

## BI-AMALGAMATION OF SMALL WEAK GLOBAL DIMENSION

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we characterize the bi-Amalgamations of small weak global dimension. The new results compare to previous works carried on various settings of duplications and amalgamations, and capitalize on recent results on bi-amalgamations.

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### 1. Introduction

Throughout, all rings considered are commutative with unity and all modules are unital. For a ring  $R$ ,  $\text{w.dim}(R)$  will denote the weak global dimension of  $R$ . For an  $R$ -module  $M$ , the flat dimension of  $M$  is denoted by  $\text{fd}_R(M)$ .

The following diagram of ring homomorphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \xrightarrow{\iota_2} & R_1 \\ \downarrow \mu_2 & & \downarrow \mu_1 \\ R_2 & \xrightarrow{\iota_1} & R' \end{array}$$

is called pullback (or fiber product) if the homomorphism  $\iota_2 \times \mu_2 : R \rightarrow R_1 \times R_2$  induces an isomorphism of  $R$  onto the subring of  $R_1 \times R_2$  given by

$$\mu_1 \times \iota_1 := \{(r_1, r_2) \mid \mu_1(r_1) = \iota_1(r_2)\}.$$

The weak global dimension of a fiber product has been studied previously. In 1992, S. Scrivanti [19] obtained the following upper bound on the weak global dimension of  $R$ , assuming that  $\iota_1$  is surjective,

$$\text{w.dim}(R) \leq \max\{\text{w.dim}(R_1) + \text{fd}_R(R_1), \text{w.dim}(R_2) + \text{fd}_R(R_2)\}.$$

The aim of this paper is to study the weak global dimension of a subclass of pullbacks rings called bi-amalgamated algebras introduced in [13].

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : A \rightarrow C$  be two ring homomorphisms and let  $J$  and  $J'$  be two ideals of  $B$  and  $C$ , respectively, such that  $f^{-1}(J) = g^{-1}(J')$ . The bi-amalgamation of  $A$  with  $(B, C)$  along  $(J, J')$  with respect to  $(f, g)$  is the subring of  $B \times C$  given by

$$A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J') = \{(f(a) + j, g(a) + j') \mid a \in A, (j, j') \in J \times J'\}.$$

This construction was introduced in [13] as a natural generalization of duplications [5,6] and amalgamations [7,8]. Given a ring homomorphism  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and an ideal  $J$  of  $B$ , the bi-amalgamation  $A \bowtie^{f,f} (f^{-1}(J), J)$  coincides with the amalgamated algebra introduced in 2009 by D'Anna, Finocchiaro, and Fontana ([7,8]) as the following subring of  $A \times B$ :

$$A \bowtie^f J = \{(a, f(a) + j) \mid a \in A, j \in J\}.$$

When  $A = B$  and  $f = \text{id}_A$ , the amalgamated  $A \bowtie^{\text{id}_A} I$  is called amalgamated duplication of a ring  $A$  along the ideal  $I$  and denoted  $A \bowtie I$  (Introduced in 2007 by D'Anna and Fontana, [6]). This construction can be presented as a bi-amalgamated algebra as follows:

$$A \bowtie I = A \bowtie^{\text{id}, \text{id}} (I, I).$$

In [13], the authors provide original examples of bi-amalgamations and, in particular, show that Boisen-Sheldon's CPI-extensions [3] can be viewed as bi-amalgamations. They also showed how these bi-amalgamations arise as pullbacks. Given  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : A \rightarrow C$  two ring homomorphisms and  $J$  and  $J'$  be two ideals of  $B$  and  $C$ , respectively, such that  $f^{-1}(J) = g^{-1}(J') := I$ , the bi-amalgamation is determined by the following pullback:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J') & \xrightarrow{\mu_1} & f(A) + J \\ \downarrow \mu_2 & & \downarrow \alpha \\ g(A) + J' & \xrightarrow{\beta} & A/I \end{array}$$

where  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are the surjection morphisms induced from the canonical surjections of  $(f(A) + J) \times (g(A) + J')$  into  $f(A) + J$  and  $g(A) + J'$ , respectively, and  $\alpha(f(a) + j) = \bar{a}$  and  $\beta(g(a) + j') = \bar{a}$ , for each  $a \in A$  and  $j, j' \in J \times J'$ . That is

$$A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J') = \alpha \times_A \beta.$$

In this paper, we characterize the bi-amalgamations of small weak global dimension. All obtained results recover and compare to previous works carried on

various settings of duplications and amalgamations, and capitalize on recent results on bi-amalgamations ([1,4,14,18]).

## 2. Bi-amalgamation of small weak global dimension

Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : A \rightarrow C$  be two ring homomorphisms and let  $J$  and  $J'$  be two *proper* ideals of  $B$  and  $C$ , respectively, such that  $I := f^{-1}(J) = g^{-1}(J')$ . Throughout this paper,  $A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J')$  will denote the bi-amalgamation of  $A$  with  $(B, C)$  along  $(J, J')$  with respect to  $(f, g)$ . *Unless another statement, the ideals  $J$  and  $J'$  are seen as ideals of  $f(A) + J$  and  $g(A) + J'$ , respectively.*

Notice that in the presence of the equality  $f^{-1}(J) = g^{-1}(J')$ ,  $J = B$  if and only if  $J' = C$ ; and in this case  $A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J') = B \times C$ . Therefore, in this paper, we will omit this trivial case (i.e.,  $J$  and  $J'$  will always be proper) since  $\text{w.dim}(B \times C) = \max\{\text{w.dim}(B), \text{w.dim}(C)\}$ .

This section characterizes the bi-amalgamations of weak global dimension smaller or equal to one.

Rings with weak global dimension zero are those for which all modules over  $R$  are flat. These are exactly the von Neumann regular rings (also called absolutely flat rings). The following characterizations of von Neumann regular rings can be found in [10,16]. Let  $R$  be a ring. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $R$  is von Neumann regular.
- (2) For every  $x \in R$ , there exists  $y \in R$  such that  $x^2y = x$ .
- (3)  $R$  has Krull dimension 0 and is reduced.

The first main result establishes necessary and sufficient conditions for a bi-amalgamation to have weak global dimension zero. To this purpose, we need the following lemma. For a given ring  $R$ , let  $\dim(R)$  denote the Krull dimension of  $R$ .

**Lemma 2.1.**  $\dim(A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J')) = \max\{\dim(f(A) + J), \dim(g(A) + J')\}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $(f(a) + j, g(b) + j') \in (f(A) + J) \times (g(A) + J')$ . It is immediately checked that it is a root of the monic polynomial

$$g(X) = (X - (f(a) + j, g(a)))(X - (f(b), g(b) + j')).$$

It is easy to see the  $g(X) \in A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J')[X]$ . Hence, the ring  $(f(A) + J) \times (g(A) + J')$  is integral over  $A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J')$ . More precisely, every element of  $(f(A) + J) \times (g(A) + J')$  has degree at most two over  $A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J')$ . By [15, Theorem 48], it follows immediately that

$$\dim(A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J')) = \dim((f(A) + J) \times (g(A) + J')).$$

Thus, the conclusion is an easy consequence of the fact that  $\text{Spec}((f(A) + J) \times (g(A) + J'))$  is canonically homeomorphic to the disjoint union of  $\text{Spec}(f(A) + J)$  and  $\text{Spec}(g(A) + J')$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.2.** *The ring  $A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J')$  is von Neumann regular if and only if  $f(A) + J$  and  $g(A) + J'$  are von Neumann regular.*

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $f(a) + j \in f(A) + J$ . Since  $A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J')$  is von Neumann regular, there exists  $(f(b) + j_1, g(b) + j'_1) \in A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J')$  such that  $(f(a) + j, g(a))^2(f(b) + j_1, g(b) + j'_1) = (f(a) + j, g(a))$ . Thus,  $(f(a) + j)^2(f(b) + j_1) = f(a) + j$ . Hence,  $f(A) + J$  is von Neumann regular. Similarly, we prove that  $g(A) + J'$  is von Neumann regular.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Since  $f(A) + J$  and  $g(A) + J'$  are von Neumann regular, they are reduced and have Krull dimension zero. Thus, using [13, Remark 4.8] and Lemma 2.1,  $A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J')$  is reduced and of Krull dimension zero. Consequently,  $A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J')$  is von Neumann regular.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** *The ring  $A \bowtie^f J$  is von Neumann regular if and only if  $A$  and  $f(A) + J$  are von Neumann regular.*

**Example 2.4.** *Let  $n$  and  $k$  be two positive integers with  $0 < k < n$  and let  $R$  be the subring of  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^2$  defined by*

$$R := \{(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^2 \mid k \text{ divides } a - b\}.$$

*Then, the global dimension of  $R$  is 0 when  $n$  is a square-free, and  $\infty$  otherwise.*

**Proof.** Consider the canonical surjection of rings  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  and set  $J = (\bar{k})$ . It is easily seen that

$$\mathbb{Z} \bowtie^{f,f} (J, J) = \{(\overline{a + kc}, \overline{a + kd}) \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^2 \mid a, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}\} = R.$$

Note also that  $R$  is Noetherian since  $f(A) + J = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is Noetherian ([13, Proposition 4.2]), and so the weak global dimension coincides with the global dimension. If  $\text{gldim}(R) < \infty$ , then  $R$  is a regular ring. Thus, by [11, Corollary 8.5],  $\text{gldim}(R) = \dim(R)$  (the Krull dimension). On the other hand, by using Lemma 2.1,  $\dim(R) = \dim(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) = 0$ . Hence,  $\text{gldim}(R)$  is 0. Moreover, by Proposition 2.2,  $\text{gldim}(R) = 0$  if and only if  $\text{gldim}(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) = 0$ . On the other hand, it is known that  $\text{gldim}(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) = 0$  when  $n$  is square-free, and  $\infty$  otherwise ([17, Corollary 5.19]). Thus, the global dimension of  $R$  is 0 if and only if  $n$  is a square-free, and  $\infty$  otherwise.  $\square$

Set  $\text{Max}(A, I) := \text{Max}(A) \cap V(I) = \{\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Max}(A) \mid I \subseteq \mathfrak{m}\}$ . For any  $\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Max}(A, I)$ , consider the multiplicative subsets

$$S_{\mathfrak{m}} := (f(A)+J)-(f(\mathfrak{m})+J) = f(A-\mathfrak{m})+J, \quad S'_{\mathfrak{m}} := (g(A)+J')-(g(\mathfrak{m})+J') = g(A-\mathfrak{m})+J'$$

of  $B$  and  $C$ , respectively. One can easily check  $J_{f(\mathfrak{m})+J} = J_{S_{\mathfrak{m}}}$  (resp.  $J'_{g(\mathfrak{m})+J'} = J'_{S'_{\mathfrak{m}}}$ ) where  $J_{f(\mathfrak{m})+J}$  (resp.  $J'_{g(\mathfrak{m})+J'}$ ) is the localization of  $J$  (resp.  $J'$ ) as an ideal of  $f(A) + J$  (resp.  $g(A) + J'$ ), and  $J_{S_{\mathfrak{m}}}$  (resp.  $J'_{S'_{\mathfrak{m}}}$ ) is the localization of  $J$  (resp.  $J'$ ) as an ideal of  $B$  (resp.  $C$ ). All along the rest of this paper,  $J$  (resp.  $J'$ ) is seen as an ideal of  $f(A) + J$  (resp.  $g(A) + J'$ ).

Recall that a ring  $R$  is arithmetical if every finitely generated ideal is locally principal [9,12]. In [14], the authors proved that if  $\text{w.dim}(f(A) + J) \leq 1$ ,  $\text{w.dim}(g(A) + J') \leq 1$ ,  $J \cap \text{Nil}(B) = (0)$ ,  $J' \cap \text{Nil}(C) = (0)$ , and for each  $\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Max}(A, I)$ ,  $J_{f(\mathfrak{m})+J} = (0)$  or  $J'_{g(\mathfrak{m})+J'} = (0)$ , then  $\text{w.dim}(A \bowtie^{f,g}(J, J')) \leq 1$ . The converse holds if  $I$  is radical.

In our second main result of this section, we give a complete characterization for a bi-amalgamation to have weak global dimension at most 1. Before that, we give necessary and sufficient conditions for a bi-amalgamation to be reduced.

**Proposition 2.5.** *The ring  $A \bowtie^{f,g}(J, J')$  is reduced if and only if*

- (1)  $J \cap \text{Nil}(B) = (0)$  and  $J' \cap \text{Nil}(C) = (0)$ .
- (2)  $f^{-1}(\text{Nil}(B) + J) \cap g^{-1}(\text{Nil}(C) + J') = I$ .

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Following [13, Proposition 4.7], (1) is satisfied. Moreover, it is easily seen that  $I \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{Nil}(B) + J) \cap g^{-1}(\text{Nil}(C) + J')$ . Now, let  $x \in f^{-1}(\text{Nil}(B) + J) \cap g^{-1}(\text{Nil}(C) + J')$ . Then, there exists  $j \in J$  and  $j' \in J'$  such that  $f(x) + j \in \text{Nil}(B)$  and  $f(x) + j' \in \text{Nil}(C)$ . Hence, there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $(f(x) + j)^n = 0$  and  $(g(x) + j')^n = 0$ . Then,  $(f(x) + j, g(x) + j')^n = (0, 0)$ , and so  $(f(x) + j, g(x) + j') = (0, 0)$  since  $A \bowtie^{f,g}(J, J')$  is reduced. Hence,  $x \in I$ . Consequently, (2) is satisfied.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $(f(x) + j, g(x) + j') \in A \bowtie^{f,g}(J, J')$  such that  $(f(x) + j, g(x) + j')^n = (0, 0)$  for some positive integer  $n$ . Then,  $(f(x) + j)^n = 0$  and  $(g(x) + j')^n = 0$ . Then,  $f(x) + j \in \text{Nil}(B)$  and  $g(x) + j' \in \text{Nil}(C)$ . Thus,  $x \in f^{-1}(\text{Nil}(B) + J) \cap g^{-1}(\text{Nil}(C) + J') = I$ . Accordingly,  $f(x) + j \in J \cap \text{Nil}(B) = (0)$  and  $g(x) + j' \in J' \cap \text{Nil}(C) = (0)$ . Consequently,  $A \bowtie^{f,g}(J, J')$  is reduced.  $\square$

Proposition 2.5 recovers the special case of amalgamated algebras, as recorded in the next corollary.

**Corollary 2.6.** [7, Proposition 5.4]  $A \bowtie^f J$  is reduced if and only if  $A$  is reduced and  $J \cap \text{Nil}(B) = (0)$ .

**Proof.** Recall that  $A \bowtie^f J = A \bowtie^{f, f} (f^{-1}(J), J)$ . Thus, using Proposition 2.5,  $A \bowtie^f J$  is reduced if and only if

- (1)  $f^{-1}(J) \cap \text{Nil}(A) = (0)$  and  $J \cap \text{Nil}(B) = (0)$ .
- (2)  $(\text{Nil}(A) + f^{-1}(J)) \cap f^{-1}(\text{Nil}(B) + J) = f^{-1}(J)$ .

But  $\text{Nil}(A) + f^{-1}(J) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{Nil}(B) + J)$ . Hence, the condition (2) becomes  $\text{Nil}(A) + f^{-1}(J) = f^{-1}(J)$ , or equivalently  $\text{Nil}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(J)$ . Hence,  $A \bowtie^f J$  is reduced if and only if  $\text{Nil}(A) = (0)$  and  $J \cap \text{Nil}(B) = (0)$ . Thus, we have the desired result.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.7.**  $\text{w.dim}(A \bowtie^{f, g} (J, J')) \leq 1$  if and only if

- (1)  $f(A) + J$  and  $g(A) + J'$  are both arithmetical and, for every  $\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Max}(A, I)$ ,  $J_{f(\mathfrak{m})+J} = (0)$  or  $J'_{g(\mathfrak{m})+J'} = (0)$ .
- (2)  $J \cap \text{Nil}(B) = (0)$  and  $J' \cap \text{Nil}(C) = (0)$ .
- (3)  $f^{-1}(\text{Nil}(B) + J) \cap g^{-1}(\text{Nil}(C) + J') = I$ .

**Proof.** Recall that a ring  $R$  has weak global dimension at most 1 if and only if  $R$  is arithmetical and reduced ([2, Theorem 3.5]). A combination of this fact with Proposition 2.5 and [14, Theorem 2.1] leads to the desired conclusion.  $\square$

For the special case of amalgamations, we get the following result.

**Corollary 2.8.** ([14, Corollary 2.9])  $\text{w.dim}(A \bowtie^f J) \leq 1$  if and only if  $\text{w.dim}(A) \leq 1$ ,  $f(A) + J$  is arithmetical,  $J \cap \text{Nil}(B) = (0)$ , and for every  $\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Max}(A, I)$ ,  $I_{\mathfrak{m}} = (0)$  or  $J_{f(\mathfrak{m})+J} = (0)$ .

**Proof.** As in the proof of Corollary 2.6, the conditions (2) and (3) of Proposition 2.7 means, in the case of amalgamated algebras, that  $A$  is reduced and  $J \cap \text{Nil}(B) = (0)$ . Combining this with the fact that  $\text{w.dim}(R) \leq 1$  if and only if  $R$  is reduced and arithmetical, we get the desired result.  $\square$

**Remark 2.9.** Recall that an ideal  $I$  is called pure if  $R/I$  is a flat  $R$ -module. If  $A$  is local and  $I \neq (0)$ , then,  $\text{w.dim}(A \bowtie^f J) \leq 1$  implies that  $J$  is a pure ideal of  $f(A) + J$ . Indeed, if  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the unique maximal ideal of  $A$ , then from Corollary 2.8,  $J_{f(\mathfrak{m})+J} = (0)$  since  $I \neq (0)$  (and so  $I_{\mathfrak{m}} \neq (0)$ ). Note that  $f(\mathfrak{m}) + J$  is the unique maximal ideal of  $f(A) + J$  which contains  $J$ . Indeed, if  $P$  is a maximal ideal of  $f(A) + J$  which contains  $J$  and  $f(x) + j \in P$ , then  $f(x) \in P$ , and so  $x \in f^{-1}(P) \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ . Thus, for each  $L \in \text{Spec}(f(A) + J) \setminus \{f(\mathfrak{m}) + J\}$ ,  $J \not\subseteq L$ , and so  $J_L = (f(A) + J)_L$ . Hence, using [10, Theorem 1.2.15],  $J$  is a pure ideal.

In the local case, the bi-amalgamations of weak dimension  $\leq 1$  have a simple characterization. Recall that, from [13, Proposition 5.4], the ring  $A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J')$  is local if and only if  $J \neq B$  and  $f(A) + J$  and  $g(A) + J'$  are local.

**Corollary 2.10.** *If  $A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J')$  is local, then  $\text{w.dim}(A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J')) \leq 1$  if and only if “ $J = 0$  and  $\text{w.dim}(g(A) + J') \leq 1$ ” or “ $J' = 0$  and  $\text{w.dim}(f(A) + J) \leq 1$ ”.*

**Proof.** From [13, Proposition 5.4], there is a unique maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $A$  containing  $I$ . Thus, the unique maximal ideal of  $f(A) + J$  (resp.  $g(A) + J'$ ) is  $f(\mathfrak{m}) + J$  (resp.  $g(\mathfrak{m}) + J'$ ). If  $\text{w.dim}(A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J')) \leq 1$  then, by using Proposition 2.7, we have  $J_{f(\mathfrak{m})+J} = (0)$  or  $J'_{g(\mathfrak{m})+J'} = (0)$ . In the first case,  $J = 0$  since  $f(A) + J$  is local, and similarly in the second case  $J' = 0$ . The rest of the proof is easily deduced from [13, Proposition 4.1]. Indeed, if  $J = 0$  (resp.  $J' = 0$ ) then  $A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J') \cong g(A) + J'$  (resp.  $A \bowtie^{f,g} (J, J') \cong f(A) + J$ ).  $\square$

**Corollary 2.11.**  *$\text{w.dim}(A \bowtie^{f,f} (J, J)) \leq 1$  if and only if  $\text{w.dim}(f(A) + J) \leq 1$  and  $J$  is a pure ideal of  $f(A) + J$ .*

**Proof.** Following Proposition 2.7,  $\text{w.dim}(A \bowtie^{f,f} (J, J)) \leq 1$  if and only if

- (1)  $f(A) + J$  is an arithmetical ring.
- (2) for every  $\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Max}(A, I)$ ,  $J_{f(\mathfrak{m})+J} = (0)$ .
- (3)  $J \cap \text{Nil}(B) = (0)$ .
- (4)  $f^{-1}(\text{Nil}(B) + J) = I$ .

On the other hand, it is clear that for each  $L \in \text{Max}(f(A) + J)$  such that  $J \not\subseteq L$ ,  $J_L = (f(A) + J)_L$ . Thus, condition (2) is equivalent to that  $J_L = (0)$  or  $J_L = (f(A) + J)_L$  for each  $L \in \text{Max}(f(A) + J)$ , which is also equivalent to that  $J$  is a pure ideal of  $f(A) + J$  (by [10, Theorem 1.2.15]).

If (3) and (4) holds, then for each  $f(x) + j \in \text{Nil}(f(A) + J)$ , we have  $f(x) \in \text{Nil}(f(A) + J) + J$ . Hence,  $x \in f^{-1}(\text{Nil}(B) + J) = I$ . Then,  $f(x) + j \in J \cap \text{Nil}(f(A) + J) \subseteq J \cap \text{Nil}(B) = (0)$ . Consequently  $f(A) + J$  is reduced. Conversely, if  $f(A) + J$  is reduced then (3) holds since  $J \cap \text{Nil}(B) \subseteq J \cap \text{Nil}(f(A) + J) = (0)$ . Moreover, for each  $x \in f^{-1}(\text{Nil}(B) + J)$ ,  $f(x) \in \text{Nil}(B) + J$ . Then, there exists  $j \in J$  such that  $f(x) + j \in \text{Nil}(B) \cap (f(A) + J) = \text{Nil}(f(A) + J) = (0)$ . Thus,  $x \in I$ . Trivially,  $I \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{Nil}(B) + J)$ . Consequently, (4) holds immediately. Accordingly, by [2, Theorem 3.5], we have the desired result.  $\square$

Corollary 2.11 recovers a known result for duplications.

**Corollary 2.12.** ([4, Theorem 4.1(1)])  *$\text{w.dim}(A \bowtie I) \leq 1$  if and only if  $\text{w.dim}(A) \leq 1$  and  $I$  is a pure ideal of  $A$ .*

The intervention of the ring  $A/I$  (with the meaning of the below proposition) gives a more simple characterization of bi-amalgamations of weak global dimension at most 1.

**Proposition 2.13.** *The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\sup\{\text{w.dim}(A/I), \text{w.dim}(A \bowtie^{f,g}(J, J'))\} \leq 1$ .
- (2)  $\sup\{\text{w.dim}(f(A) + J), \text{w.dim}(g(A) + J')\} \leq 1$  and for every  $\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Max}(A, I)$ ,  $J_{f(\mathfrak{m})+J} = (0)$  or  $J'_{g(\mathfrak{m})+J'} = (0)$ .

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Since  $\text{w.dim}(A/I) \leq 1$ ,  $A/I$  is reduced, and so  $I$  is radical. Thus, (2) follows immediately from [14, Corollary 2.8].

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Since  $\sup\{\text{w.dim}(f(A) + J), \text{w.dim}(g(A) + J')\} \leq 1$ , the rings  $f(A) + J$  and  $g(A) + J'$  are both arithmetical and reduced. Then, by [13, Remark 4.8] and [14, Theorem 2.1],  $A \bowtie^{f,g}(J, J')$  is a reduced arithmetical ring, and so  $\text{w.dim}(A \bowtie^{f,g}(J, J')) \leq 1$ . Now, let  $\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Max}(A, I)$  and consider the following isomorphism of rings  $\psi: \frac{A}{I} \rightarrow \frac{f(A)+J}{J}, \bar{a} \mapsto \overline{f(a)}$ . We have  $\psi\left(\frac{\mathfrak{m}}{I}\right) = \frac{f(\mathfrak{m})+J}{J}$ . Thus,  $\psi$  induces an isomorphism between  $\left(\frac{A}{I}\right)_{\frac{\mathfrak{m}}{I}}$  and  $\left(\frac{f(A)+J}{J}\right)_{\frac{f(\mathfrak{m})+J}{J}}$ . Then, we have the following isomorphism of rings

$$\left(\frac{A}{I}\right)_{\frac{\mathfrak{m}}{I}} \cong \frac{(f(A) + J)_{f(\mathfrak{m})+J}}{J_{f(\mathfrak{m})+J}}.$$

Similarly, we have the following isomorphism of rings

$$\left(\frac{A}{I}\right)_{\frac{\mathfrak{m}}{I}} \cong \frac{(g(A) + J')_{g(\mathfrak{m})+J'}}{J'_{g(\mathfrak{m})+J'}}.$$

Since for every  $\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Max}(A, I)$ ,  $J_{f(\mathfrak{m})+J} = (0)$  or  $J'_{g(\mathfrak{m})+J'} = (0)$ , every localization of  $\frac{A}{I}$  by its maximal ideals is isomorphic or to a localization of  $f(A) + J$  or to a localization of  $g(A) + J'$ . Then, using [10, Theorem 1.3.14],  $\text{w.dim}(A/I) \leq 1$ .  $\square$

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