

## On the integral closure of an integral domain

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Introduction. By an integral domain we mean a commutative ring  $\mathfrak{R}$  which satisfies the following condition:  $\mathfrak{R}$  satisfies the ascending chain condition and possesses no zero-divisor  $\neq 0$ . A local ring is a commutative ring  $\mathfrak{R}$  with an unit element in which:

- (1) The set  $\mathfrak{p}_0$  of all non-units is an ideal in  $\mathfrak{R}$ ;
- (2) Every ideal in  $\mathfrak{R}$  has a finite basis.

A local ring  $\mathfrak{R}$  is called a local domain if the ring  $\mathfrak{R}$  possesses no zero-divisor.

Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be an integral domain and  $K$  be the field of quotients of  $\mathfrak{R}$ . It is conjectured by Krull [2, p. 108] that the integral closure  $\overline{\mathfrak{R}}$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$  in  $K$  is an "Endliche diskrete Hauptordnung". If  $\mathfrak{R} : \overline{\mathfrak{R}} \neq (0)$ ,  $\overline{\mathfrak{R}}$  is a Noetherian ring and also Krull's conjecture is valid [2, p. 105]. Therefore it only remains that his conjecture should be proved in the case where  $\mathfrak{R} : \overline{\mathfrak{R}} = (0)$ . When  $\mathfrak{R}$  is a 1-dimensional local domain, it was already proved by Krull [1]. Hence it is clear that Krull's conjecture is valid provided that an integral domain  $\mathfrak{R}$  is "einartig" [2, p. 109]. The purpose of this paper is to prove that Krull's conjecture is valid in the case where  $\mathfrak{R} : \overline{\mathfrak{R}} = (0)$  and  $\mathfrak{R}$  is not "einartig".

In the first part of this paper we shall prove that Krull's conjecture is valid if the completion  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  of a local domain  $\mathfrak{R}$  possesses no nilpotent element. The second part is devoted to the proof of Krull's conjecture in the case in which  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  has nilpotent elements, and we shall prove that Krull's conjecture is generally valid in an integral domain. In the third part we discuss the sufficient condition that  $\mathfrak{R} : \overline{\mathfrak{R}} \neq (0)$  holds for a local domain.

In this paper we denote the completion of a local ring  $\mathfrak{R}$  by  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  and the integral closure of an integral domain  $\mathfrak{S}$  in the field of quotients of  $\mathfrak{S}$  by  $\overline{\mathfrak{S}}$ .

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## Part I

Let  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  be the completion of a local domain  $\mathfrak{R}$ , then we have the following two possibilities:

- (1)  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  has no nilpotent element;
- (2)  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  has nilpotent elements.

First we shall prove, in the case (1), that Krull's conjecture is valid. If  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  has no nilpotent element,

$$(0)\mathfrak{R}^* = \mathfrak{M}_1^* \cap \mathfrak{M}_2^* \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{M}_i^* \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{M}_h^* \quad [5, \text{p. 254}].$$

where  $\mathfrak{M}_i$  is the prime ideal which is not imbedded in any other prime ideal of the zero ideal in  $\mathfrak{R}^*$ . Let  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  be the ring of quotients of  $\mathfrak{R}^*$ , then we have the following Lemmas.

Lemma 1.  $\mathfrak{M}_i^* \mathfrak{R}^*$  is a prime ideal in  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  and  $\mathfrak{M}_i^* \mathfrak{R}^* \cap \mathfrak{R}^* = \mathfrak{M}_i^*$  ( $i=1, 2, 3, \dots, h$ ).

Lemma 2.  $\bigcap_{i=1}^h \mathfrak{M}_i^* \mathfrak{R}^* = (0)\mathfrak{R}^*$

Lemma 3.  $\mathfrak{M}_i^* \mathfrak{R}^*$  is a maximal ideal in  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, h$ ).

Lemma 4.  $\mathfrak{R}^* = \mathfrak{R}_1^* + \mathfrak{R}_2^* + \dots + \mathfrak{R}_i^* + \dots + \mathfrak{R}_h^*$  (direct sum)

where  $\mathfrak{R}_i^* \cong \mathfrak{R}^* / \mathfrak{M}_i^* \mathfrak{R}^*$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, h$ ) [6, p. 43].

If we denote the unit element of  $\mathfrak{R}_i^*$  by  $\varepsilon_i^*$ , it is well known that  $\varepsilon_i^* \varepsilon_j^* = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ \varepsilon_i^* & i = j \end{cases}$  and  $\varepsilon_1^* + \varepsilon_2^* + \dots + \varepsilon_h^* = 1$  [6, p. 43].

Lemma 5.  $\mathfrak{R}^* \varepsilon_i^* \cong \mathfrak{R}^* / \mathfrak{M}_i^* \mathfrak{R}^*$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, h$ ).

Proof. Let  $u^*$  any element of  $\mathfrak{R}^*$ . Then, by Lemma 4,  $u^* = \sum_{i=1}^h u_i^*$  where  $u_i^* \in \mathfrak{R}_i^*$  and  $u_i^* = u^* \varepsilon_i^*$ . Hence the correspondence  $u^* \rightarrow u^* \varepsilon_i^*$  gives the ring homomorphism of  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  onto  $\mathfrak{R}^* \varepsilon_i^*$ . But since  $\mathfrak{R}^* \varepsilon_i^* \cong \mathfrak{R}^* / \mathfrak{M}_i^* \mathfrak{R}^*$  by Lemma 4,  $u^* \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{M}_i^* \mathfrak{R}^*}$  by Lemma 1 provided that  $u^* \varepsilon_i^* = 0$ . Hence by the well-known theorem, we have  $\mathfrak{R}^* \varepsilon_i^* \cong \mathfrak{R}^* / \mathfrak{M}_i^* \mathfrak{R}^*$ . This completes the proof.

Lemma 6. If we denote the integral closure of  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  in the ring of quotients  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  of  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  by  $\overline{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ ,

$$\overline{\mathfrak{R}}^* = \overline{\mathfrak{R}}_1^* + \overline{\mathfrak{R}}_2^* + \dots + \overline{\mathfrak{R}}_i^* + \dots + \overline{\mathfrak{R}}_h^* \quad (\text{direct sum})$$

where  $\overline{\mathfrak{R}}_i^* = \overline{\mathfrak{R}}^* \varepsilon_i^*$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, h$ ).

Proposition 1. If we put  $\mathfrak{R}^* / \mathfrak{M}_i^* \mathfrak{R}^* = \mathcal{Q}_i^*$  and denote the integral closure of  $\mathcal{Q}_i^*$  in the field of quotients of  $\mathcal{Q}_i^*$  by  $\overline{\mathcal{Q}}_i^*$ , then  $\overline{\mathcal{Q}}_i^* \cong \overline{\mathfrak{R}}_i^*$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, h$ ).

Proof. If we put  $\mathfrak{M}_i^* \mathfrak{R}^* \cap \overline{\mathfrak{R}}^* = \overline{\mathfrak{M}}_i^*$ , it follows that  $\overline{\mathfrak{M}}_i^*$  is the

prime ideal of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ . Similarly to the proof of Lemma 5, we have  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*_{\varepsilon_i^*} \simeq \bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*/\bar{M}_i^*$ . Hence  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}_i^* \simeq \bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*/\bar{M}_i^*$ .

We shall now prove that  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*/\bar{M}_i^* = \bar{Q}_i^*$ . First we prove that  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*/\bar{M}_i^* \subseteq \bar{Q}_i^*$ . For, let  $W = a/\pi$  be an element of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$  where  $a$  and  $\pi \in \mathfrak{R}^*$  and  $\pi$  is a non-zero-divisor, then

$$W^n + c_1 W^{n-1} + \dots + c_i W^{n-i} + \dots + c_{n-1} W + c_n = 0, \text{ where } c_i \in \mathfrak{R}^*.$$

Let  $\tilde{W}, \tilde{c}_i$  be the residue classes of  $W, c_i$  modulo  $\bar{M}_i^*$ , then

$$\tilde{W}^n + \tilde{c}_1 \tilde{W}^{n-1} + \dots + \tilde{c}_i \tilde{W}^{n-i} + \dots + \tilde{c}_{n-1} \tilde{W} + \tilde{c}_n = 0, \text{ where } \tilde{c}_i \in \mathcal{Q}_i^*.$$

On the other hand,  $\pi W = a$  in  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ . Hence  $\tilde{\pi} \tilde{W} = \tilde{a}$ , where  $\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{a} \in \mathcal{Q}_i^*$ . Therefore  $\tilde{W} \in \bar{Q}_i^*$ . This implies that  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*/\bar{M}_i^* \subseteq \bar{Q}_i^*$ .

We now prove that  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*/\bar{M}_i^* \supseteq \bar{Q}_i^*$ . In fact, let  $\tilde{b}/\tilde{a}$  be an element of  $\bar{Q}_i^*$ , where  $\tilde{a}, \tilde{b} \in \mathcal{Q}_i^*$ , then  $\tilde{n}(\tilde{b}/\tilde{a})^e \in \mathcal{Q}_i^*$  ( $e=1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) where  $\tilde{n}$  is a certain element  $\neq 0$  of  $\mathcal{Q}_i^*$ . The above argument implies that  $\tilde{n}(\tilde{b})^e = (\tilde{a})^e \tilde{r}_e$ , where  $\tilde{r}_e \in \mathcal{Q}_i^*$ . Let  $n_i, a_i, b_i$  and  $r_{ie}$  be elements of  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  whose residue classes modulo  $\mathfrak{M}_i^*$  are  $\tilde{n}, \tilde{a}, \tilde{b}$  and  $\tilde{r}_e$  respectively, then  $n_i b_i^e \equiv a_i^e r_{ie} \pmod{\mathfrak{M}_i^*}$ . Let  $\lambda_i \neq 0$  ( $\mathfrak{M}_i$ ) and  $\lambda_i \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{M}_1^* \cap \mathfrak{M}_2^* \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{M}_{i-1}^* \cap \mathfrak{M}_{i+1}^* \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{M}_h^*}$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, h$ ). Putting  $n = \sum_{i=1}^h \lambda_i n_i, a = \sum_{i=1}^h \lambda_i a_i, b = \sum_{i=1}^h \lambda_i b_i$  and  $r_e = \sum_{i=1}^h \lambda_i r_{ie}$ , then  $nb^e - a^e r^e = 0$ . For  $nb^e - a^e r^e \equiv \lambda_j n_j (\lambda_j b_j)^e - (\lambda_j a_j)^e \lambda_j r_{je} \pmod{\mathfrak{M}_j^*}$ , hence  $nb^e - a^e r^e \equiv \lambda_j^{e+1} (n_j b_j^e - a_j^e r_{je}^e) \pmod{\mathfrak{M}_j^*}$  ( $j=1, 2, \dots, h$ ). This implies that  $nb^e - a^e r^e \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{M}_j^*}$  ( $j=1, 2, \dots, h$ ). Hence  $nb^e - a^e r^e = 0$ . But since  $a$  is a non-zero-divisor in  $\mathfrak{R}^*$ , we have  $n(b/a)^e = r^e$ . Hence  $b/a \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ . If we put  $b/a = W$ , we have  $Wa = b$ . Hence  $\tilde{W}\tilde{a} = \tilde{b}$ , where  $\tilde{W}$  is the residue class modulo  $\bar{M}_i^*$ . This implies that  $\bar{Q}_i^* \subseteq \bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*/\bar{M}_i^*$ . Thus the proof is completed.

Colollary.  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^* \simeq \bar{Q}_1^* + \bar{Q}_2^* + \dots + \bar{Q}_i^* + \dots + \bar{Q}_h^*$ .

Proposition 2.  $\bar{Q}_i^*$  is an "Endliche diskrete Hauptordnung".

Proof. Since  $\mathcal{Q}_i^*$  is a complete local domain, if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  be the system of parameters for  $\mathcal{Q}_i^*$  [3] and  $R$  be the coefficient ring in  $\mathcal{Q}_i^*$ , then  $\mathcal{Q}_0 = R\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$  is a  $p$ -adic ring and  $\mathcal{Q}_i^*$  is a finite  $\mathcal{Q}_0$ -module [4, Lemma 15, 16]. Hence  $\bar{Q}_i^*$  is an "Endliche diskrete Hauptordnung" [2, p. 133]. This completes the proof.

Proposition 3. Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a local domain and  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$  be the integral closure of  $\mathfrak{R}$  in the field of quotients of  $\mathfrak{R}$ . If no nilpotent element exists in the completion  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$ , then  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$  is an "Endliche diskrete Hauptordnung".

Proof. Let  $u \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ , then, since  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^* \varepsilon_i^* \simeq \bar{Q}_i^*$  by prop. 1,  $u \bar{\mathfrak{R}}^* \varepsilon_i^*$  is an intersection of symbolic powers of associated minimal prime ideals in  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^* \varepsilon_i^*$  by prop. 2. Now, let  $u \bar{\mathfrak{R}}^* \varepsilon_i^* = \bigcap_{i,j}^{l_i} \bar{q}_{ij}^*$  be an irredundant primary decomposition of  $u \bar{\mathfrak{R}}^* \varepsilon_i^*$  in  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^* \varepsilon_i^*$ . If we put

$$\bar{Q}_{ij}^* = \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_1^* + \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_2^* + \dots + \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_{i-1}^* + \bar{q}_{ij}^* + \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_{i+1}^* + \dots + \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_h^*,$$

then  $\bar{Q}_{ij}^*$  is a primary ideal in  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$  by the well-known theorem. Hence  $u \bar{\mathfrak{R}}^* = \bigcap_{i,j} \bar{Q}_{ij}^*$ . In fact,  $\bigcap_{i,j} \bar{Q}_{ij}^* = \bigcap_i (\bigcap_j \bar{Q}_{ij}^*) = \bigcap_i (\bar{\mathfrak{R}}_1^* + \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_2^* + \dots + \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_{i-1}^* + u \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_i^* + \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_{i+1}^* + \dots + \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_h^*) = u \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_1^* + u \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_2^* + \dots + u \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_i^* + \dots + u \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_h^* = u \bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ . But we see that  $\bar{Q}_{ij}^*$  is a symbolic power of prime ideal of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ . For since it is clear that  $\bar{Q}_{ij}^*$  is a primary ideal in  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ , if the associated prime ideal of  $\bar{Q}_{ij}^*$  is denoted by  $\bar{P}_{ij}^*$ , then  $\bar{P}_{ij}^*$  is a set of nilpotent elements of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$  with respect to  $\bar{Q}_{ij}^*$ . Hence  $\bar{P}_{ij}^* = \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_1^* + \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_2^* + \dots + \bar{p}_{ij}^* + \dots + \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_h^*$ , where  $\bar{p}_{ij}^*$  is a prime ideal of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}_i^*$  belonging to the primary ideal  $\bar{q}_{ij}^*$ . Since  $\bar{q}_{ij}^* = \bar{p}_{ij}^{*(e)}$  by Prop. 2,  $\bar{Q}_{ij}^* = \bar{P}_{ij}^{*(e)}$ . If we put  $\bar{Q}_{ij}^* \cap \bar{\mathfrak{R}} = \bar{q}_{ij}$ , then  $\bar{q}_{ij}$  is a primary ideal of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$  and the prime ideal  $\bar{p}_{ij}$  belonging to  $\bar{q}_{ij}$  is a minimal prime ideal in  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ , and  $u \bar{\mathfrak{R}} = \bigcap_{i,j} \bar{q}_{ij}$ . For, putting  $uA = \beta$ , where  $A \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$  and  $\beta \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ , then  $A \in K$  (field of quotients of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ ). But since  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^* \cap K = \bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ ,  $A \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ . Hence  $u \bar{\mathfrak{R}}^* \cap \bar{\mathfrak{R}} = u \bar{\mathfrak{R}}$  and also  $u \bar{\mathfrak{R}} = \bigcap_{i,j} \bar{q}_{ij}$ . It is clear that  $\bar{q}_{ij}$  is a primary ideal belonging to the prime ideal  $\bar{P}_{ij}^* \cap \bar{\mathfrak{R}} = \bar{p}_{ij}$ . Hence  $\bar{p}_{ij}$  is a prime ideal belonging to  $u \bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ . If we assume that  $u \bar{\mathfrak{R}} = \bigcap_{i,j} \bar{q}_{ij}$  is an irredundant intersection of ideals  $\bar{q}_{ij}$ , we have  $(\bar{p}_{ij})^{-1} \supset \bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ . Hence  $\bar{p}_{ij}$  is a minimal prime ideal in  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ . For, if we assume that  $\bar{p}_{ij}$  is not a minimal prime ideal of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ , then  $(\bar{p}_{ij})^{-1}(\bar{p}_{ij}) = \bar{p}_{ij}$ . Hence, if  $x \in (\bar{p}_{ij})^{-1}$  and  $x \notin \bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ , we obtain  $x \bar{p}_{ij} \equiv 0 (\bar{p}_{ij})$  and also  $x^N \bar{p}_{ij} \equiv 0 (\bar{p}_{ij})$  ( $N=1, 2, \dots$ ). Hence there is an element  $\bar{\rho} (\in \bar{\mathfrak{R}})$  such that  $\bar{\rho} x^N \equiv 0 (\bar{\mathfrak{R}})$  ( $N=1, 2, 3, \dots$ ). But since  $x \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ , it follows that  $x = \sum_{i=1}^h x_i$  and  $\bar{\rho} = \sum_{i=1}^h \bar{\rho}_i$  by Lemma 4 and Lemma 6, where  $x_i \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_i^*$ ,  $\bar{\rho}_i \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_i^*$ . Hence  $(\sum_{i=1}^h \bar{\rho}_i) (\sum_{i=1}^h x_i^N) \equiv 0 (\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*)$ . Therefore  $\bar{\rho}_i x_i^N \equiv 0 (\bar{\mathfrak{R}}_i^*)$  ( $N=1, 2, 3, \dots$ ). But since  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}_i^*$  is an "Endliche diskrete Hauptordnung" by Prop. 1, we have  $x_i \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}_i^*$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, h$ ). Therefore  $x \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$  and whence  $x \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $\bar{p}_{ij}$  is a minimal prime ideal of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ . But since  $\bar{q}_{ij}$  is a primary component belonging to  $\bar{p}_{ij}$ ,

$\bar{q}_{ij}$  is a symbolic power of  $\bar{p}_{ij}$ . Hence  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$  is an "Endliche diskrete Hauptordnung" [2, p. 104]. This completes the proof.

**Part II**

We shall prove the validity of Krull's conjecture in the case where  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  has nilpotent elements. If the radical of  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  is denoted by  $\mathfrak{l}^*$ , it is clear that  $\mathfrak{l}^*\mathfrak{R}^*$  is the radical of  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  and the radical of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$  too. For, let  $\bar{\mathfrak{l}}^*$  be the radical of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ , then  $\mathfrak{l}^*\mathfrak{R}^* \subseteq \bar{\mathfrak{l}}^*$ , since any element of  $\mathfrak{l}^*\mathfrak{R}^*$  is integrally dependent on  $\mathfrak{R}^*$ . But being  $\bar{\mathfrak{l}}^*\mathfrak{R}^* \subseteq \mathfrak{l}^*\mathfrak{R}^*$ , it follows that  $\mathfrak{l}^*\mathfrak{R}^* = \bar{\mathfrak{l}}^*$ . Now, let  $\bar{l}$  be any nilpotent of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$  and let  $u$  be a non-zero-divisor of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ ,  $\bar{l}/u$  is a nilpotent element of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ . Hence  $\bar{l} \in u\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ . Therefore, if an ideal  $\bar{\mathfrak{A}}^*$  of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$  has a non-zero-divisor, we have  $\bar{\mathfrak{A}}^* \supseteq \bar{\mathfrak{l}}^*$ . Therefore there is a 1-1 correspondence such that  $\bar{\mathfrak{A}}^*/\mathfrak{l}^* \cong \tilde{\mathfrak{A}}^*$  between the ideal  $\tilde{\mathfrak{A}}^*$  of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*/\mathfrak{l}^*$  and the ideal  $\bar{\mathfrak{A}}^* \supseteq \bar{\mathfrak{l}}^*$  of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ . Putting  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*/\bar{\mathfrak{l}}^* = \tilde{v}^*$ , the ring of quotients of  $\tilde{v}^*$  is  $\mathfrak{R}^*/\mathfrak{l}^*\mathfrak{R}^*$ . For,  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}_S/\bar{\mathfrak{l}}^*\bar{\mathfrak{R}}_S \cong (\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*/\bar{\mathfrak{l}}^*)_{S/\bar{\mathfrak{l}}^*}$ , where  $S$  is the set of all non-zero-divisors in  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$  [2, p. 20]. If we set  $\mathfrak{R}^*/\mathfrak{l}^* = v^*$ , since  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*/\bar{\mathfrak{l}}^* \supseteq \mathfrak{R}^*/\mathfrak{l}^*$ , we have that  $\tilde{v}^* \supseteq v^*$ . But since  $(\mathfrak{R}^*/\mathfrak{l}^*)_{S/\bar{\mathfrak{l}}^*} \cong \mathfrak{R}_S^*/\mathfrak{l}^*\mathfrak{R}_S^* = \mathfrak{R}^*/\mathfrak{l}^*\mathfrak{R}^*$ , where  $S$  is the set of all non-zero-divisors in  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  [2, p. 20],  $v^* \subset \tilde{v}^* \subset \mathfrak{R}^*/\mathfrak{l}^*\mathfrak{R}^*$ . Now, let  $\bar{v}^*$  be the integral closure of  $v^*$  in the ring of quotients of  $v^*$ , then any element  $\bar{A}$  of  $\bar{v}^*$  is expressible as  $\bar{l}/\bar{\pi}$  where  $\bar{l}, \bar{\pi}$  are elements of  $v^*$  and  $\bar{\pi}$  is a non-zero-divisor of  $v^*$ . Hence

$$(\bar{l}/\bar{\pi})^m + \tilde{c}_1(\bar{l}/\bar{\pi})^{m-1} + \dots + \tilde{c}_{m-1}(\bar{l}/\bar{\pi}) + \tilde{c}_m = 0 \text{ where } \tilde{c}_i \in v^*.$$

Let  $c_i, l, \pi$  be respectively representatives in  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  of the residue classes  $\tilde{c}_i, \bar{l}, \bar{\pi}$ , then  $l^m + c_1 l^{m-1} \pi + c_2 l^{m-2} \pi^2 + \dots + c_{m-1} l \pi^{m-1} + c_m \pi^m \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{l}^*}$ . Hence  $(l/\pi)^m + c_1(l/\pi) + \dots + c_{m-1}(l/\pi) + c_m \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{l}^*\mathfrak{R}^*}$ . But  $\mathfrak{l}^*\mathfrak{R}^*$  being the radical of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ , it follows that  $l/\pi$  is integrally dependent on  $\mathfrak{R}^*$ . If we put  $l/\pi = A$ , we have  $l = \pi A$ . Hence we obtain  $\bar{l} = \bar{\pi} \bar{A}$  in  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*/\bar{\mathfrak{l}}^*$ . Therefore  $\bar{v}^* \subseteq \tilde{v}^*$ . Since  $\tilde{v}^* \subseteq v^*$ , it follows that  $\bar{v}^* = \tilde{v}^*$ .

If  $\bar{a}$  is an element  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ ,  $u$  is a non-zero-divisor in  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ . Hence  $u\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$  can be expressed as an intersection of finite primary ideals containing the radical  $\bar{\mathfrak{l}}^*$  of  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$  by Prop. 3. If  $u\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^* = \bigcap_{ij} \bar{Q}_{ij}$  is an irredundant intersection of primary ideals  $\bar{Q}_{ij}^*$ , we put  $\bar{Q}_{ij}^* \cap \bar{\mathfrak{R}} = \bar{q}_{ij}$ .

Then  $a\bar{\mathfrak{R}} = \cap q_{ij}$ . If we assume that  $a\bar{\mathfrak{R}} = \cap \bar{q}_{ij}$  is an irredundant representation, the prime ideal  $\bar{p}_{ij}$  belonging to the primary ideal  $\bar{q}_{ij}$  is a minimal prime ideal in  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ . For, if we assume that  $\bar{p}_{ij}$  is not minimal in  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ , similarly to the proof of Prop. 3,  $(\bar{p}_{ij})^{-1} \supset \bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ , and  $(\bar{p}_{ij})^{-1}(\bar{p}_{ij}) = \bar{p}_{ij}$ . Hence if  $x \notin \bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ , and  $x \in (\bar{p}_{ij})^{-1}$ , then  $x\bar{p}_{ij} \equiv 0(\bar{p}_{ij})$  and also  $x^N\bar{p}_{ij} \equiv 0(\bar{p}_{ij})$  ( $N=1, 2, 3, \dots$ ). Therefore there is an element  $\bar{\rho}$  (in  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ ) such that  $\bar{\rho}x^N \equiv 0(\bar{\mathfrak{R}})$  ( $N=1, 2, 3, \dots$ ). As  $x \in \mathfrak{R}^*$ , if  $\tilde{x}, \tilde{\rho}$  are the residue classes of  $x, \bar{\rho}$  mod.  $\mathcal{L}^*\mathfrak{R}^*$ ,  $\tilde{\rho}\tilde{x}^N \equiv 0(\bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*/\bar{\mathcal{L}}^*)$ : Hence by Prop. 3,  $\tilde{x} \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*/\bar{\mathcal{L}}^*$ . Therefore  $x \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ . This implies that  $x \in \bar{\mathfrak{R}}$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $\bar{p}_{ij}$  is a minimal prime ideal. Similarly to the proof of Prop. 3, we have that  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$  is an "Endliche diskrete Hauptordnung". Therefore we have the following theorem from the above argument and Prop. 3.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$  be the integral closure of a local domain  $\mathfrak{R}$  in the field of quotients of  $\mathfrak{R}$ , then  $\bar{\mathfrak{R}}$  is an "Endliche diskrete Hauptordnung".

Let  $\mathfrak{S}$  be an integral domain, then  $\cap \mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{p}_0} = \mathfrak{S}$  (where  $\mathfrak{p}_0$  runs over all maximal ideals of  $\mathfrak{S}$ ). But since  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{p}_0}$  is a local domain,  $(\bar{\mathfrak{S}}_{\mathfrak{p}_0}) = \cap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \mathfrak{p}_0} (\bar{\mathfrak{S}}_{\mathfrak{p}})$  (where  $\mathfrak{p}$  runs over any minimal prime ideal of  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{p}_0}$ ) by theorem 1, provided that  $(\bar{\mathfrak{S}}_{\mathfrak{p}_0})$  is the integral closure of  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{p}_0}$  and  $(\bar{\mathfrak{S}}_{\mathfrak{p}})$  is the integral closure of  $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . Hence, since  $\bar{\mathfrak{S}} = \cap (\bar{\mathfrak{S}}_{\mathfrak{p}_0})$ , we have  $\bar{\mathfrak{S}} = \cap_{\mathfrak{p}} (\bar{\mathfrak{S}}_{\mathfrak{p}})$  (where  $\mathfrak{p}$  runs over any minimal prime ideal). This implies that  $\bar{\mathfrak{S}}$  is an "Endliche diskrete Hauptordnung" [2, p. 109]. Thus we have the following

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\mathfrak{S}$  be an integral domain and  $\bar{\mathfrak{S}}$  be the integral closure of  $\mathfrak{S}$  in the field of quotients of  $\mathfrak{S}$ , then  $\bar{\mathfrak{S}}$  is an "Endliche diskrete Hauptordnung".

### Part III

In a local domain  $\mathfrak{R}$ , we shall discuss the sufficient condition that  $\mathfrak{R} : \bar{\mathfrak{R}} \neq (0)$ . If a local domain is 1-dimensional, namely "einartig",  $\mathfrak{R} : \bar{\mathfrak{R}} \neq (0)$  if and only if the completion  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$  has no nilpotent element [1]. But, if  $\mathfrak{R}$  is not "einartig", that is,  $n$ -

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If  $\pi$  is a prime ideal in  $\mathfrak{S}$ , we denote the quotient ring of  $\mathfrak{S}$  with respect to  $\pi$  by  $\mathfrak{S}_{\pi}$ .

dimensional ( $n \geq 2$ ), we do not know whether the above argument be valid. Therefore, when  $\mathfrak{R}$  is  $n$ -dimensional ( $n \geq 2$ ) and the completion  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$  has no nilpotent element, we discuss whether  $\mathfrak{R} : \overline{\mathfrak{R}} \neq (0)$  be valid.

If  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  has no nilpotent element,  $(0)\mathfrak{R}^* = \bigcap_{i=1}^h \mathfrak{M}_i^*$ , where  $\mathfrak{M}_i^*$  is the prime ideal which is not imbedded in any other prime ideal of the zero ideal in  $\mathfrak{R}^*$ . The  $\overline{\mathfrak{R}}^* = \overline{\mathcal{Q}}_1^* + \overline{\mathcal{Q}}_2^* + \dots + \overline{\mathcal{Q}}_i^* + \dots + \overline{\mathcal{Q}}_h^*$  by Corollary of Prop. 1, where  $\overline{\mathcal{Q}}_i^*$  is the integral closure of  $\mathfrak{R}^*/\mathfrak{M}_i^* = \mathcal{Q}_i^*$ .

Now we shall prove that  $\mathfrak{R} : \overline{\mathfrak{R}} \neq (0)$  if a local domain  $\mathfrak{R}$  satisfies one of the following conditions:

(1)  $\mathfrak{R}$  and its residue field  $\mathfrak{R}/\mathfrak{p}_0 = I'$  have different characteristics,

(2)  $\mathfrak{R}$  and its residue field  $\mathfrak{R}/\mathfrak{p}_0 = I'$  have same characteristic  $p$  (including  $p=0$ ) and  $[I' : I'^{(p)}]$  is finite,

(3)  $\mathfrak{R}$  and its residue field  $\mathfrak{R}/\mathfrak{p}_0 = I'$  have same characteristic  $p > 0$  and  $\overline{W}_i^*$  (integral closure of  $W_i^*$ ) is a finite module over  $W_i^*$  where the complete local domain  $W_i^*$  is a ring finite extension of  $\mathcal{Q}_i^*$  by  $p$ -th roots of finite elements of  $I'$  ( $i=1, 2, 3, \dots, h$ ).

Since  $\overline{\mathcal{Q}}_i^*$  is a finite module extension over  $\mathcal{Q}_i^*$  in the above cases (1), (2), (3) respectively, we have  $\mathcal{Q}_i^* : \overline{\mathcal{Q}}_i^* \neq (0)$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, h$ ). Now if  $\gamma^*/\pi^* \in \overline{\mathfrak{R}}^*$ , where  $\gamma^*, \pi^* \in \mathfrak{R}$ , and  $\pi^*$  is a non-zero-divisor in  $\mathfrak{R}^*$ ,  $\tilde{\gamma}_i^*/\tilde{\pi}_i^* \in \overline{\mathcal{Q}}_i^*$  by Prop. 1, where  $\tilde{\pi}_i^*, \tilde{\gamma}_i^*$  are residue classes of  $\pi^*$  and  $\gamma^*$  modulo  $\mathfrak{M}_i^*$ . Therefore  $\tilde{f}_i^* = \tilde{\gamma}_i^*/\tilde{\pi}_i^* = \tilde{\lambda}_i^* \in \mathcal{Q}_i^*$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, h$ ) where  $\tilde{f}_i^* \in \mathcal{Q}_i^* : \overline{\mathcal{Q}}_i^*$ . Now let representatives in  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  of  $\tilde{f}_i^*, \tilde{\lambda}_i^*$  be  $f_i^*, \lambda_i^*$ , and  $\tau_i^* \neq 0(\mathfrak{M}_i^*)$  but  $\tau_i^* \equiv 0(\mathfrak{M}_1^* \cap \mathfrak{M}_2^* \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{M}_{i-1}^* \cap \mathfrak{M}_{i+1}^* \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{M}_h^*)$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, h$ ). If we set  $F^* = \sum_{i=1}^h \tau_i^* f_i^*$  and  $\lambda^* = \sum_{i=1}^h \tau_i^* \lambda_i^*$ , then  $F^* \gamma^* - \pi^* \lambda^* \equiv 0$ . For,  $F^* \gamma^* - \pi^* \lambda^* \equiv \tau_i^* f_i^* \gamma_i^* - \pi_i^* \tau_i^* \lambda_i^* \equiv \tau_i^* (f_i^* \gamma_i^* - \pi_i^* \lambda_i^*) \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{M}_i^*}$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, h$ ). Thus  $F^* \gamma^* - \pi^* \lambda^* = 0$ . Namely  $F^*(\gamma^*/\pi^*) = \lambda^* \in \mathfrak{R}^*$  as  $\pi^*$  is a non-zero-divisor in  $\mathfrak{R}^*$ . Since  $\gamma^*/\pi^*$  is any element of  $\overline{\mathfrak{R}}^*$  and  $F^*$  is a fixed element in  $\mathfrak{R}^*$ , we have  $F^* \overline{\mathfrak{R}}^* \equiv 0(\mathfrak{R}^*)$ . But  $F^*$  being a non-zero-divisor in  $\mathfrak{R}^*$ , we can conclude that  $\mathfrak{R}^* : \overline{\mathfrak{R}}^* \neq (0)$ .

Now assume that  $\mathfrak{R} : \overline{\mathfrak{R}} = (0)$ , namely  $\mathfrak{R} \subset \mathfrak{R}_1 = \mathfrak{R}[A_1] \subset \mathfrak{R}_2 = \mathfrak{R}_1[A_2] \subset \dots \subset \mathfrak{R}_i = \mathfrak{R}_{i-1}[A_i] \subset \dots \subset \mathfrak{R}$ , then  $A_i \notin \mathfrak{R}^*$ . In fact, if we assume that  $A_1 = b_1/a_1$  (where  $a_1, b_1 \in \mathfrak{R}$ )  $\in \mathfrak{R}^*$ , then  $a_1 \gamma^* = b_1$ , where  $\gamma^* \in \mathfrak{R}^*$ .

Hence  $a_1 r = b_1$  and  $r \in \mathfrak{R}$ . This is a contradiction. Namely  $\mathfrak{R}^* \subset \mathfrak{R}^* [A_1]$ . Next, assume that  $A_2 = b_2/a_2$  (where  $a_2, b_2 \in \mathfrak{R}$ )  $\in \mathfrak{R}^* [A_1]$ , then  $b_2/a_2 = \sum_{i=1}^{G_1} c_i^* (b_1/a_1)^i$ , namely  $b_2 a_1^{G_1} = a_2 (\sum_{i=1}^{G_1} c_i^* b_1^i a_1^{G_1-i})$ , where  $c_i^* \in \mathfrak{R}^*$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, G_1$ ). Hence  $b_2 a_1^{G_1} = a_2 (\sum_{i=1}^{G_1} c_i a_1^{G_1-i} b_1^i)$  where  $c_i \in \mathfrak{R}$ . This implies that  $A_2 = b_2/a_2 = \sum_{i=1}^{G_1} c_i (b_1/a_1)^i$ . This contradicts the assumption  $\mathfrak{R}_2 \supset \mathfrak{R}_1$ . Therefore  $A_2 \notin \mathfrak{R}^* [A_1]$ . Continuing in this way,  $\mathfrak{R}^* \subset \mathfrak{R}^* [A_1] \subset \mathfrak{R}^* [A_1, A_2] \subset \dots \subset \mathfrak{R}^* [A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{i-1}] \subset \mathfrak{R}^* [A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{i-1}, A_i] \subset \dots$ , which contradicts the above proposition  $\mathfrak{R}^* : \overline{\mathfrak{R}}^* \neq (0)$ . Namely  $\mathfrak{R} : \overline{\mathfrak{R}} \neq (0)$ . Thus we have the following

Proposition 4. If a local domain  $\mathfrak{R}$  satisfies one of above conditions (1), (2), (3) and the completion  $\mathfrak{R}^*$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$  has no nilpotent element, then  $\mathfrak{R} : \overline{\mathfrak{R}} \neq (0)$ .

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