

Stable Rings for Morita Contexts of Generalized Power Series Rings

OUYANG Lun Qun^{1,2}

(1. Department of Mathematics, Hunan Science and Technology University, Hunan 411201, China;

2. Department of Mathematics, Hunan Normal University, Hunan 410081, China)

(E-mail: ouyanglqtxy@163.com)

Abstract In this paper, we show that if rings A and B are $(s, 2)$ -rings, then so is the ring of a Morita Context $([[A^{S, \leq}], [[B^{S, \leq}], [[M^{S, \leq}], [[N^{S, \leq}], \psi^S, \phi^S)$ of generalized power series. Also we get analogous results for unit 1-stable ranges, GM -rings and rings which have stable range one. These give new classes of rings satisfying such stable range conditions.

Keywords Morita Context; unit 1-stable range; generalized power series.

Document code A

MR(2000) Subject Classification 16U99; 16W60

Chinese Library Classification O153.3

1. Introduction

Let R be an associative ring with identity and (S, \leq) a strictly ordered monoid. Let $[[R^{S, \leq}]$ be the set of all maps $f : S \rightarrow R$ such that $\text{supp}(f) = \{s \in S \mid f(s) \neq 0\}$ is artinian and narrow. With pointwise addition, $[[R^{S, \leq}]$ is an abelian additive group. For every $s \in S$ and $f, g \in [[R^{S, \leq}]$, let $X_s(f, g) = \{(u, v) \in S \times S \mid s = u + v, f(u) \neq 0, g(v) \neq 0\}$, it follows from [1, Section 4.1] that $X_s(f, g)$ is finite. This fact allows to define the multiplication:

$$(fg)(s) = \sum_{(u,v) \in X_s(f,g)} f(u)g(v).$$

With such multiplication and the preceding pointwise addition, $[[R^{S, \leq}]$ turns out to be a ring with unit element e^* given by $e^*(0) = 1, e^*(s) = 0$ for all $0 \neq s \in S$. such ring is called a ring of generalized power series.

The elements of $[[R^{S, \leq}]$ are called generalized power series with coefficients in R and exponents in S . For any $a \in R, C_a \in [[R^{S, \leq}]$ is given by $C_a(0) = a, C_a(s) = 0$ for all $0 \neq s \in S$. Ordered monoids (S, \leq) is said to satisfy condition (S0) in case $s \geq 0$ for all $s \in S$. Henceforth, unless otherwise mentioned, in this paper, (S, \leq) will always denote a strictly ordered monoid which satisfies condition (S0).

Let M be an R -module. $[[M^{S, \leq}]$ denotes the set of all maps $\phi : S \rightarrow M$ such that $\text{supp}(\phi) = \{s \in S \mid \phi(s) \neq 0\}$ is artinian and narrow. From [2], it is immediate that $[[M^{S, \leq}]$ is

Received date: 2007-01-08; **Accepted date:** 2007-07-13

Foundation item: the Natural Science Foundation of Hunan Province (No. 06jj20053); the Scientific Research Fund of Hunan Provincial Education Department (Nos. 06A017; 07C268).

an $[[R^{S,\leq}]]$ -module. For any $f \in [[R^{S,\leq}]]$, $\phi \in [[M^{S,\leq}]]$ and $s \in S$, the scalar multiplication is defined as follows:

$$(f\phi)(s) = \sum_{(u,v) \in X_s(f,\phi)} f(u)\phi(v).$$

A ring R is said to be a $(s, 2)$ -ring in case every element of R is the sum of two units. We say that R satisfies unit 1-stable range provided that $aR + bR = R$ implies that $a + bu \in U(R)$ for a $u \in U(R)$. A ring R is said to be a GM -ring provided that for any $x, y \in R$, there exist $e^2 = e, f^2 = f \in R$ and $u \in U(R)$ such that $x - eu, y - fu^{-1} \in U(R)$.

Recall that a Morita Context denoted by (A, B, N, M, ψ, ϕ) consists of two rings A, B , two bimodules ${}_A N_{B, B} M_A$ and a pair bimodule homomorphisms $\psi : N \otimes_B M \rightarrow A$ and $\phi : M \otimes_A N \rightarrow B$ which satisfy the following associativity: $\psi(v, w)v' = v\phi(w, v')$ and $\phi(w, v)w' = w\psi(v, w')$. These conditions will insure that the set T of generalized matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & n \\ m & b \end{pmatrix}; a \in A, b \in B, m \in M, n \in N$$

will form a ring, called the ring of the Morita Context.

In this paper, we show that if (A, B, N, M, ψ, ϕ) is a Morita context, then $([[A^{S,\leq}]], [[B^{S,\leq}]], [[M^{S,\leq}]], [[N^{S,\leq}]], \psi^S, \phi^S)$, where $\psi^S : [[N^{S,\leq}]] \otimes_{[[B^{S,\leq}]]} [[M^{S,\leq}]] \rightarrow [[A^{S,\leq}]]$, and $\phi^S : [[M^{S,\leq}]] \otimes_{[[A^{S,\leq}]]} [[N^{S,\leq}]] \rightarrow [[B^{S,\leq}]]$ which satisfy the following associativity: $\psi^S(n, m)n' = n\phi^S(m, n')$, $\phi^S(m, n)m' = m\psi^S(n, m')$ for all $n, n' \in [[N^{S,\leq}]], m, m' \in [[M^{S,\leq}]]$ is a Morita context. The set T^S of generalized matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} f & n \\ m & g \end{pmatrix}; a \in [[A^{S,\leq}]], b \in [[B^{S,\leq}]], m \in [[M^{S,\leq}]], n \in [[N^{S,\leq}]]$$

will form a ring, called the ring of the Morita Context of generalized power series. Furthermore, we show that if ring A and B are $(s, 2)$ -rings, then so is the ring $T^S = \begin{pmatrix} [[A^{S,\leq}]] & [[N^{S,\leq}]] \\ [[M^{S,\leq}]] & [[B^{S,\leq}]] \end{pmatrix}$ of Morita Context $([[A^{S,\leq}]], [[B^{S,\leq}]], [[M^{S,\leq}]], [[N^{S,\leq}]], \psi^S, \phi^S)$. Also we get analogous results for unit 1-stable regular rings, rings which have stable range one and GM -rings over Morita Contexts. These give new classes of rings satisfying such stable range conditions.

Throughout, all rings are associative with identity and all modules are unitary. $U(R)$ denotes the group of units of R , T always denotes the ring $\begin{pmatrix} A & N \\ M & B \end{pmatrix}$ of a Morita Context

(A, B, N, M, ψ, ϕ) , and T^S the ring $\begin{pmatrix} [[A^{S,\leq}]] & [[N^{S,\leq}]] \\ [[M^{S,\leq}]] & [[B^{S,\leq}]] \end{pmatrix}$ of a Morita Context

$$([[A^{S,\leq}]], [[B^{S,\leq}]], [[M^{S,\leq}]], [[N^{S,\leq}]], \psi^S, \phi^S).$$

2. Main results

Theorem 2.1 *Let (A, B, N, M, ψ, ϕ) be a Morita Context. Then there exist a pair of bimodule*

homomorphisms $\psi^S : [[N^{S,\leq}]] \otimes_{[[B^{S,\leq}]]} [[M^{S,\leq}]] \longrightarrow [[A^{S,\leq}]]$ and $\phi^S : [[M^{S,\leq}]] \otimes_{[[A^{S,\leq}]]} [[N^{S,\leq}]] \longrightarrow [[B^{S,\leq}]]$ such that $([[A^{S,\leq}]], [[B^{S,\leq}]], [[M^{S,\leq}]], [[N^{S,\leq}]], \psi^S, \phi^S)$ is a Morita Context.

Proof Since N is a left A -right B -bimodule, and M is a left B -right A -bimodule, by [2], we have $[[N^{S,\leq}]]$ is a left $[[A^{S,\leq}]]$ -right $[[B^{S,\leq}]]$ -bimodule and $[[M^{S,\leq}]]$ is a left $[[B^{S,\leq}]]$ -right $[[A^{S,\leq}]]$ -bimodule.

Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [[N^{S,\leq}]] \times [[M^{S,\leq}]] & \xrightarrow{\pi} & [[N^{S,\leq}]] \otimes_{[[B^{S,\leq}]]} [[M^{S,\leq}]] \\ \downarrow f & & \searrow \psi^S \\ & & [[A^{S,\leq}]] \end{array}$$

Let $n \in [[N^{S,\leq}]]$ and $m \in [[M^{S,\leq}]]$. Define a map $\alpha_{[n,m]} : S \longrightarrow A$.

$$\alpha_{[n,m]}(s) = \sum_{(u,v) \in X_s(n,m)} \psi(n(u), m(v))$$

for any $s \in S$. It is clear that $\text{supp}(\alpha_{[n,m]}) \subseteq \text{supp}(n) + \text{supp}(m)$, thus $\alpha_{[n,m]} \in [[A^{S,\leq}]]$.

Define a map $f : [[N^{S,\leq}]] \times [[M^{S,\leq}]] \longrightarrow [[A^{S,\leq}]]$, where $f((n, m)) = \alpha_{[n,m]}$ for any $(n, m) \in [[N^{S,\leq}]] \times [[M^{S,\leq}]]$. Let $n_1, n_2 \in [[N^{S,\leq}]]$, $m \in [[M^{S,\leq}]]$. By the preceding discussions, there exist $\alpha_{[n_1,m]}, \alpha_{[n_2,m]}, \alpha_{[n_1+n_2,m]} \in [[A^{S,\leq}]]$. For all $s \in S$,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{[n_1+n_2,m]}(s) &= \sum_{(u,v) \in X_s(n_1+n_2,m)} \psi((n_1+n_2)(u), m(v)) \\ &= \sum_{(u,v) \in X_s(n_1+n_2,m)} \psi(n_1(u), m(v)) + \sum_{(u,v) \in X_s(n_1+n_2,m)} \psi(n_2(u), m(v)). \end{aligned}$$

If $(u', v') \in X_s(n_1, m)$, but $(u', v') \notin X_s(n_1+n_2, m)$, then $(n_1+n_2)(u') = 0$. So $n_2(u') \neq 0$, thus $(u', v') \in X_s(n_2, m)$ and $\psi(n_1(u'), m(v')) + \psi(n_2(u'), m(v')) = \psi(n_1(u') + n_2(u'), m(v')) = 0$. Likewise, if $(u', v') \in X_s(n_2, m)$, but $(u', v') \notin X_s(n_1+n_2, m)$, we also have $(u', v') \in X_s(n_1, m)$ and $\psi(n_1(u'), m(v')) + \psi(n_2(u'), m(v')) = \psi(n_1(u') + n_2(u'), m(v')) = 0$. So

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{[n_1+n_2,m]}(s) &= \sum_{(u,v) \in X_s(n_1+n_2,m)} \psi(n_1(u), m(v)) + \sum_{(u,v) \in X_s(n_1+n_2,m)} \psi(n_2(u), m(v)) \\ &= \sum_{(u,v) \in X_s(n_1, m)} \psi(n_1(u), m(v)) + \sum_{(u,v) \in X_s(n_2, m)} \psi(n_2(u), m(v)) \\ &= \alpha_{[n_1,m]}(s) + \alpha_{[n_2,m]}(s) = (\alpha_{[n_1,m]} + \alpha_{[n_2,m]})(s). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\alpha_{[n_1+n_2,m]} = \alpha_{[n_1,m]} + \alpha_{[n_2,m]}$, hence $f((n_1+n_2, m)) = f((n_1, m)) + f((n_2, m))$. By the same manner, we see that $f((n, m_1+m_2)) = f((n, m_1)) + f((n, m_2))$ for all $n \in [[N^{S,\leq}]]$, $m_1, m_2 \in [[M^{S,\leq}]]$.

For any $n \in [[N^{S, \leq}]]$, $\tau \in [[B^{S, \leq}]]$, $m \in [[M^{S, \leq}]]$ and any $s \in S$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
f((n\tau, m))(s) &= \alpha_{[n\tau, m]}(s) \\
&= \sum_{(u', u) \in X_s(n\tau, m)} \psi(n\tau(u'), m(u)) \\
&= \sum_{(u', u) \in X_s(n\tau, m)} \psi\left(\sum_{(v, w) \in X_{u'}(n, \tau)} (n(v)\tau(w), m(u))\right) \\
&= \sum_{(u', u) \in X_s(n\tau, m)} \sum_{(v, w) \in X_{u'}(n, \tau)} \psi(n(v)\tau(w), m(u)) \\
&= \sum_{(u', u) \in X_s(n\tau, m)} \sum_{(v, w) \in X_{u'}(n, \tau)} \psi(n(v)\tau(w), m(u)) + \\
&\quad \sum_{(v, w, u) \in X} \psi(n(v)\tau(w), m(u)) \\
&= \sum_{(v, w, u) \in X_s(n, \tau, m)} \psi(n(v)\tau(w), m(u)) \\
&= \sum_{(v, w, u) \in X_s(n, \tau, m)} \psi(n(v), \tau(w)m(u)) \\
&= f((n, \tau m))(s),
\end{aligned}$$

where $X = \{(v, w, u) \in X_s(n, \tau, m) | n\tau(v+w) = 0\}$. Thus $f(n\tau, m) = f(n, \tau m)$ and hence f is a bilinear balanced morphism. Then there exists a homomorphism $\psi^S : [[N^{S, \leq}]] \otimes_{[[B^{S, \leq}]]} [[M^{S, \leq}]] \longrightarrow [[A^{S, \leq}]]$ such that the preceding diagram commutes.

Next, we check that ψ^S is a bimodule homomorphism. For any $a \in [[A^{S, \leq}]]$, $n \in [[N^{S, \leq}]]$, $m \in [[M^{S, \leq}]]$ and any $s \in S$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi^S(an, m)(s) &= \alpha_{[an, m]}(s) \\
&= \sum_{(u', u) \in X_s(an, m)} \psi(an(u'), m(u)) \\
&= \sum_{(u', u) \in X_s(an, m)} \psi\left(\sum_{(v, w) \in X_{u'}(a, n)} (a(v)n(w), m(u))\right) \\
&= \sum_{(v, w, u) \in X_s(a, n, m)} \psi(a(v)n(w), m(u)) \\
&= \sum_{(v, w, u) \in X_s(a, n, m)} a(v)\psi(n(w), m(u)) \\
&= a\psi^S(n, m)(s).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus $\psi^S(an, m) = a\psi^S(n, m)$. This implies that ψ^S is a left $[[A^{S, \leq}]]$ -module homomorphism. Analogously, it is easy to verify that ψ^S is a right $[[B^{S, \leq}]]$ -module homomorphism. Thus ψ^S is a bimodule homomorphism. Likewise, we claim that there exists a bimodule homomorphism: $\phi^S : [[M^{S, \leq}]] \otimes_{[[A^{S, \leq}]]} [[N^{S, \leq}]] \longrightarrow [[B^{S, \leq}]]$. For any $n, n' \in [[N^{S, \leq}]]$, $m \in [[M^{S, \leq}]]$ and any $s \in S$, we have

$$\psi^S(n, m)n'(s) = \alpha_{[n, m]}n'(s)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{(u',u) \in X_s(\alpha_{[n,m]},n')} \alpha_{[n,m]}(u')n'(u) \\
 &= \sum_{(u',u) \in X_s(\alpha_{[n,m]},n')} \left(\sum_{(v,w) \in X_{u'}(n,m)} \psi(n(v),m(w)) \right) n'(u) \\
 &= \sum_{(u',u) \in X_s(\alpha_{[n,m]},n')} \sum_{(v,w) \in X_{u'}(n,m)} \psi(n(v),m(w))n'(u) + \\
 &\quad \sum_{(v,w,u) \in X} \psi(n(v),m(w))n'(u) \\
 &= \sum_{(v,w,u) \in X_s(n,m,n')} \psi(n(v),m(w))n'(u) \\
 &= \sum_{(v,w,u) \in X_s(n,m,n')} n(v)\phi(m(w),n'(u)) \\
 &= n\phi^S(m,n')(s),
 \end{aligned}$$

where $X = \{(v, w, u) \in X_s(n, mn') \mid \alpha_{[n,m]}(v + w) = 0\}$. Thus $\psi^S(n, m)n' = n\phi^S(m, n')$. Analogously, $\phi^S(m, n)m' = m\psi^S(n, m')$ for $m, m' \in [[M^{S,\leq}]]$ and $n \in [[N^{S,\leq}]]$. Thus

$$([[A^{S,\leq}]], [[B^{S,\leq}]], [[M^{S,\leq}]], [[N^{S,\leq}]], \psi^S, \phi^S)$$

is a Morita Context.

Theorem 2.2 Let $T^S = \begin{pmatrix} [[A^{S,\leq}]] & [[N^{S,\leq}]] \\ [[M^{S,\leq}]] & [[B^{S,\leq}]] \end{pmatrix}$ denote a ring of the Morita Context

$$([[A^{S,\leq}]], [[B^{S,\leq}]], [[M^{S,\leq}]], [[N^{S,\leq}]], \psi^S, \phi^S).$$

Then we have $\begin{pmatrix} [[A^{S,\leq}]] & [[N^{S,\leq}]] \\ [[M^{S,\leq}]] & [[B^{S,\leq}]] \end{pmatrix} \cong \left[\left[\begin{pmatrix} A & N \\ M & B \end{pmatrix}^{S,\leq} \right] \right]$.

Proof As in the proof of [1, Proposition 4.3], we complete the proof.

Lemma 2.3^[3] Let (S, \leq) be a strictly ordered monoid which satisfies condition (S0). Then $f \in U([[A^{S,\leq}]])$ if and only if $f(0) \in U(R)$.

Lemma 2.4^[5] Let R be a reduced commutative ring, (S, \leq) a cancellative torsion-free monoid. Then $\phi^2 = \phi \in [[R^{S,\leq}]]$ if and only if there exists an $e^2 = e \in R$ such that $\phi = C_e$.

Theorem 2.5 If A and B are $(s, 2)$ -rings, then T^S is a $(s, 2)$ -ring.

Proof Since A is a $(s, 2)$ -ring, there exist $u, v \in U(R)$ such that $a = u + v$ for any $a \in A$. Thus for all $f \in [[A^{S,\leq}]]$, $s \in S$, we have $f(s) = u_s + v_s$ where $u_s, v_s \in U(R)$. Let $f_1 : S \rightarrow A$ be given by $f_1(s) = u_s$, and $f_2 : S \rightarrow A$ be given by $f_2(s) = v_s$. Clearly, $f = f_1 + f_2$. Since $f(0) = u_0 + v_0$, where $u_0, v_0 \in U(R)$. By Lemma 2.3, we have $f_1, f_2 \in U([[A^{S,\leq}]])$. This implies that $[[A^{S,\leq}]] = U([[A^{S,\leq}]]) + U([[A^{S,\leq}]])$. Hence $[[A^{S,\leq}]]$ is a $(s, 2)$ -ring. Likewise, we claim that $[[B^{S,\leq}]]$ is also a $(s, 2)$ -ring. Thus by [3, Theorem 1], $T^S = \begin{pmatrix} [[A^{S,\leq}]] & [[N^{S,\leq}]] \\ [[M^{S,\leq}]] & [[B^{S,\leq}]] \end{pmatrix}$ is a

$(s, 2)$ -ring.

Lemma 2.6 *A ring R satisfies unit1-stable range if and only if $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ satisfies unit1-stable range.*

Proof Assume that R satisfies unit1-stable range. Let $f[[R^{S, \leq}]] + g[[R^{S, \leq}]] = [[R^{S, \leq}]]$ where $f, g \in [[R^{S, \leq}]]$, there exist $\tau, \omega \in [[R^{S, \leq}]]$ such that $f\tau + g\omega = e^*$. So $\sum_{(u,v) \in X_0(f,\tau)} f(u)\tau(v) + \sum_{(s,t) \in X_0(g,\omega)} g(s)\omega(t) = 1$. Since (S, \leq) satisfies condition (S0), $u+v = 0$ if and only if $u = v = 0$, and $s+t = 0$ if and only if $s = t = 0$. So $f(0)\tau(0) + g(0)\omega(0) = 1$, thus $f(0)R + g(0)R = R$. Since R satisfies unit1-stable rang, there exists a $u \in U(R)$ such that $f(0) + g(0)u \in U(R)$. Thus $f + gC_u \in U([[R^{S, \leq}]])$ where $C_u \in U([[R^{S, \leq}]])$. This implies that $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ satisfies unit1-stable range.

Conversely, if $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ satisfies unit1-stable range. Let $aR + bR = R$ for some $a, b \in R$, there exist $s, t \in R$ such that $as + bt = 1$. Then $C_aC_s + C_bC_t = e^*$, so $C_a[[R^{S, \leq}]] + C_b[[R^{S, \leq}]] = [[R^{S, \leq}]]$. Since $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ satisfies unit1-stable range, there exists $f \in U([[R^{S, \leq}]])$ such that $C_a + C_bf \in U([[R^{S, \leq}]])$. Thus $(C_a + C_bf)(0) = a + bf(0) \in U(R)$. Therefore R satisfies unit1-stable range.

Theorem 2.7 *If A and B both satisfy unit 1-stable range. Then T^S satisfies unit 1-stable range.*

Proof Suppose that A and B both satisfy unit 1-stable range. Then by [3, Theorem 5], T satisfies unit 1-stable range. In view of Theorem 2.2 and Lemma 2.6, the result follows.

Lemma 2.8 *Let R be a reduced commutative ring, (S, \leq) a cancellative torsion-free monoid. Then R is a GM-ring if and only if $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ is a GM-ring.*

Proof Suppose that R is a GM-ring. Let $f, g \in [[R^{S, \leq}]]$. Then $f(0), g(0) \in R$. There exist $e^2 = e, f^2 = f \in R$ and $u \in U(R)$ such that $f(0) - eu, g(0) - fu^{-1} \in U(R)$. As a result of $(f - C_eC_u)(0), (g - C_fC_{u^{-1}})(0) \in U(R)$ and $C_{u^{-1}} = C_u^{-1}, f - C_eC_u, g - C_fC_{u^{-1}} \in U([[R^{S, \leq}]])$ and $C_e^2 = C_e, C_f^2 = C_f, C_u \in U([[R^{S, \leq}]])$. Thus $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ is a GM-ring.

Conversely, assume that $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ is a GM-ring. Let $a, b \in R$. Then $C_a, C_b \in [[R^{S, \leq}]]$. Since $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ is a GM-ring, there exist $e^2 = e, f^2 = f$ in $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ and $\tau \in U([[R^{S, \leq}]])$ such that $C_a - e\tau, C_b - f\tau^{-1} \in U([[R^{S, \leq}]])$. Since $f^2 = f$ and $e^2 = e$, we have $f(0)f(0) = f(0)$ and $e(0)e(0) = e(0)$. Thus, $(C_a - e\tau)(0) = a - e(0)\tau(0) \in U(R)$ and $(C_b - f\tau^{-1})(0) = b - f(0)\tau^{-1}(0) \in U(R)$. This implies that R is a GM-ring.

Theorem 2.9 *Let A, B be reduced commutative rings, (S, \leq) a cancellative torsion-free monoid. If A, B are GM-rings, then T^S is a GM-ring.*

Proof Since A and B are GM-ring, by [3, Theorem 8], T is a GM-ring. Thus the result follows by Theorem 2.2 and Lemma 2.8.

Lemma 2.10 *A ring R has stable range one if and only if $[[R^{S, \leq}]]$ has stable range one.*

Proof Assume that $[[R^{S,\leq}]]$ has stable range one. Let $a, b \in R$ such that $as + bt = 1$ for some $s, t \in R$, then we have $C_a C_s + C_b C_t \in [[R^{S,\leq}]]$. Since $(C_a C_s + C_b C_t)(0) = as + bt = 1$, and $C_a C_s + C_b C_t(s) = 0$ for each $s \neq 0$. Thus $C_a C_s + C_b C_t = e^*$. Since $[[R^{S,\leq}]]$ has stable range one, there exists $f \in [[R^{S,\leq}]]$ such that $C_a + C_b f \in U([[R^{S,\leq}]])$. Thus $(C_a + C_b f)(0) = a + bf(0) \in U(R)$, this implies that R has stable range one.

Conversely, suppose that R has stable range one. Let $f, \tau, g, \omega \in [[R^{S,\leq}]]$ such that $f\tau + g\omega = e^*$. Then $(f\tau + g\omega)(0) = f\tau(0) + g\omega(0) = f(0)\tau(0) + g(0)\omega(0) = 1$. Since R has stable range one, there exists $x \in R$ such that $f(0) + g(0)x \in U(R)$. Thus $(f + gC_x)(0) \in U(R)$, this implies that $f + gC_x \in U([[R^{S,\leq}]])$. Therefore, $[[R^{S,\leq}]]$ has stable range one.

Theorem 2.11 T^S has stable range one if and only if A, B have stable range one.

Proof Suppose T^S has stable range one. Set $e = \begin{pmatrix} e^* & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Then $[[A^{S,\leq}]] \cong eT^S e$ has stable range one. By Theorem 2.10, A has stable range one. Analogously, B has stable range one.

Conversely, we assume that A and B both have stable range one. Then by [6, Theorem 1], T has stable range one. Thus we complete the proof by Theorem 2.2 and Lemma 2.10.

Acknowledgements The author would like to thank the referees for excellent suggestions and corrections leading to the new version of Lemma 2.8, which considerably improved the first version of the paper.

References

- [1] RIBENBOIM P. *Semisimple rings and von Neumann regular rings of generalized power series* [J]. J. Algebra, 1997, **198**(2): 327–338.
- [2] VARADARAJAN K. *Generalized power series modules* [J]. Comm. Algebra, 2001, **29**(3): 1281–1294.
- [3] CHEN Huanyin. *Stable ranges for Morita contexts* [J]. Southeast Asian Bull. Math., 2001, **25**(2): 209–216.
- [4] RIBENBOIM P. *Rings of generalized power series. II. Units and zero-divisors* [J]. J. Algebra, 1994, **168**(1): 71–89.
- [5] LIU Zhongkui, AHSAN J. *PP-rings of generalized power series* [J]. Acta Math. Sinica (Chin. Ser.), 2001, **44**(6): 977–982. (in Chinese)
- [6] CHEN Huanyin. *Morita contexts with many units* [J]. Comm. Algebra, 2002, **30**(3): 1499–1512.