

## IDEAL CLASS GROUPS OF MONOID ALGEBRAS

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $A \subset B$  be an extension of commutative reduced rings and  $M \subset N$  an extension of positive commutative cancellative torsion-free monoids. We prove that  $A$  is subintegrally closed in  $B$  and  $M$  is subintegrally closed in  $N$  if and only if the group of invertible  $A$ -submodules of  $B$  is isomorphic to the group of invertible  $A[M]$ -submodules of  $B[N]$  Theorem 1.2 (b), (d). In the case  $M = N$ , we prove the same without the assumption that the ring extension is reduced Theorem 1.2 (c), (d).

**1. Introduction.** Throughout the paper, we assume that all rings are commutative with unity and all monoids are commutative cancellative torsion-free. For a ring extension  $A \subset B$ , the group of invertible  $A$ -submodule of  $B$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{I}(A, B)$ . This group has been extensively studied by Roberts and Singh [6]. Sadhu and Singh [8, Theorem 1.5] proved: *Let  $A \subset B$  be an extension of rings and  $\mathbb{Z}_+$  the monoid of positive integers. Then  $A$  is subintegrally closed in  $B$  if and only if  $\mathcal{I}(A, B) \cong \mathcal{I}(A[\mathbb{Z}_+], B[\mathbb{Z}_+])$ .*

Motivated by this result, we ask the following:

**Question 1.1.** *Let  $A \subset B$  be an extension of rings and  $M \subset N$  an extension of positive monoids. Are the following statements equivalent?*

- (i)  *$A$  is subintegrally closed in  $B$  and  $M$  is subintegrally closed in  $N$ .*
- (ii)  *$A[M]$  is subintegrally closed in  $B[N]$ .*
- (iii)  *$\mathcal{I}(A, B)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{I}(A[M], B[N])$ .*

It is always true that (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). If  $B$  is a reduced ring, then (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) is as well [4, Theorem 4.79].

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We answer Question 1.1 in the affirmative by proving the next result. Our proof uses Swan and Weibel's homotopy trick.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $A \subset B$  be an extension of rings and  $M \subset N$  an extension of positive monoids.*

(a) *If  $A[M]$  is subintegrally closed in  $B[N]$  and  $N$  is affine, then  $\mathcal{I}(A, B) \cong \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[N])$ .*

(b) *If  $B$  is reduced,  $A$  is subintegrally closed in  $B$  and  $M$  is subintegrally closed in  $N$ , then  $\mathcal{I}(A, B) \cong \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[N])$ .*

(c) *If  $M = N$ , then the reduced condition on  $B$  is not needed, i.e., if  $A$  is subintegrally closed in  $B$ , then  $\mathcal{I}(A, B) \cong \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[M])$ .*

(d) *(converse of (a), (b) and (c)). If  $\mathcal{I}(A, B) \cong \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[N])$ , then*

- (i)  *$A$  is subintegrally closed in  $B$ ,*
- (ii)  *$A[M]$  is subintegrally closed in  $B[N]$ , and*
- (iii)  *$B$  is reduced or  $M = N$ .*

The next result, which is immediate from (1.2), gives the exact conditions when (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) in Question 1.1.

**Corollary 1.3.** *Let  $A \subset B$  be an extension of rings and  $M \subset N$  an extension of positive monoids such that  $A$  is subintegrally closed in  $B$  and  $M$  is subintegrally closed in  $N$ .*

- (i) *If  $B$  is reduced or  $M = N$ , then  $A[M]$  is subintegrally closed in  $B[N]$ .*
- (ii) *Conversely, if  $A[M]$  is subintegrally closed in  $B[N]$  and  $N$  is affine, then  $B$  is reduced or  $M = N$ .*

Let  $A$  be a seminormal ring with  $\mathbb{Q} \subset A$  and  $M$  a positive seminormal monoid. Then [4, Theorem 8.42] proved that  $\text{Pic}(A) \cong \text{Pic}(A[M])$ . This result is due to Anderson [2, Theorem 1] in the case where  $A[M]$  is an almost seminormal integral domain, see [2, Definition]. As an application of our result Theorem 1.2 (c), we deduce a special case of this result, see Remark 3.5.

Sadhu and Singh [8, Theorem 2.6] studied the relationship between the two groups  $\mathcal{I}(A, B)$  and  $\mathcal{I}(A[\mathbb{Z}_+], B[\mathbb{Z}_+])$ , when  $A$  is not subintegrally closed in  $B$ . Using our Theorem 1.2, we generalize their result [8, Theorem 2.6] to the monoid algebra situation in a straightforward manner.

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $A \subset B$  be an extension of rings, and let  ${}^+A$  denote the subintegral closure of  $A$  in  $B$ . Assume that  $M$  is a positive monoid. Then,*

(i) *the diagram:*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{I}(A, {}^+A) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{I}(A, B) & \xrightarrow{\phi(A, {}^+A, B)} & \mathcal{I}({}^+A, B) & \longrightarrow & 1 \\
 & & \downarrow \theta(A, {}^+A) & & \downarrow \theta(A, B) & & \simeq \downarrow \theta({}^+A, B) & & \\
 1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{I}(A[M], {}^+A[M]) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[M]) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{I}({}^+A[M], B[M]) & \longrightarrow & 1
 \end{array}$$

*is commutative with exact rows.*

(ii) *If  $\mathbb{Q} \subset A$ , then  $\mathcal{I}(A[M], {}^+A[M]) \cong \mathbb{Z}[M] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{I}(A, {}^+A)$ .*

## 2. Preliminaries.

### Definition 2.1.

(i) Let  $A \subset B$  be an extension of rings. The extension  $A \subset B$  is called *elementary subintegral* if  $B = A[b]$  for some  $b$  with  $b^2, b^3 \in A$ . If  $B$  is a union of subrings obtained from  $A$  by a finite succession of elementary subintegral extensions, then the extension  $A \subset B$  is called *subintegral*. The *subintegral closure* of  $A$  in  $B$ , denoted by  ${}_B^+A$ , is the largest subintegral extension of  $A$  in  $B$ . We say  $A$  is *subintegrally closed* in  $B$  if  ${}_B^+A = A$ . A ring  $A$  is called *seminormal* if it is reduced and subintegrally closed in  $PQF(R) := \prod_{\mathfrak{p}} QF(R/\mathfrak{p})$ , where  $\mathfrak{p}$  runs through the minimal prime ideals of  $R$  and  $QF(R/\mathfrak{p})$  is the quotient field of  $R/\mathfrak{p}$ , see [4, page 154].

(ii) Let  $A \subset B$  and  $A' \subset B'$  be two ring extensions. A morphism  $\phi$  between the pairs  $(A, B) \rightarrow (A', B')$  is a ring homomorphism  $\phi : B \rightarrow B'$  with  $\phi(A) \subset A'$ . For a ring extension  $A \subset B$ , if  $\mathcal{I}(A, B)$  denotes the multiplicative group of invertible  $A$ -submodules of  $B$ , then  $\mathcal{I}$  is a functor from the category of ring extensions to the category

of abelian groups. Let  $\mathcal{I}(\phi)$  denote the group homomorphism which is induced by the morphism  $\phi$  of a ring extension. If  $B \subset B'$  and  $A \subset A'$ , then the inclusion map  $i : B \rightarrow B'$  defines a morphism of pairs  $(A, B) \rightarrow (A', B')$ . We will denote  $\mathcal{I}(i)$  by  $\theta(A, B)$ . For basic facts pertaining to ring extensions and the functor  $\mathcal{I}$ , we refer the reader to [6].

(iii) Let  $M \subset N$  be an extension of monoids. The extension  $M \subset N$  is called *elementary subintegral* if  $N = M \cup xM$  for some  $x$  with  $x^2, x^3 \in M$ . If  $N$  is a union of submonoids which are obtained from  $M$  by a finite succession of elementary subintegral extensions, then the extension  $M \subset N$  is called *subintegral*. The *subintegral closure* of  $M$  in  $N$ , denoted by  ${}_N^+M$ , is the largest subintegral extension of  $M$  in  $N$ . We say  $M$  is *subintegrally closed* in  $N$  if  ${}_N^+M = M$ . Let  $\phi(M)$  denote the group of fractions of the monoid  $M$ . We say  $M$  is *seminormal* if it is subintegrally closed in  $\phi(M)$ .

(iv) For a monoid  $M$ , let  $U(M)$  denote the group of units of  $M$ . If  $U(M)$  is a trivial group, then  $M$  is called *positive*. If  $M$  is finitely generated, then  $M$  is called *affine*.

For basic definitions and facts pertaining to monoids and monoid algebras, we refer the reader to [4, Chapters 2, 4]).

**Notation 2.2.** For a ring  $A$ ,  $\text{Pic}(A)$  denotes the Picard group of  $A$ ,  $U(A)$  denotes the multiplicative group of units of  $A$  and  $\text{nil}(A)$  denotes the nil radical of  $A$ .

Now, we give some results for later use.

The next result, which follows with repeated applications of [8, Corollary 1.6], is due to Sadhu and Singh.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $A \subset B$  be an extension of rings. Then  $A$  is subintegrally closed in  $B$  if and only if  $A[\mathbb{Z}_+^r]$  is subintegrally closed in  $B[\mathbb{Z}_+^r]$  for any integer  $r > 0$ .*

The next result is obtained [4, Theorem 4.79] by observing that  $\text{sn}_B(A)$  (the seminormalization of  $A$  in  $B$ ) and is the same as  ${}_B^+A$  (the subintegral closure of  $A$  in  $B$ ) in our notation.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $A \subset B$  be an extension of reduced rings and  $M \subset N$  an extension monoid. Then  $B^+A[N \cap \text{sn}(M)]$  is the subintegral closure of  $A[M]$  in  $B[N]$ , where  $\text{sn}(M)$  is the seminormalization (subintegral closure) of  $M$  in  $\phi(M)$ .*

**3. Main results.** The next result is motivated from ([1], Lemma 5.7).

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $R = R_0 \oplus R_1 \oplus \dots$  and  $S = S_0 \oplus S_1 \oplus \dots$  be two positively graded rings with  $R \subset S$  and  $R_i \subset S_i$  for all  $i \geq 0$ . If the canonical map  $\theta(R, S) : \mathcal{I}(R, S) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}(R[X], S[X])$  is an isomorphism, then the canonical map  $\theta(R_0, S_0) : \mathcal{I}(R_0, S_0) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}(R, S)$  is an isomorphism.*

*Proof.* This result uses Swan and Weibel’s homotopy trick. Let  $j : (R_0, S_0) \rightarrow (R, S)$  be the inclusion map and  $\pi : (R, S) \rightarrow (R_0, S_0)$  the canonical surjection defined as  $\pi(s_0 + s_1 + \dots + s_r) = s_0$ , where  $s_0 + s_1 + \dots + s_r \in S$ . Then  $\pi j = \text{Id}_{(R_0, S_0)}$ . Applying the functor  $\mathcal{I}$ , we get that  $\mathcal{I}(\pi)\theta(R_0, S_0) = \text{Id}_{\mathcal{I}(R_0, S_0)}$ , where  $\theta(R_0, S_0) = \mathcal{I}(j)$ . Hence, the canonical map  $\theta(R_0, S_0)$  is injective. So we must prove that  $\theta(R_0, S_0)$  is surjective.

Let  $e_0, e_1 : (R[X], S[X]) \rightarrow (R, S)$  be two evaluation maps defined as  $X \rightarrow 0, X \rightarrow 1$ , respectively, and  $i$  the inclusion map from  $(R, S) \rightarrow (R[X], S[X])$ . Then, we obtain that  $e_0 i = e_1 i$ . Let  $w : (R, S) \rightarrow (R[X], S[X])$  be a map defined as  $w(s) = s_0 + s_1 X + \dots + s_r X^r$ , where  $s = s_0 + s_1 + \dots + s_r \in S$ . It is easy to see that  $w$  is a ring homomorphism from  $S \rightarrow S[X]$ , and moreover,  $w$  is a morphism of ring extensions, i.e.,  $w(R) \subset R[X]$ . It is easy to see that  $e_0 w = j\pi \dots (a)$ .

Since  $e_0 i = e_1 i = \text{Id}_{(R, S)}$ , we obtain that  $\mathcal{I}(e_0)\theta(R, S) = \mathcal{I}(e_1)\theta(R, S) = \text{Id}_{\mathcal{I}(R, S)}$  (recall that  $\theta(R, S) = \mathcal{I}(i)$ ). Therefore,  $\mathcal{I}(e_0)$  and  $\mathcal{I}(e_1)$  are inverses of the canonical isomorphism  $\theta(R, S)$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{I}(e_0) = \mathcal{I}(e_1)$ . By (a), we have  $\mathcal{I}(e_0)\mathcal{I}(w) = \theta(R_0, S_0)\mathcal{I}(\pi)$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{I}(e_1)\mathcal{I}(w) = \theta(R_0, S_0)\mathcal{I}(\pi)$ . Note that  $\mathcal{I}(e_1)\mathcal{I}(w) = \text{Id}_{\mathcal{I}(R, S)} = \theta(R_0, S_0)\mathcal{I}(\pi)$ . Therefore, we obtain that  $\theta(R_0, S_0)$  is surjective. This completes the proof.  $\square$

The next result is [4, Theorem 4.79] when the ring extension is reduced. We use the same arguments as in [4, Theorem 4.42, 4.79]

to prove the following result. For an alternate proof of the following result, see Remark 3.3.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $A \subset B$  be an extension of rings and  $M$  an affine monoid. Assume that  $A$  is subintegrally closed in  $B$ . Then,  $A[M]$  is subintegrally closed in  $B[M]$ .*

*Proof.* It is easy to see that  $A[\phi(M)] \cap B[M] = A[M]$ . Hence, it is enough to prove that  $A[\phi(M)]$  is subintegrally closed in  $B[\phi(M)]$ . Since  $M$  is affine,  $\phi(M) \cong \mathbb{Z}^r$  for some integer  $r > 0$ . Hence, we must prove that  $A[\mathbb{Z}^r]$  is subintegrally closed in  $B[\mathbb{Z}^r]$ . Since subintegrality commutes with localization, see [4, Theorem 4.75d], we only have to prove that  $A[\mathbb{Z}_+^r]$  is subintegrally closed in  $B[\mathbb{Z}_+^r]$ . This is indeed the case because of (2.3).  $\square$

### 3.1. Proof of Theorem 1.2.

*Proof.*

(a) Since  $N$  is positive affine,  $N$  has a positive grading by [4, Proposition 2.17 f]. Since  $M$  is a submonoid of  $N$ , it has a positive grading induced from  $N$ . Therefore, both  $A[M]$  and  $B[N]$  have positive gradings. Hence, we can write

$$A[M] = A_0 \oplus A_1 \oplus \cdots$$

and

$$B[N] = B_0 \oplus B_1 \oplus \cdots$$

with  $A_0 = A$  and  $B_0 = B$ . We define  $R := A[M]$ ,  $S := B[N]$  and  $R_0 := A$ ,  $S_0 := B$ . By the hypothesis,  $R$  is subintegrally closed in  $S$ ; hence, by ([8, Theorem 1.5],  $\mathcal{I}(R, S) \cong \mathcal{I}(R[X], S[X])$ ). Therefore, by Lemma 3.1, we obtain that  $\mathcal{I}(A, B) \cong \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[N])$ .

(b) First, assume that  $N$  is affine. Since  $B$  is reduced, by (2.4), the subintegral closure of  $A[M]$  in  $B[N]$  is  ${}_B^+A[N \cap \text{sn}(M)]$ . Note that  $\text{sn}(M) = {}_{\phi(M)}^+M$  in our notation. It is easy to see that  ${}_N^+M = N \cap {}_{\phi(M)}^+M$ . By hypothesis,  ${}_B^+A = A$  and  ${}_N^+M = M$ . Hence,  $A[M]$  is subintegrally closed in  $B[N]$ . Therefore, by (a), we obtain that  $\mathcal{I}(A, B) \cong \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[N])$ .

Now we will discuss the case when  $N$  is not affine. Let  $\Lambda := \{N_i : i \in I\}$  be the set of all affine submonoids of  $N$ . Then  $\Lambda$  forms a directed set by defining  $N_i \leq N_j$  if  $N_i$  is a submonoid of  $N_j$ . Let  $M_i := M \cap N_i$ , where  $N_i \in \Lambda$ . Since  $M$  is subintegrally closed in  $N$ , it is easy to see that  $M_i$  is subintegrally closed in  $N_i$ . Then,

$$N = \cup_{N_i \in \Lambda} N_i \quad \text{and} \quad M = \cup M_i.$$

If  $N_i \leq N_j$ , then there exists a morphism of ring extension  $\phi_{ij} : (A[M_i], B[N_i]) \rightarrow (A[M_j], B[N_j])$  induced from the inclusion map  $B[N_i] \rightarrow B[N_j]$ . Hence,  $(\{(A[M_i], B[N_i])\}_{N_i \in \Lambda}, \{\phi_{ij}\}_{N_i \leq N_j})$  forms a directed system in the category of ring extensions. Then the direct limit of this system is  $((A[M], B[N]), \{\phi_i\})$ , where  $\phi_i : (A[M_i], B[N_i]) \rightarrow (A[M], B[N])$ , i.e.,  $\varinjlim_{\Lambda} (A[M_i], B[N_i]) = (A[M], B[N])$ .

Similarly, as in the above paragraph, one may see that

$$(\mathcal{I}(A[M_i], B[N_i])_{N_i \in \Lambda}, \{\mathcal{I}(\phi_{ij})\}_{N_i \leq N_j})$$

forms a directed system in the category of abelian groups.

We want to prove that

$$\varinjlim_{\Lambda} (\mathcal{I}(A[M_i], B[N_i])) \cong \mathcal{I}(\varinjlim_{\Lambda} (A[M_i], B[N_i])) = \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[N]).$$

For each  $N_i$ , we have a map

$$\mathcal{I}(j) : \mathcal{I}(A[M_i], B[N_i]) \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[N])$$

induced by the inclusion map  $j : B[N_i] \rightarrow B[N]$ . Hence, by the universal property of the direct limit, there exists a map

$$\phi : \varinjlim_{\Lambda} (\mathcal{I}(A[M_i], B[N_i])) \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[N]).$$

We claim that  $\phi$  is an isomorphism. For surjectivity, let  $I \in \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[N])$ . Hence, there exists  $N_k \in \Lambda$  such that  $I \in \mathcal{I}(A[M_k], B[N_k])$ . Taking the image of  $I$  inside  $\varinjlim_{\Lambda} \mathcal{I}(A[M_i], B[N_i])$ , we obtain that  $\phi$  is surjective. Since the natural inclusion  $j : B \rightarrow B[N_i]$  induces an isomorphism  $\mathcal{I}(j) : \mathcal{I}(A, B) \cong \mathcal{I}(A[M_i], B[N_i])$  for each  $N_i$ , we obtain that  $\mathcal{I}(A, B) \cong \varinjlim_{\Lambda} \mathcal{I}(A[M_i], B[N_i])$ . Now, it is easy to see that  $\phi$  is injective. Therefore, we obtain that  $\mathcal{I}(A, B) \cong \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[N])$ .

(c) As in (b), we can assume that  $M = N$  is affine. Then, by (3.2),  $A[M]$  is subintegrally closed in  $B[M]$ . Hence, as in the proof of (b), we obtain that  $\mathcal{I}(A, B) \cong \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[M])$ .

(d) (i) In order to prove that  $A$  is subintegrally closed in  $B$ , let  $b \in B$  with  $b^2, b^3 \in A$ . Let  $m \in M$ . Let  $I := (b^2, 1 - bm)$  and  $J := (b^2, 1 + bm)$  be two  $A[M]$ -submodules of  $B[N]$ . Note that  $IJ \subset A[M]$  and  $(1 - bm)(1 + bm)(1 + b^2m^2) = 1 - b^4m^4 \in IJ$ . Hence,  $1 = b^4m^4 + 1 - b^4m^4 \in IJ$ , i.e.,  $IJ = A[M]$ . Therefore,  $I \in \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[N])$ . Let  $\pi$  be the natural surjection from  $B[N] \rightarrow B$  sending  $N \rightarrow 0$ . Then  $\mathcal{I}(\pi)(I) = A$ . By hypothesis,  $\mathcal{I}(\pi)$  is an isomorphism; hence,  $I = A[M]$ . Therefore,  $b \in A$ . Hence,  $A$  is subintegrally closed in  $B$ .

(ii) Let  $g \in B[N]$  be such that  $g^2, g^3 \in A[M]$ . Let  $I := (g^2, 1 + g + g^2)$  and  $J := (g^2, 1 - g + g^2)$  be two  $A[M]$ -submodules of  $B[N]$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + g + g^2)(1 - g + g^2) &= (1 + g^2 + g^4) \in IJ \\ &\implies 1 + g^2 \in IJ \implies 1 \\ &= g^4 + (1 + g^2)(1 - g^2) \in IJ. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $IJ \subset A[M]$ , hence,  $IJ = A[M]$ . Therefore,  $I \in \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[N])$ . Let  $\pi(g) = b \in B$  ( $\pi$  as defined in (i)). Then  $\mathcal{I}(\pi)(I) = (b^2, 1 - b + b^2)$ . Since  $g^2, g^3 \in A[M]$ , we obtain that  $b^2, b^3 \in A$ . However,  $A$  is subintegrally closed in  $B$  by (i). Hence, we obtain that  $b \in A$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{I}(\pi)(I), \mathcal{I}(\pi)(J)$  are contained in  $A$  and  $\mathcal{I}(\pi)(I) = A \implies I = A[M]$ . Hence,  $g \in A[M]$ . This proves that  $A[M]$  is subintegrally closed in  $B[N]$ .

(iii) Note the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{I}(A, B) & \xrightarrow{\phi_1} & \mathcal{I}(A/\text{nil}(A), B/\text{nil}(B)) \\ \phi_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi_3 \\ \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[N]) & \xrightarrow{\phi_4} & \mathcal{I}\left(\frac{A[M]}{\text{nil}(A)[M]}, \frac{B[N]}{\text{nil}(B)[N]}\right), \end{array}$$

where  $\phi_i$  are natural maps for all  $i$ . By (i), we obtain that  $A$  is subintegrally closed in  $B$ ; hence, by [8, Lemma 1.2],  $\text{nil}(B) \subset A$ . Hence,  $\text{nil}(B) = \text{nil}(A)$ . Therefore, by [6, Proposition 2.6], we get that  $\phi_1$  is an isomorphism. Since  $N$  is a cancellative torsion-free monoid, by [4, Theorem 4.19],  $\text{nil}(B[N]) = \text{nil}(B)[N]$ . By (c), we obtain that  $\phi_3$  is an isomorphism. Hence,  $\phi_2$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $\phi_4$  is an isomorphism. By [6, Proposition 2.7],  $\phi_4$  is an isomorphism if



and only if  $(1 + \text{nil}(B)[N]) / (1 + \text{nil}(A)[M])$  is a trivial group. Since  $\text{nil}(B) = \text{nil}(A)$ , this is equivalent to  $\text{nil}(B) = 0$ , i.e.,  $B$  is reduced, or  $M = N$ . □

**Remark 3.3.** If  $A$  is subintegrally closed in  $B$  and  $M = N$ , then we obtain  $\mathcal{I}(A, B) \cong \mathcal{I}(A[M], B[M])$  from the arguments, as in (1.2) (d) (iii), without using Lemma 3.2. Hence, using Theorem 1.2 (d) (ii), we obtain that  $A[M]$  is subintegrally closed in  $B[M]$ . This gives an alternate proof of Lemma 3.2 without the hypothesis that  $M$  is affine.

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $A \subset B$  be an extension of reduced rings such that  $A$  is subintegrally closed in  $B$ . Then,*

$$\mathcal{I}(A, B) \cong \mathcal{I}(A[X_1, \dots, X_m], B[X_1, \dots, X_m, Y_1, \dots, Y_n]).$$

*Proof.* Observe that the submonoid generated by  $(X_1, \dots, X_m)$  is subintegrally closed in the monoid generated by  $(X_1, \dots, X_m, Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ . Hence, we obtain the result using Theorem 1.2 (b). □

In the next remark, we give an application of the result Theorem 1.2 (c).

**Remark 3.5** (cf., [8, Remark 1.8]). Let  $A$  be a seminormal ring which is Noetherian or an integral domain. Let  $M$  be a positive seminormal monoid. Let  $K$  be the total quotient ring of  $A$ . Then,  $K$  is a finite product of fields; hence,  $\text{Pic}(K)$  is a trivial group. By [3, Corollary 2],  $\text{Pic}(K[M])$  is a trivial group. By [4, Proposition 4.20],  $U(K) = U(K[M])$  and  $U(A) = U(A[M])$ . Now, using the same arguments as in [8, Remark 1.8], one can easily deduce that  $\text{Pic}(A) \cong \text{Pic}(A[M])$  from (1.2).

### 3.2. Proof of Theorem (1.4).

(i) Following the arguments of [8, Theorem 2.6], we observe that we have only to prove that the maps  $\phi(A, {}^+A, B)$  and  $\phi(A[M], {}^+A[M], B[M])$  are surjective. Since  ${}^+A$  is subintegrally closed in  $B$ ,  $\theta({}^+A, B)$  is surjective by (1.2) (c). Therefore, we need only show that  $\phi(A, {}^+A, B)$  is surjective. However, this follows from [7, Proposition 3.1] by taking  $C = {}^+A$ .

(ii) If  $A \subset B$  is a subintegral extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebras, then a natural isomorphism  $\xi_{B/A} : B/A \rightarrow \mathcal{I}(A, B)$  is defined in [6]. As in [6, Lemma 5.3], this yields a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} {}^+A/A & \xrightarrow{\xi_{+A/A}} & \mathcal{I}(A, {}^+A) \\ \downarrow j & & \downarrow \theta(A, {}^+A) \\ {}^+A[M]/A[M] & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \mathcal{I}(A[M], {}^+A[M]), \end{array}$$

where  $\xi := \xi_{{}^+A[M]/A[M]}$ . Both  $\xi_{+A/A}$  and  $\xi$  are isomorphisms by ([6], main Theorem 5.6 and [5, Theorem 2.3]). Now  $\mathcal{I}(A[M], {}^+A[M]) \cong {}^+A[M]/A[M] \cong \mathbb{Z}[M] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} {}^+A/A \cong \mathbb{Z}[M] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{I}(A, {}^+A)$ .  $\square$

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