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Given an ideal  $I$  in a Noetherian ring  $R$ , the core of  $I$  is the intersection of all ideals contained in  $I$  with the same integral closure as  $I$ . The core naturally arises in the context of the Briançon-Skoda theorem as an ideal which contains the adjoint of a certain power of  $I$ . As the arbitrary-characteristic analog of the multiplier ideal, the adjoint is an important tool in the study of resolutions of singularities, and the question of when the core and the adjoint of a power of  $I$  are equal has been tied to a celebrated conjecture of Kawamata about the non-vanishing of sections of line bundles. By illustrating symmetry properties of the core of a monomial ideal in a polynomial ring, I will show that for certain classes of monomial ideals, this equality holds if and only if the core is integrally closed. (Received August 21, 2009)