

## *A Note on $G(\alpha)$ -Domains and Hilbert Rings*

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In a recent paper [1], we defined the property  $J(\alpha)$  for an integral domain  $R$ , which is useful to prove a generalized Hilbert Nullstellensatz. At that time, we restricted ourselves to prime ideals of height one. However, we can readily see that Lemma 1, Lemma 2 and Proposition 1 in Section 1 of [1] are valid, if we replace the set  $Ht_1(R)$  of prime ideals of height one (resp.  $H_R(D)$ ) by the set  $P(R)$  of non zero prime ideals (resp.  $H_R^*(D)$  (see the definition below)). So, in this paper, we define the property  $J^*(\alpha)$  for a cardinal number  $\alpha$  in place of the property  $J(\alpha)$ ; here the cardinal number  $\alpha$  will always be assumed not less than  $\aleph_0$ , because if  $\alpha$  is finite, then it is clear that an integral domain  $R$  has the property  $J^*(\alpha)$  if and only if  $R$  is not a  $G$ -domain (see the definition in [4]). Also, by taking account of the fact mentioned above, we define  $G(\alpha)$ -domain as a concept against the property  $J^*(\alpha)$ , and furthermore by introducing the notion of  $G(\alpha)$ -ideal and  $H(\alpha)$ -ring similar to  $G$ -ideal and Hilbert ring in [4], we can obtain some results generalizing those in [3] and [4].

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### 1. $G(\alpha)$ -domains

All rings considered are commutative with identity. Let  $\alpha$  be a cardinal number not less than  $\aleph_0$ . We say that a polynomial ring over  $R$  is an  $\alpha$ -polynomial ring over  $R$  if the cardinality of the set of its variables is  $\alpha$ , and we say that an  $R$ -algebra  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -generated over  $R$  if  $A$  is an  $R$ -homomorphic image of the  $\alpha$ -polynomial ring over  $R$ . Call a subset  $D$  of an integral domain  $R$  a  $J(\alpha)$ -subset if  $D$  does not contain zero element and if the cardinality of  $D$  is not greater than  $\alpha$ . A bit of notation: For an integral domain  $R$ , we denote by  $P(R)$  the set of non zero prime ideals in  $R$ ,  $Ht_1(R)$  the set of prime ideals of height one, and for a given subset  $E$  of  $R$  we denote by  $H_R^*(E)$  the set of non zero prime ideals in  $R$  which contains at least one element of  $E$ ,  $H_R(E)$  the set of prime ideals of height one in  $R$  which contains at least one element of  $E$ .

**DEFINITION.** Let  $R$  be an integral domain. When  $H_R(D)$  is properly contained in  $Ht_1(R)$  for any  $J(\alpha)$ -subset  $D$  of  $R$ , then we say that the ring  $R$  has the property  $J(\alpha)$ . When  $H_R^*(D)$  is properly contained in  $P(R)$  for any  $J(\alpha)$ -subset  $D$  of  $R$ , then we say that the ring  $R$  has the property  $J^*(\alpha)$ .