\}.$$

Note 1.5 : If P is a prime left ideal which is not a two sided ideal, then P is the largest left ideal contained in $X = \{x \in N/P \mid \langle x \rangle_1 \subseteq P\}$.

PROOF : Suppose the left ideal P is not two sided ideal. Then there exist an element $b \in N$ such that $Pb \not\subseteq P$. Suppose that L is a left ideal of N such that $PL \subseteq P \Rightarrow (Pb)L \subseteq P(bL) \subseteq PL \subseteq P \Rightarrow \langle Pb \rangle_1 L \subseteq P$ (by Proposition 1.42 of Pilz⁶) $\Rightarrow \langle Pb \rangle_1 \subseteq P$ or $L \subseteq P \Rightarrow Pb \subseteq P$ or $L \subseteq P \Rightarrow L \subseteq P$ (since $Pb \not\subseteq P$). Therefore, for any left ideal L of P , we have that $PL \subseteq P \Rightarrow L \subseteq P$. Now by above result we have that P is the largest left ideal that is contained in X .

Definition 1.6 — (i) Let $M \subseteq N$. M is said to be a left m -system-1 if either $M = \phi$ or $a, b \in M \Rightarrow a^1 b^1 \in M$ for some $a^1 \in \langle a \rangle_1$ and $b^1 \in \langle b \rangle_1$.

(ii) M is said to be a left m -system-2 if either $M = \phi$ or $a, b \in M \Rightarrow ab^1 \in M$ for some $b^1 \in \langle b \rangle_1$.

Note 1.7 : It is clear that if M is a left m -system-2 then it is a left m -system-1.

Proposition 1.8 — If P is a left ideal of N , then the following conditions are equivalent :

- (i) P is prime left ideal;
- (ii) $N \setminus P$ is a left m -system-2; and
- (iii) $N \setminus P$ is a left m -system-1.

PROOF : (i) \Rightarrow (ii) : Suppose P is prime. Consider $N \setminus P$. If $P = N$ then $N \setminus P = \phi$ is a left m -system-2. Suppose $N \setminus P \neq \phi$. To show that $N \setminus P$ is a left m -system-2, take $a, b \in N \setminus P \Rightarrow a, b \notin P$. Since P is prime left ideal, by the Proposition 1.2, we have that $a \langle b \rangle_1 \not\subseteq P$. Therefore there exists $b^1 \in \langle b \rangle_1$ such that $ab^1 \notin P$, which implies $ab^1 \in N \setminus P$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) : follows from Note 1.7.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i) : Suppose $N \setminus P$ is a left m -system-1. If $N \setminus P = \phi$ then $P = N$ and hence P is a prime left ideal. Suppose $\langle a \rangle_1 \langle b \rangle_1 \subseteq P$. Now we have to show that $a \in P$ or $b \in P$. In a contrary way, suppose that $a \notin P$ and $b \notin P$. Then $a \in N \setminus P$ and $b \in N \setminus P \Rightarrow a^1 b^1 \in N \setminus P$ for some $a^1 \in \langle a \rangle_1$ and $b^1 \in \langle b \rangle_1 \Rightarrow a^1 b^1 \notin P \Rightarrow \langle a \rangle_1 \langle b \rangle_1 \not\subseteq P$, a contradiction to the supposition. Hence P is a prime left ideal.

2. j th ROW EQUIVALENCE IN MATRIX NEAR-RINGS

In this section we introduce the Notions (i) " A is j th row equivalent to B " for two elements $A, B \in M_n(N)$; (ii) j th row strictly equiprime near-ring; and (iii) j th column scalar- r matrix. We prove that (i) For any $A, B \in M_n(N)$, $A = B$ if and only if A is j th row equivalent to B for all $1 \leq j \leq n$; and (ii) Every equiprime ideal is a 3-prime ideal.

We start with the following definition.

Definitions 2.1 — (i) Let $A, B \in M_n(N)$. Then we say that A and B are j th row equivalent matrices (or A is j th row equivalent to B) if $(f_{1j}^1 + \dots + f_{nj}^1)A = (f_{1j}^1 + \dots + f_{nj}^1)B$.

(ii) Take j such that $1 \leq j \leq n$. Then $M_n(N)$ is said to be j th row strictly equiprime if for any $0 \neq A \in M_n(N)$ there exists $\phi \in M_n(N)$ such that $A \phi U = A \phi V$, imply U and V are j th row equivalent.

(iii) N is said to be strictly equiprime if for any $0 \neq a \in N$ there corresponds an element $x_a \in N$ such that $u, v \in N$ and $ax_a u = ax_a v \Rightarrow u = v$.

Note 2.2 : (i) j th row equivalence is an equivalence relation; and

(ii) Every strictly equiprime near-ring is strongly equiprime.

Definition 2.3 — Let $1 \leq j \leq n$ and $A \in M_n(N)$. Then (i) A is said to be a j th Column matrix if there exists $r_i \in N$, $1 \leq i \leq n$ such that $A = f_{1j}^1 + f_{2j}^2 + \dots + f_{nj}^n$.

(ii) A is said to be j th Column Scalar matrix if there exists $r \in N$ such that $A = f_{1j}^1 + f_{2j}^2 + \dots + f_{nj}^n$. This matrix is also called the j th column scalar r -matrix.

Note 2.4 — Let $U, V \in M_n(N)$. Then

$$(f_{1j}^1 + \dots + f_{nj}^1)U = (f_{1j}^1 + \dots + f_{nj}^1)V$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [(f_{1j}^1 + \dots + f_{nj}^1)U](s_1, \dots, s_n) = [(f_{1j}^1 + \dots + f_{nj}^1)V](s_1, \dots, s_n)$$

$$\forall (s_1, \dots, s_n) \in N^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow (f_{1j}^1 + \dots + f_{nj}^1) U(s_1, \dots, s_n) &= (f_{1j}^1 + \dots + f_{nj}^1) V(s_1, \dots, s_n) \\ &\forall (s_1, \dots, s_n) \in N^n \\ \Leftrightarrow ([U(s_1, \dots, s_n)]_j, \dots, [U(s_1, \dots, s_n)]_j) \\ &= ([V(s_1, \dots, s_n)]_j, \dots, [V(s_1, \dots, s_n)]_j) \quad \forall (s_1, \dots, s_n) \in N^n \\ \Leftrightarrow [U(s_1, \dots, s_n)]_j &= [V(s_1, \dots, s_n)]_j \quad \forall (s_1, \dots, s_n) \in N^n. \end{aligned}$$

A straight forward verification shows the following Remark 2.5 and Proposition 2.6. Corollary 2.7 is immediate consequence of Proposition 2.6.

Remark 2.5 : $A = B$ iff A and B are j th row equivalent for all j with $1 \leq j \leq n$.

Proposition 2.6 — In a zero symmetric near-ring N , every equiprime ideal is a 3-prime ideal.

Corollary 2.7 — Let N be a zero symmetric near-ring. If N is equiprime, then N is 3-prime.

3. MAIN THEOREMS

Throughout this section N stands for a near-ring with 1.

Proposition 3.1 — Let N be a strictly equiprime near-ring with 1. Then $M_n(N)$ is j th row strictly equiprime for $1 \leq j \leq n$. More precisely, if $A \in M_n(N)$ such that (i) $A \neq 0$ with $a = [A(r_1, \dots, r_n)]_i \neq 0$ then there exists a diagonal matrix B , and (ii) for each j ($1 \leq j \leq n$) there is a j th column scalar- r_a matrix C_j such that $U, V \in M_n(N)$ and $A(BC_j)U = A(BC_j)V \Rightarrow U$ is j th row equivalent to V , for $1 \leq j \leq n$.

PROOF : Given that $A \in M_n(N)$ such that $A \neq 0$ with $a = [A(r_1, \dots, r_n)]_i \neq 0$. Since N is strictly equiprime there exists $x_a \in N$ such that $a \cdot x_a \cdot u = a \cdot x_a \cdot v \Rightarrow u = v$.

Consider the diagonal matrix $B = f_{11}^r + \dots + f_{nn}^r$ and j th column scalar r -matrices $C_j = f_{1j}^r + \dots + f_{nj}^r$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, where $r = x_a$. Write $D = BC_j \in M_n(N)$.

Now suppose $ADU = ADV$ (That is $ABC_j U = ABC_j V$).

Now we have to show that U is j th row equivalent to V .

In a contrary way suppose that U is not j th row equivalent to V .

This means $(f_{1j}^1 + \dots + f_{nj}^1) U \neq (f_{1j}^1 + \dots + f_{nj}^1) V$

$$\Rightarrow [(f_{1j}^1 + \dots + f_{nj}^1) U](s_1, \dots, s_n) \neq [(f_{1j}^1 + \dots + f_{nj}^1) V](s_1, \dots, s_n)$$

for some $(s_1, \dots, s_n) \in N^n$

$$\Rightarrow [U(s_1, \dots, s_n)]_j \neq [V(s_1, \dots, s_n)]_j \text{ (by above note)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a x_a [U(s_1, \dots, s_n)]_j \neq a x_a [V(s_1, \dots, s_n)]_j$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Rightarrow [A(r_1, \dots, r_n)]_i x_a [U(s_1, \dots, s_n)]_j \neq [A(r_1, \dots, r_n)]_i x_a [V(s_1, \dots, s_n)]_j \\
 &\Rightarrow [A(r_1, \dots, r_n)] [x_a (U(s_1, \dots, s_n))]_j \neq [A(r_1, \dots, r_n)] [x_a (V(s_1, \dots, s_n))]_j \\
 &\Rightarrow A [(f_{11}^r + \dots + f_{nn}^r) (f_{1j}^x + \dots + f_{nj}^x) U(s_1, \dots, s_n)] \\
 &\neq A [(f_{11}^r + \dots + f_{nn}^r) (f_{1j}^x + \dots + f_{nj}^x) V(s_1, \dots, s_n)] \\
 &\Rightarrow A [(f_{11}^r + \dots + f_{nn}^r) (f_{1j}^r + \dots + f_{nj}^r) U(s_1, \dots, s_n)] \\
 &\neq A [(f_{11}^r + \dots + f_{nn}^r) (f_{1j}^r + \dots + f_{nj}^r) V(s_1, \dots, s_n)]
 \end{aligned}$$

(Since $r = x_a$)

$$\Rightarrow ABC_j U \neq ABC_j V, \text{ a contradiction to our supposition.}$$

Hence U and V are j th row equivalent for $1 \leq j \leq n$.

Corollary 3.2 — Suppose N is a near-ring with 1. If N is strictly equiprime near-ring then $M_n(N)$ is strongly equiprime.

PROOF : Suppose N is strictly equiprime near-ring. Let $0 \neq A \in M_n(N)$. Since $M_n(N)$ is the strictly equiprime near-ring for each $1 \leq j \leq n$, there exists $D_j \in M_n(N)$ such that $AD_j U = AD_j V \Rightarrow U$ and V are j th row equivalent. Now write $F = \{D_j / 1 \leq j \leq n\}$. Suppose $AfU = AfV$ for all $f \in F \Rightarrow AD_j U = AD_j V$ for all j ($1 \leq j \leq n$) $\Rightarrow U$ and V are j th row equivalent for all j ($1 \leq j \leq n$) $\Rightarrow U = V$ (by Remark 2.5).

Theorem 3.3 — If I is prime left ideal of N then I^* is prime left ideal in $M_n(N)$.

PROOF : Suppose I is a prime left ideal in N . Since I is a left ideal in N , by Corollary 4.2 of Meldrum and Van der Walt⁵, we have I^* is an ideal in $M_n(N)$.

Now we have to show that I^* is prime left ideal. In a contrary way, suppose that I^* is not a prime left ideal. Then there exist two left ideals L_1, L_2 in $M_n(N)$ such that $L_1 L_2 \subseteq I^*$, $L_1 \not\subseteq I^*$ and $L_2 \not\subseteq I^*$. Then there exists $A \in L_1 \setminus I^*$, $B \in L_2 \setminus I^*$ which implies that there exist $p, q \in N^n$ such that $Ap \notin I^*$, $Bq \notin I^*$. Write $Ap = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ and $Bq = (c_1, \dots, c_n)$. Since $Ap \notin I^*$ and $Bq \notin I^*$, there exist k, s such that $a_k \notin I$ and $c_s \notin I$. $AL_2 \subseteq L_1 L_2 \subseteq I^*$ and I^* is an ideal

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Rightarrow \langle A \rangle L_2 \subseteq I^* \text{ (by Proposition 1.42 of Pilz}^6) \\
 &\Rightarrow \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle_1 \subseteq \langle A \rangle L_2 \subseteq I^* \text{ (since } B \in L_2) \\
 &\Rightarrow \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle_1 \subseteq I^* \Rightarrow \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle_1 M_n(N) \subseteq I^*
 \end{aligned}$$

(because I^* is an ideal)-Fact (1), say. Since $\langle A \rangle$ is right invariant by Corollary 3.10 of Meldrum and Van der Walt⁵, $\langle A \rangle N^n = \langle A \rangle e_1$ where $e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$. Now $Ap \in \langle A \rangle N^n = \langle A \rangle e_1 \Rightarrow$ There exist $C \in \langle A \rangle$ such that $Ap = Ce_1$. Since $Ap = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ we have $(a_1, \dots, a_n) = Ap = Ce_1$

$$= C [f_{11}^1 + f_{22}^0 + \dots + f_{nn}^0] e_1 = [f_{11}^{20} b_1 + f_{22}^2 + \dots + f_{nn}^n] e_1$$

(by Lemma 3.7 of Meldrum and Van der Walt⁵)

$$= (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_i = b_i \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$C [f_{11}^1 + f_{21}^0 + \dots + f_{n1}^0] = [f_{11}^1 + f_{21}^2 + \dots + f_{n1}^n] = [f_{11}^1 + f_{21}^2 + \dots + f_{n1}^n].$$

Now consider

$$\begin{aligned} E_{1k} C [f_{11}^1 + f_{21}^0 + \dots + f_{n1}^0] (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \\ = E_{1k} [f_{11}^1 + f_{21}^2 + \dots + f_{n1}^n] (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = f_{11}^k (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $E_{1k} C [f_{11}^1 + f_{21}^0 + \dots + f_{n1}^0] = f_{11}^k \Rightarrow f_{11}^k \in \langle A \rangle$

(since $C \in \langle A \rangle$ and E_{1k} is zero symmetric)

Therefore $f_{11}^k \in \langle A \rangle \setminus I^*$ (Since $a_k \notin I$, we have $f_{11}^k \notin I^*$).

Suppose $q = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$. By Lemma 3.7 of Meldrum and Van der Walt⁵ there exists $y_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ in N such that $B [f_{11}^{x_1} + f_{21}^{x_2} + \dots + f_{n1}^{x_n}] = [f_{11}^{y_1} + f_{21}^{y_2} + \dots + f_{n1}^{y_n}]$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } (c_1, \dots, c_n) = Bq &= B [f_{11}^{x_1} + f_{21}^{x_2} + \dots + f_{n1}^{x_n}] (1, 0, \dots, 0) \\ &= [f_{11}^{y_1} + f_{21}^{y_2} + \dots + f_{n1}^{y_n}] (1, 0, \dots, 0) = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \\ &\Rightarrow c_i = y_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } B [f_{11}^{x_1} + f_{21}^{x_2} + \dots + f_{n1}^{x_n}] = [f_{11}^{y_1} + f_{21}^{y_2} + \dots + f_{n1}^{y_n}] = [f_{11}^{c_1} + f_{21}^{c_2} + \dots + f_{n1}^{c_n}].$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } E_{1s} B [f_{11}^{x_1} + f_{21}^{x_2} + \dots + f_{n1}^{x_n}] (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \\ = E_{1s} [f_{11}^{y_1} + f_{21}^{y_2} + \dots + f_{n1}^{y_n}] (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = f_{11}^s (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $f_{11}^s = E_{1s} B [f_{11}^{x_1} + f_{21}^{x_2} + \dots + f_{n1}^{x_n}] \in \langle B \rangle_1 M_n(N)$.

Hence $f_{11}^k \in \langle A \rangle$ and $f_{11}^s \in \langle B \rangle_1 M_n(N)$

$$\Rightarrow f_{11}^{k,s} = f_{11}^k f_{11}^s \in \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle_1 M_n(N) \subseteq I^* \text{ (by Fact-(1)).} \Rightarrow a_k c_s \in I, \text{ a contradiction.}$$

Hence I^* is a prime left ideal of $M_n(N)$.

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