

On n -pseudo valuation domains (n -PVD)

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INTRODUCTION

(1) J. R. Hedstrom and E. G. Houston, *Pseudo-valuation domains*. *Pacific J. Math.* 4(1978), 551–567.

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Pseudo valuation domains were introduced in 1978

(Hedstrom-Houston) : R is an integral domain with quotient field K . If every prime ideal, say Q , of R satisfies the condition : whenever $xy \in Q$ for some $x, y \in K$, then $x \in Q$ or $y \in Q$, then R is called a pseudo-valuation domain. (Many authors studied this class of domains including myself).

The concept of pseudo valuation domains is a generalization of the concept of valuation domains: R is called an integral domain with quotient field K , then R is called a valuation domain if $x \in R$ or $x^{-1} \in R$ for every nonzero $x \in K$.

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Almost valuation domains were born in 1991 (D.D. Anderson and Muhammad Zafrulla): R is an integral domain with quotient field K , then R is called an almost valuation domain if for every nonzero $x \in K$, there exists n (n depends on x) such that $x^n \in R$ or $x^{-n} \in R$. So every valuation domain is an almost valuation domain.

For a recent article on almost valuation domains see

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A. Badawi, *On pseudo-almost valuation domains*, *Commun. Algebra* 35(2007), 1167–1181.

Pseudo-almost valuation domain was introduced in 2007 (Ayman Badawi): Let R be an integral domain with quotient field K . If every prime ideal, say Q , of R satisfies the condition: For every $x \in K$, there exists a positive integer n such that $x^n \in Q$ or $x^{-n}a \in Q$, then R is called a pseudo-almost valuation domain (It turns out that every almost valuation domain and pseudo-valuation domain is a pseudo-almost valuation domain but not vice-versa).

Definition

Let R be an integral domain with quotient field K , I be a proper ideal of R and $n \geq 1$ be a positive integer. We say that I is a n -powerful ideal of R if whenever $x^n y^n \in I$ for some $x, y \in K$, then $x^n \in R$ or $y^n \in R$. We say I is a n -powerful semiprimary ideal of R if whenever $x^n y^n \in I$ for some $x, y \in K$, then $x^n \in I$ or $y^n \in I$. The concept of powerful ideals was studied by Ayman Badawi and Evan Houston (*Powerful ideals, strongly primary ideals, almost pseudo-valuation domains, and conducive domains. Communications in Algebra, 30(4) (2002))*

Definition

Let R be an integral domain with quotient field K and $n \geq 1$ be a positive integer. We say that R is an n -pseudo valuation domain (n -PVD) if every prime ideal of R is a n -powerful semiprimary ideal of R . Note that if $n = 1$, then a pseudo-valuation domain in the sense of Houston-Hedstrom is a 1-PVD.

Example

Let $R = Q + X^2C + X^4C[[X]]$, where Q is the field of rational numbers and C is the field of complex numbers. Then one can see that R is neither a PAVD as in Badawi nor a PVD as in Hedstrom-Houston nor an almost valuation domain as in Anderson-Zafrulla. However, it is easily checked that R is a 4-PVD with maximal ideal $M = X^2C + X^4C[[X]]$ and $\bar{R} = \bar{Q} + XC[[X]]$ is a PVD with maximal ideal $N = \{x \in K \mid x^n \in M\} = XC[[X]]$, where \bar{Q} is the algebraic closure of Q inside C , and K is the quotient field of R . Note that \bar{R} is not a valuation domain and R is not an n -PVD for every $1 \leq n \leq 3$.

Theorem

Let $n \geq 1$ and I be a prime ideal of an integral domain R with quotient field K . Then I is a n -powerful semiprimary ideal of R if and only if I is a n -powerful ideal of R .

Theorem

Assume $P \subseteq Q$ are prime ideals of an integral domain R . If Q is a n -powerful semiprimary ideal of R for some positive integer $n \geq 1$, then P is a n -powerful semiprimary ideal of R .

Theorem

Let $n \geq 1$ and assume that R is an n -PVD. Then R is a quasilocal domain.

Corollary

Let $n \geq 1$ be a positive integer. Then an integral domain R is an n -PVD if and only if a maximal ideal of R is an n -powerful semiprimary ideal of R if and only if a maximal ideal of R is an n -powerful ideal of R .

Definition

Let R be a commutative ring with $1 \neq 0$ and $n \geq 1$. A proper ideal I of R is called an n -semiprimary ideal of R , if whenever $x^n y^n \in I$ for some $x, y \in R$, then $x^n \in I$ or $y^n \in I$.

Theorem

Let R be a commutative ring with $1 \neq 0$, $n \geq 1$, and I be a proper ideal of R . If I is an n -semiprimary ideal of R , then I is an m -semiprimary ideal of R for every $m \geq n$.

COMMENTS

If I is an n -powerful semiprimary ideal, then I is an n -semiprimary ideal. Thus I is also an m -semiprimary ideal for every integer $m \geq n$, but I need not be an m -powerful semiprimary ideal.

Example

Let $R = F[[X^2, X^5]] = F + FX^2 + X^4F[[X]]$, where F is a field. Then R is quasilocal with maximal ideal $M = (X^2, X^5) = FX^2 + X^4F[[X]]$ and quotient field $K = F[[X]][1/X]$. Clearly M is a 2-semiprimary ideal of R , but not a 3-powerful semiprimary ideal of R since $X^3X^3 = X^6 \in M$, but $X^3 \notin M$. Moreover, M is a 2-powerful semiprimary ideal of R if and only if $\text{char}(F) = 2$, and M is an n -powerful semiprimary ideal of R for every integer $n \geq 4$. So, for $R = \mathbb{Z}_2[[X^2, X^5]]$, M is a 2-powerful semiprimary ideal, but not a 3-powerful semiprimary ideal, Thus the “powerful” property fails for M . Let $I = X^4F[[X]]$. Then I is a 2-semiprimary ideal of R , but not a 2-powerful semiprimary ideal of R since $X^2X^2 \in I$, but $X^2 \notin I$. So the “semiprimary” property fails for $I \subseteq J = M$ when $\text{char}(F) = 2$.

Definition

Let R be a commutative ring and $n \geq 1$ be a positive integer. A prime ideal P of R is called an n -divided prime ideal of R if $x^n \mid p^n$ (in R) for every $x \in R \setminus P$ and for every $p \in P$. A commutative ring R is called an n -divided ring if every prime ideal of R is an n -divided prime ideal of R . Note that if $n = 1$, then a divided ring in the sense of Dobbs-Badawi is a 1-divided ring.

Corollary

Assume that an integral domain R is an n -PVD for some positive integer $n \geq 1$. Then R is an n -divided domain and the set of all prime ideals of R are linearly ordered by inclusion.

Theorem

Let $n \geq 1$ and R be a root closed integral domain with quotient field K . Then R is a PVD if and only if R is an n -PVD.

Theorem

Let P be a prime ideal of an n -PVD R . Then R/P is an n -PVD.

COMMENTS

We recall from Anderson-Zafrulla that an integral domain R with quotient field K is called an almost valuation domain if for every nonzero $x \in K$, there is an integer $n \geq 1$ (n depends on x) such that $x^n \in R$ or $x^{-n} \in R$. We have the following definition.

Definition

Let $n \geq 1$ be a positive integer and R be an integral domain with quotient field K is called an n -valuation domain (n -VD) if for every nonzero $x \in K$, we have $x^n \in R$ or $x^{-n} \in R$.

COMMENTS

It is clear that an n -valuation domain is an almost valuation domain. Also, it is clear that an n -valuation domain (n -VD) is an n -PVD, but an n -PVD need not be an n -VD. Also, an almost valuation domain need not be an n -VD for any positive integer n .

Example

(a) Let $R = \mathbb{Q} + X\mathbb{R}[[X]]$. Then R is a PVD with maximal ideal $X\mathbb{R}[[X]]$ and quotient field $\mathbb{R}[[X]][1/X]$, and thus R is an n -PVD for every positive integer n . However, R is not an n -VD for any positive integer n since $\pi^n, \pi^{-n} \notin R$ for every positive integer n .

(b) Let $R = \mathbb{Z}_p + XF[[X]]$, where p is a positive prime integer and $F = \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p}$ is the algebraic closure of \mathbb{Z}_p . Then R is an almost valuation domain with maximal ideal $XF[[X]]$ and quotient field $F[[X]][1/X]$, but not an n -VD for any positive integer n . This follows from the fact that for every $0 \neq a \in F$, there is a positive integer n such that $a^n = 1$; but for every positive integer n , there is a $b \in F$ such that $b^n \notin \mathbb{Z}_p$ and $b^{-n} \notin \mathbb{Z}_p$. Note that R is also a PVD, and thus an n -PVD for every positive integer n .

Theorem

Let R be an n -PVD for some positive integer $n \geq 1$ with maximal ideal M . Suppose that V is an overring of R such that $\frac{1}{s} \in V$ for some $s \in M$. Then V is an n -VD (and hence V is an almost valuation domain).

Theorem

Let R be an n -PVD for some positive integer $n \geq 1$ with maximal ideal M . Suppose that P is a prime ideal of R such that $P \neq M$. Then R_P is an n -VD (and hence R_P is an almost valuation domain). Furthermore, $x^n \in R$ for every $x \in P_P$, and hence $P_P \subset \overline{R}$.

Theorem

Suppose that an integral domain R with quotient field K admits a principal prime ideal P of R that is an n -divided ideal of R for some positive integer $n \geq 1$, then P is a maximal ideal of R . In particular, if P is an n -powerful semiprimary ideal of R for some positive integer $n \geq 1$, then P is a maximal ideal of R and R is an n -VD.

Theorem

Let $n \geq 1$, R be an integral domain with quotient field K and P be a prime ideal of R . Assume that P is an n -powerful semiprimary ideal of R . Then P is an mn -powerful semiprimary ideal of R for every integer $m \geq 1$. Furthermore, if $x^{mn} \in P$ for some integer $m \geq 1$ and $x \in K$, then $x^n \in P$. In particular, if R is an n -PVD, then R is an mn -PVD for every integer $m \geq 1$.

Theorem

Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer and R be an n -PVD with maximal ideal M and with quotient field K . Assume that B is overring of R that is integral over R . Then B is an n -PVD with maximal ideal $\sqrt{MB} = \{x \in B \mid x^n \in M\}$.

Theorem

Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer and R be a quasilocal domain with maximal ideal M and with quotient field K . Then R is an n -PVD if and only if \bar{R} is a PVD with maximal ideal $N = \{x \in K \mid x^n \in M\}$.

Corollary

Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer and R be a quasilocal domain with maximal ideal M and with quotient field K . The following statements are equivalent.

- 1 R is an n -PVD.
- 2 \bar{R} is a PVD with maximal ideal $N = \{x \in K \mid x^n \in M\}$.
- 3 $N = \{x \in K \mid x^n \in M\}$ is a maximal ideal of \bar{R} such that $(N : N)$ is a valuation domain with maximal ideal N .

Corollary

Let P be a nonzero finitely generated prime ideal of an n -PVD R . Then $W = (P : P)$ is an n -PVD with maximal ideal $\sqrt{MW} = \{x \in W \mid x^n \in M\}$. In particular, if R is a Noetherian n -PVD with maximal ideal M , then $(M : M)$ is an n -PVD.

Theorem

Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer and R be an n -PVD with maximal ideal M and with quotient field K . Then every overring of R is an n -PVD if and only if \overline{R} is a valuation domain.

Definition

Let $n \geq 1$ and $A_n(M) = \{x^n \mid x \in K \text{ and } x^n \in M\}$

Theorem

Let $n \geq 1$ and R be a quasilocal integral domain with maximal ideal M , quotient field K , and $I = (A_n(M))$. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- 1 R is an n -PVD.
- 2 $V = (I : I)$ is an n -VD with maximal ideal $\sqrt{MV} = \{x \in V \mid x^n \in M\}$, and if $x \in K$ is a nonunit of \overline{R} , then $x^n \in M$.

COMMENTS

We end this talk with several examples.

Example

(a) Let $R = \mathbb{Z}_2[[X^2, X^3]] = \mathbb{Z}_2 + X^2\mathbb{Z}_2[[X]]$. Then R is quasilocal with maximal ideal $M = (X^2, X^3) = X^2\mathbb{Z}_2[[X]]$ and quotient field $K = \mathbb{Z}_2[[X]][1/X]$. It is easily checked that R is an n -PVD if and only if $n \geq 2$ and an n -VD if and only if n is even.

First, suppose that n is even. Then

$I = (A_n(M)) = \mathbb{Z}_2X^n + X^{n+2}\mathbb{Z}_2[[X]] \subsetneq M$ and $V = (I : I) = R$ has maximal ideal $M_V = M$. Also,

$M_V = \{x \in V \mid x^n \in M\} \subsetneq \{x \in K \mid x^n \in M\} = X\mathbb{Z}_2[[X]]$. Next, suppose that $n \geq 3$ is odd. Then $I = (A_n(M)) = X^n\mathbb{Z}_2[[X]] \subsetneq M$ and $V = (I : I) = \mathbb{Z}_2[[X]]$ has maximal ideal

$M_V = X\mathbb{Z}_2[[X]] = \{x \in K \mid x^n \in M\}$.

(b) Let $R = F[[X^2, X^3]] = F + X^2F[[X]]$, where F is a field.

Then R is quasilocal with maximal ideal

$M = (X^2, X^3) = X^2F[[X]]$ and quotient field $F[[X]][1/X]$, and R is an n -PVD if and only if $n \geq 2$. If $\text{char}(F) = 2$, then

$(A_n(M)) \subsetneq M$ for every integer $n \geq 2$. However, $M = (A_2(M))$ if $\text{char}(F) \neq 2$.

Example

(c) Let $R = \mathbb{Z}_p + \mathbb{Z}_p X + X^2 F[[X]]$, where $F = \overline{\mathbb{Z}_p}$ is the algebraic closure of \mathbb{Z}_p . Then R is quasilocal with maximal ideal $M = \mathbb{Z}_p X + X^2 F[[X]]$ and quotient field $K = F[[X]][1/X]$. Moreover, R is an n -PVD if and only if $n \geq 2$ since $\overline{R} = F[[X]]$ is a PVD (in fact, a valuation domain). However, $V = (M : M) = \mathbb{Z}_p + X F[[X]]$ is an almost valuation domain with maximal ideal $X F[[X]] = \{x \in K \mid x^n \in M\}$, but V is not an n -VD for any positive integer n . Note that V is a PVD, and thus an n -PVD for every positive integer n .

(d) Let F be a field and N a positive integer. Then $R_N = F + X^N F[[X]]$ is a quasilocal integral domain with maximal ideal $M_N = X^N F[[X]]$, quotient field $F[[X]][1/X]$, and integral closure $\overline{R_N} = F[[X]]$. Note that $V_N = (M_N : M_N) = F[[X]]$ is a valuation domain with maximal ideal $X F[[X]] = \{x \in V_N \mid x^N \in M_N\} = \sqrt{M_N V_N}$, and thus V_N is an n -VD for every positive integer n . However, R_N is an n -PVD if and only if $n \geq N$, and R_N satisfies condition (if $x \in K$ is a nonunit element of \overline{R} , then $x^n \in M$) if and only if $n > N$.

Example

(e) Let $R = \mathbb{Z}_3 + \mathbb{Z}_3X^9 + X^{12}\mathbb{Z}_3[[X]]$. Then R is a quasilocal integral domain with maximal ideal $M = \mathbb{Z}_3X^9 + X^{12}\mathbb{Z}_3[[X]]$, quotient field $\mathbb{Z}_3[[X]][1/X]$, and integral closure $\bar{R} = \mathbb{Z}_3[[X]]$. Note that $V = (M : M) = \mathbb{Z}_3 + X^3\mathbb{Z}_3[[X]]$ is a 3-VD with maximal ideal $X^3\mathbb{Z}_3[[X]] = \sqrt{MV} = \{x \in V \mid x^3 \in M\}$. However, R is not a 3-PVD since $(X^2)^3(X^2)^3 \in M$, but $X^6 \notin M$, and R does not satisfy condition (if $x \in K$ is a nonunit element of \bar{R} , then $x^n \in M$) since $X^3 \notin M$.

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