

DOMAINS OF DIMENSION 1 WITH INFINITELY MANY SINGULAR MAXIMAL IDEALS

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ABSTRACT. Let Λ be a Noetherian domain of dimension 1 with normalization Γ , and let \mathfrak{m} range through the maximal ideals of Λ . We study the set of possible factorizations of $\Gamma\mathfrak{m}$ into products of maximal ideals of Γ , in the situation where infinitely many such \mathfrak{m} can be “singular,” that is, $\Lambda_{\mathfrak{m}} \neq \Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}}$.

1. Introduction. Let Λ be a Noetherian domain of (Krull) dimension 1 with normalization Γ , necessarily a Dedekind domain. Then, for each maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} of Λ , we have a factorization $\Gamma\mathfrak{m} = \prod_{j=1}^g \mathfrak{m}_j^{e_j}$ into a product of powers of distinct maximal ideals \mathfrak{m}_j of Γ . The integer e_j is sometimes called the *ramification degree* of \mathfrak{m}_j (over \mathfrak{m} or over Λ). Let f_j denote the *residue degree* of \mathfrak{m}_j (over \mathfrak{m} or over Λ), that is, the dimension of $\Gamma/\Gamma\mathfrak{m}_j$ considered as a vector space over Λ/\mathfrak{m} . Then we have the *efg*-relation

$$(1.0.1) \quad \sum_{i=1}^g e_i f_i = \lambda_{\Lambda}(\Gamma/\Gamma\mathfrak{m})$$

where $\lambda_{\Lambda}(\dots)$ denotes the composition length of the Λ -module (\dots) .

In the classical situation—where Γ is module-finite over Λ —the localization $\Lambda_{\mathfrak{m}}$ equals $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}}$ for *almost all* \mathfrak{m} , i.e., for all but finitely many \mathfrak{m} . In other words, the *efg*-relation associated with almost every maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} of Λ is *trivial* ($e_j = f_j = g = 1$).

Suppose now that Γ is not module-finite over Λ . Then infinitely many maximal ideals of Λ can have nontrivial *efg*-relations. An instance of this was given by Hochster [2]. Our main result is that there is no restriction whatsoever on the *efg*-relations that can occur in this non-finite situation (Theorem 3.2). Note that each individual *efg*-relation

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